

HISTORIC MONUMENTS COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE 134th MEETING HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, HILL STREET, BELFAST ON FRIDAY, 23 JUNE 2006 AT 1.30PM

PRESENT:

Mr Richard Black – Chairman
Mrs Rosemary Evans
Mr D Flinn
Mr I Hill
Mrs H Lanigan Wood
Dr F McCormick
Mr J O'Neill

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms C Foley, EHS

Mr C Francey, Secretariat

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ms A Moreno, Mr B Black, Mr T Canavan, Dr K Muhr, Mr C Mallon, Mr P Walsh, Dr E McShane and Mr J Moore.

2. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

2.1 Review of Environmental Governance

The Chairman reported that he, Mr Hill, Mr Black and Mr Flinn had a meeting with the Review of Environmental Governance Panel on 31 May 2006. Council had already sent the Panel a submission of its views on the role of HMC and any proposed new structures. Council took the opportunity to highlight some of these issues and expressed concerns about the role of local authorities in the historic environment. The Chairman felt that the Panel seemed to accept that any new NDPB should have an external reference body in order to achieve coherency on historic landscapes. The Panel asked that Council amplify some of the issues raised in writing, particularly those relating to coherency of historic landscapes. He has had discussions with EHS about this and is to prepare a further submission, which he will circulate to members for comments before sending to the Panel.

ACTION: Prepare written submission and circulate to members before sending to Panel

Chairman

2.2 Conservation Plan - Derry's Walls

The Chairman informed members that there is a meeting of the stakeholders forum on the Conservation Plan on 29 June. He is

unable to attend and it was agreed therefore that Mrs Lanigan Wood would attend as a representative of Council.

ACTION: Attend meeting Mrs H Lanigan Wood

2.3 Royal Irish Academy Forum

The Chairman informed members that he had received an invitation to the Royal Irish Academy Forum event on the 14/15th September. Mrs Lanigan Wood undertook to attend on behalf of Council.

ACTION: Attend event Mrs H Lanigan Wood

2.4 SACs/EPG Board Meeting

The Chairman reported that the Chairs of the 3 SACs met with EPG. The agenda of the meeting mostly dealt with administrative arrangements for the SACs.

3. MINUTES OF 133rd MEETING of 5th April 2006

The minutes of the 133rd meeting of the 5th April, were agreed subject to the following amendment:

Item 2.2.3 – Page 2 – last sentence - delete 'necessarily'

4. MATTERS ARISING REPORT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 133rd MEETING.

4.1 Mourne National Park

Members noted that because of the work on the RPA legislation the legislation required for the new NP has been deferred.

In the meantime, Council agreed to set up a sub-group in the autumn to consider a response to the boundary arrangements for the NP. The following members agreed to take part - the Chairman, Dr McCormick, Mr J O'Neill, Mr B Black and Mr I Hill.

**ACTION: Make arrangements for meeting in the autumn
Secretariat**

4.2 Charlemont Fort, County Armagh

Ms Foley informed members that because of an ongoing dispute between the owner and DOE, the visit to Charlemont has been deferred until this has been resolved.

ACTION: Re-arrange visit Secretariat

4.3 HMS Caroline

The Chairman informed members that he had been unable to attend the meeting of the Group considering the future of the HMS Caroline on the 22 June. He would contact the Chairman of the

Group for an update and inform members of the latest developments.

ACTION: Contact Chairman of Group and update members Chairman

4.4 Archaeological Research

It was proposed by Mrs H Lanigan Wood and seconded by Dr F McCormick to invite Dr C Lynn to be a co-opted member of the Archaeological Research Group.

The next meeting of the Group is to include representatives of the private sector.

ACTION: Invite Dr Lynn to be co-opted member of Group Chairman

4.5 HMC Report

Members discussed the best way of taking the HMC Report forward. They considered a number of options relating to the drafting of articles. It was agreed that most articles should be based on a particular theme and reflect some of the issues dealt with by Council. It was agreed that members should have their articles ready by the end of July. It was agreed that the following members should draft some articles:

- The Chairman Chairman's Report
- Mrs H Lanigan Wood Protection of Portable Crosses
- Dr McCormick Access to monuments
- Mr J O'Neill Inventory, consultations etc.
- C Mallon Castle at Dungannon

A sub-group is to meet within the next few weeks to discuss the final format of the Report.

