



EAST OF ENGLAND CIVIC & AMENITY SOCIETIES

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

July 11th 2014 at 10.30pm at Wandlebury Country Park, Cambridge

Present: Andrew Sangster, Jennifer Lawler, Terry Betts, Mary Ash, Peter Landshoff (Chair), Catherine Bailey, (Secretary),

Natalie Gates (English Heritage (EH))

1. **Apologies:** Carolin Göhler, Peter Lee,
2. **Minutes of last meeting** - accepted
3. **Matters arising** - Peter to send note of thanks to Alec Hartley for all his contributions to the group over the years. Action: **Peter**
4. **Chairman's Report**
 - **Regional chairs meeting** - Peter reported that it had not met since the previous EECAS committee and no date had been set for the next meeting, even though we had been told it would meet at least quarterly.
 - **Civic Voice** - Business Plan - no news received on this. Election manifesto - only one member has seen the draft consultation?
 - **National Heritage Protection Programme (NHPP2)** - Natalie gave feedback on the consultation event held in April in Cambridge. Workshop outcomes may not be on the web yet. Generally people have not heard of the NHPP and assume it is an EH programme. Language used is not targeted at the people the programme is aimed at. Natalie will email any outcomes. Action: **Natalie**
 - **The Marque** - There was general discussion of how to avoid the approval of buildings that are perceived as unsuitable once they have been constructed. EH not formally consulted on The Marque. Wilton Terrace - EH working with developers on replacement building. Discussion of role of EH in relation to listed buildings and Conservation Areas.
 - **Landbeach Barn** - update on June 30th seminar given.
5. **Forums: Historic Environment Forum** - update by Natalie Gates from English Heritage.
 - Confirmed **National Trust** holding international conference in June next year in Cambridge and **IHBC** summer school in Norwich in June 2015. NT having a good year.
 - Solar farms are on future agenda. EH monitoring the applications they receive.
 - **Association of Preservation Trusts** - still active and optimistic
 - **CPRE** - focus on Green Belt, brownfield and solar farms.
 - **Historic Houses Association** - VAT and Tax issues; membership stable; loss of expertise in Conservation Officers
 - **Heritage Alliance** - Ben Cowell gave update. C20th anniversary of Heritage Open Days. Website <http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/giving-to-heritage-kicks-off>

- **Association of Local government Officers Association** – solar farms are an issue
- **NELMS** (New Environmental land management scheme) – this is the new DEFRA environmental stewardship scheme.
- **English Heritage** – there is nothing to report yet on EH's new operational model.
- **Local government staffing** – reportedly stable across local government
- **HLF** – oversubscribed but there are no Heritage Enterprise Schemes in the Eastern region. This might be an option for Landbeach Barn?
- **Other** - First world war projects, Cambridge University 'Cycling round museums' leaflet, Grade 2 listing work (this is Greg Luton at EH responsibility)>
- **Heritage Counts** – Natalie produces this each year (2 sides of A4). To be launched in November at Heritage Champions conference. Looking for case studies from HEF members. Theme – The Value of Heritage. Norwich 'volunteered' to do two paragraphs on local listing process locally by end of July. Action: **Mary**
- **Date of next HEF** – **October 7th** at Brooklands, then January 14th.

6. **Finances** – c £300

7. **Civic Voice Seminar** still scheduled for July 19th. Detailed promotion information just sent through. Catherine to circulate to EECAS for distribution. Action: **Catherine**

8. **Any other business** – Carolin standing down from the committee. Peter agreed to carry on for the time being.

9. **Date of next meeting: Friday 10th October 2014 at 10.30am at Wandlebury Country Park**