

# HISTORIC BUILDINGS COUNCIL

**390<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**Held in the Board Room, NIEA Water Management Unit, Lisburn**  
**on**  
**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 10.15am**

**Present:**

Mr F Robinson – Chairman  
Ms I Andrews  
Mr B Banks  
Mr K Boston  
Mr C Crimmins (*items 1-7*)  
Mr J Diamond  
Mr B Green  
Mr P Harron (*items 1-7*)  
Ms N Houston  
Ms H Kenny (*items 2-11*)  
Mr A Lindsay  
Mr M Martin (*items 1-7*)  
Mr P McGuigan  
Mrs A Peacocke  
Dr P Warke

**In Attendance:**

Mr J McMillen, NIEA (*Items 1-7*)  
Mr B Mc Kervey, NIEA  
Mr A Turkington, NIEA  
Mr T Reeves-Smyth, NIEA (*Items 1-7*)  
  
Ms B McAlister, Secretariat  
Ms K Robin, Secretariat

**1. POTENTIAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES**

The Chairman began by asking members to declare any conflict of interest on agenda items - none received from members.

**2. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME**

Apologies received from Mr Robert Miles, Professor Joe FitzGerald and Mrs Ursula O'Hare.

The Chairman welcomed Mr John McMillen, CE of NIEA to the meeting. Mr McMillen thanked Council for inviting him to attend the meeting and welcomed the opportunity to observe and attain a better understanding of the Agency's work with Council.

**3. MINUTES OF THE 389<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

The minutes of the 389th Meeting of the 16th April 2010 were agreed with the following correction:

Page 5, inclusion of last name of architect, Ms Monica Vittorino.

Page 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph should read 'Mr Deery reported that the Foyle Civic Trust Review looking at the built heritage of the Derry City Area has been published. NIEA part sponsored this publication.'

**4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

**4.1** The Chairman reported he attended the opening of the newly restored Crescent Art Centre in Belfast on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

**4.2** The Chairman reported that he had attended the NIEA Built Heritage Stakeholders Forum on 12<sup>th</sup> May, hosted by Minister Poots.

**4.3** The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the SACs Chairs and the Heritage Council in Dublin on 13<sup>th</sup> May. This was the first meeting of the group to identify joint issues for discussion.

**5. PLANNING** - Pre application proposal for 'Royal Exchange' Scheme (replacing former 'Cathedral Way' proposal) for Central Belfast.

Mr Brian McKervey, NIEA reported that the proposed presentation on the Royal Exchange Scheme has been postponed. He offered apologies on behalf of Mr Dermot MacRandal, NIEA who was notified by the agent that more time was required to prepare drawings for the site. The presentation will be made to Council at a later date.

**6. SECOND SURVEY**

Mr Turkington presented to Council a number of proposed new listings and two delistings in Strabane and Mr Reeves-Smyth a new listing in Co Armagh.

**6.1 New Listings**

Council considered 5 proposals for listing.

**6.2 Delistings**

Council considered 3 proposals for delisting.

**7. PARKS AND GARDENS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Mr Terence Reeves-Smyth presented to Council an overview of the parks and gardens in Northern Ireland and reported there are 700 parks and gardens in NI. NIEA conducted a survey in 1992. A register of NI parks and gardens was published in 2004. Mr Reeves-Smyth reported that architecture and landscape are very closely related.

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

**8.1 Tourism Strategy Consultation**

Mr Brian Banks reported he was one of the HBC members who had attended the presentation from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board on the draft tourism strategy, he stated that the document set out five main objectives and five key areas NITB are targeting to attract visitors.

- St Patrick's way
- Mourne Mountains
- Antrim Court
- Historic Walls of Derry
- Titanic Quarter

Mr Banks highlighted two areas of concern (a) the absence of a tourism strategy for Fermanagh which appears to be regularly overlooked (b) lack of emphasis on NI's industrial heritage. In the case of industrial heritage in NI the strategy has missed the opportunity to champion leading figures from NI who are known throughout the world for their contribution to industrial heritage. The Chairman spoke briefly on some of the figures, including; Professor Frank Pantridge from Hillsborough who transformed emergency medicine and pioneered the portable defibrillator, Harry Ferguson from Dromore, Co Down, engineer and inventor who developed the first Formula One Car amongst his other great feats. The Ferguson name lives on in the Massey Ferguson company. Mr Banks expressed the view that more attention should be given in these areas.

The Chairman asked members to submit any final comments on the consultation to the secretariat; a response will be submitted on behalf of Council by the 20<sup>th</sup> May deadline.

**Action**                      **Submit final response to DETI**                      **Chairman/Secretariat**

**8.2 Criteria for Listing Consultation**

The Chairman reported that the sub-group meeting is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**8.3 Woodside House, Ballycastle**

Mr McKervey reported that NIEA had conducted an inspection on the property but there is no final evaluation to date. NIEA to continue to update Council.

**Action**                      **Update Council**                      **NIEA**

- 8.4 JCIH – Listing v Scheduling**  
No update at this time.  
**Action Present to JCIH and Council at a later date** **NIEA**
- 8.5 TPO - Ormiston House,**  
A provisional TPO has been made and is due to be confirmed in June 2010  
**Action Update Council** **PS**
- 8.6 Holy Trinity Church, Ballycastle**  
Planning Service is awaiting a response from the agent.  
**Action Update Council on progress** **PS**
- 8.7 40 Queen’s Parade, Bangor**  
Nothing further to report, enforcement case is ongoing.  
**Action Update Council on progress** **PS**
- 8.8 Clark’s Mill, Upperlands**  
No update at this time on proposed redevelopment plans. Ongoing  
**Action Update Council** **PS**
- 8.9 Tree Preservation Orders – Myrtle Lodge, Newcastle**  
Case is currently with Divisional solicitors  
**Action Update Council** **PS**
- 8.10 Glenarm, Former Fish Factory**  
PS will be contacting the agent to discuss further.  
**Action Update Council on progress** **PS**
- 8.10 Quay Road, Ballycastle**  
PS reported that the Department are proceeding with an enforcement case.  
**Action Update Council on progress** **PS**
- 8.11 Planning General Development Order (GDO)**  
PS are considering consultation responses and will publish a summary response on the PS website in due course.  
**Action Update Council** **PS**
- 8.13 Article 4 Directives, Pilots Projects**  
PS reported that the Paper is with the PS Management Board for clearance.  
**Action Update Council on progress** **PS**
- 9. MEMBERS REPORTS**  
No member reports.
- 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 10.1** Mr Brian Green reported on the current condition of the listed terrace in Ballycastle. NIEA previously brought this terrace site to the attention of HBC, specifically regarding the demolition of the terrace block. The demolition of the terrace had left a partial section of one of the terrace houses. Council request Planning Services to provide an update on this site.  
**Action PS to update Council on this site** **PS**
- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010.