ACTION: Set up Sub-Group Secretariat

4.6 Antrim - Massareene House

Ms Foley informed members that the owners of Massareene House wish to carry out alterations. She will discuss the issues with Council when the application for Scheduled Monument Consent is received.

ACTION: Discuss SMC with Council Ms Foley

5. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING NOT ON MAIN AGENDA

There were no other matters arising not on the main agenda.

6. PRESENTATION ON OSNI MAPPING

The Chairman welcomed Ms L Lees, OSNI.

Ms Lees gave a presentation on the OSNI mapping system known as MOSAIC a brand name for the GI Strategy for Northern Ireland. This system represents a significant investment for NI. She highlighted the objectives of the system, the organisational structure to implement the Strategy and MOSAIC pilot projects including place-names mapping. The use of the new system can speed up the preparation of Environmental Impact Assessments. The online GIS will have beneficial implications for the EHS sites and monuments records and scheduling and tracking. It is hoped that better use can be made of common databases/ datasets in scheduling, protected areas and other areas relating to effective communications within Government.

Ms Lees undertook to send members information on the OSNI website.

The Chairman welcomed the linkages to other government databases and felt that this was a positive step for the historic environment. He thanked Ms Lees for her presentation.

7. PROPOSALS FOR SCHEDULING 2006-2007 (HM 433)

- 7.1** In accordance with the requirement for EHS to consult with Council under Article 3(6) of the Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects Order (NI) 1995, Ms Foley introduced the list of 11 sites proposed for Scheduling in counties Antrim, Down, Londonderry and Tyrone.
- 7.2** Members noted that a paper on the place-names relating to the sites of the proposed schedulings will be presented at the next meeting.

Council approved the scheduling of the following sites:

SCHEDULING

ANTRIM	ANT 10.31	Ballinloughan, Ring Barrow
	ANT 35:26	Killyglen, Standing Stone
	ANT 58:65	Gartree, Ogham Stone
	ANT 68:2	Lisburn, Castle Gardens
DOWN	DOW 43:64	Drumena, Cairn with Cist ' Carnbane'
	DOW 51:4	Aughnagon, Court Tomb
LONDONDERRY	LDY 28:9	Lackagh, Stone Circle
TYRONE	TYR 18:55	Beltrim, stone circle and two standing stones

	TYR 18:56	Culvacullion, stone circle
	TYR 57:6	Crocknafarbrague, Cairn, 'Carnacalleen'
	TYR 67: 500	Caledon, Beam Engine (engine house and chimney base)

7.3 Tour of Facilities

Ms Foley suggested that it might be useful for Council to have a tour of the Monuments and Buildings Record facilities in Waterman House, Hill Street and those parts of the building which relate to archaeology. She would arrange this for October.

ACTION: Arrange tour of Hill Street **Ms Foley**

8. CONSULTATIONS

Members noted the responses to the various consultations since the last meeting of Council.

The Chairman informed members that he had received a letter dated 29 May, from Ferguson and McIlveen in connection with the re-opening of part of the Lagan Navigation. At this stage there is only a scoping document and Council will respond in more detail when it receives the Environmental Impact Assessment.

9. JOINT COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

Members noted the draft minutes of the meeting of JCIH held on 13 June.

It was agreed that Mrs Rosemary Evans be one of the three HMC representatives on JCIH.

10. MOURNE NP WORKING PARTY

Council noted the minutes of the meeting of the Mourne NP Working Party held on 27 April 2006.

11. HMC WORK PROGRAMME

Members endorsed the draft HMC Work Programme for the period 2006-09.

12. HMC OUTING

It was agreed to re-arrange Council's field visit to south Down for the 24th August and to invite Dr Lynn to attend.

ACTION: To note **Ms Foley** **Secretariat**

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council is to be held on 20 September 2006.

(the meeting finished at 4.15pm)