

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

MINUTES OF MEETING 18 MARCH 2006

STATION HOTEL, DUMFRIES

Present: Liz Burns (Chair)
Neil Galbraith
Mark Hopton
Martin Hulse
Ian Johnson
Finlay Lockie
Charles McKean
Clare Meredith
Ross Noble
Andrew Wright
Malcolm Bangor-Jones (Secretary)

Introductory remarks

1. Apologies were received from Peter Burman and Eleanor McAllister.
2. Council noted the tabled minute of the meeting between HEACS and Historic Scotland which had considered, among other things, the attendance of Historic Scotland officials at Council meetings.
3. Council noted that the forthcoming vacancies on Council had been advertised.

Minutes of the meeting of 19 December 2005

4. The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Matters arising

Budget

HEACS(06)1

5. Council noted the budget paper and welcomed the additional staff time that Historic Scotland had made available to Council. Historic Scotland had indicated that Council's budget for 2006-07 would remain at the same level as the current financial year. It was understood that bids for additional resources would be given positive consideration.

Historic Environment Audit

6. It was confirmed that there had been only one meeting of the Stakeholders Advisory Group, on 19 December 2005, and as the next meeting was not scheduled until 10 April 2006 there was concern at the lack of urgency and of momentum. Council would receive an update at its May meeting.

Local Authority Working Group as Standing Committee

HEACS(06)2

7. Council noted the recommendation of the Local Authorities Working Group against establishing a Standing Committee of HEACS to consider Local Authorities and the Historic Environment. It was agreed that the matter should be a standing item for the Chair's Group.

Communications Group

8. Council noted that the review of communications had not yet taken place. The matter would be considered and a report made to the Chair's Group before its next meeting.

SHEPs

9. Council noted that Historic Scotland anticipated that the first three SHEPs (Scottish Historic Environment Policy series) would be issued for public consultation by the end of March.

Working Group reports

Legislation

HEACS(06)3

10. Council gave careful consideration to an extract from the draft report on the need to review the legislation. A draft report would be considered at the Council meeting in May.

Local Authorities

HEACS(06)4

11. Council gave careful consideration to the draft report on the role of local authorities. A further draft would be considered at the Council meeting in May.

Skills and Materials

HEACS(06)5

12. Council gave careful consideration to the draft report on traditional materials and craft skills. A further draft would be considered at the Council meeting in May.

Properties in Care

13. Council noted progress with the draft report on the criteria for taking properties into state care.

Tall Buildings

14. Council agreed to defer consideration of the item.

Consultation papers

Scottish Executive Response on the Cultural Review

HEACS(06)5

15. Council considered a draft letter to the Minister on the Cultural Review which had been tabled. Members were invited to submit comments to the Chair.

Historic Scotland Volunteering Policy

HEACS(06)6

16. Council agreed to defer consideration of the response.

DCMS consultation on Lottery Share HLF Strategic Plan

HEACS(06)7

17. Council agreed to defer consideration of the responses.

Review of Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992

18. Council agreed to defer consideration of the response which had been tabled.

Chair's Group

HEACS(06)8

19. Council agreed to defer consideration of the notes of the Chair's Group meeting and the tabled minute of the meeting between HEACS and Historic Scotland.

Working Groups

Infrastructure Economic Significance Funding

20. Council agreed to defer consideration of the Working Group progress reports.

A O B

21. There were no items under AOB.

Date of next meeting

22. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 17 May at the Belford Hotel, Edinburgh.

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