

OPEN MINUTES

MEETING OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Held on Wednesday 20th December 2013 at 8.30pm
in the Liberation Room, Secretariat

**These minutes are draft minutes until confirmed
by resolution at the next meeting of this Committee**

Present:	The Honourable J. Cheek, MLA	Chair/JCMLA
	Mr J Pompert	JP
	Mrs L Roberts	LR
	Mrs N Poole	NP
	Head of Environmental Planning	HEP
	Building Advisor	BA
	Deputy Director of Public Works	DDPW

Public and Press: None

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs P Christie PC
Ms C Stevens CS
Members of P&BC (other than JCMLA) – see item 5

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013

The minutes were confirmed

4. Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013

None – items picked up on the agenda.

5. Clarification of relationship between HBC and P&BC

The Chair confirmed that the Attorney General's office had provided clarification of this matter.

HEP clarified that

- the Historic Buildings Committee (HBC) is a sub-committee of the Planning and Building Committee (P&BC);
- everyone who is on P&BC is therefore automatically also a member of HBC;
- in addition, HBC can include 3-5 other members;
- to be quorum any 3 of the members need to attend (being any combination of the P&BC members and/or the 3-5 additional members);

- there's no procedural issue if the P&BC members choose not to attend HBC, and they had agreed to be recorded as standing apologies, but would receive the minutes; and
- the Honourable R. Edwards MLA chairs the HBC on behalf of the Chair of P&BC.

6 Planning Applications

6.1 167/13 - Gilbert House, Ross Road, Stanley

Application for: Refurbishment of the existing conservatory for use as additional office space for PWD, FIG

It was agreed to support the application subject to the replacement windows and doors being timber – to avoid setting a precedent which could lead to a widespread use of replacement UPVC windows and doors in listed buildings.

6.2 166/13 - Malvina, Ross Road, Stanley

Application for: Removal of old chimney and replacement with a clock tower/roof turret; relocation of flag poles to positions shown to accommodate new steps; and amendment to planning approval 96/12 (change to materials) for Stanley Services Ltd

HEP raised concerns that the replacement material for the wall would not be in keeping with the conservation area and the widespread use of local grey stone, which helps to form part of the character of the conservation area. Although the building is not listed, the wall does make a positive contribution to this part of the conservation area. Committee's endorsement was therefore sought of a proposed recommendation to P&BC that this aspect of the application be recommended for refusal.

Committee endorsed this.

There was some discussion about the other aspects of the proposal, but it was felt that as the building is not listed these were outside the remit of the Committee.

7 HB Grants and Stone Corrals

The use of HB grants on stone corrals and buildings was discussed and potentially supported, but would first need appropriately skilled craftspeople to be identified (potentially from the UK) who could carry out such work, with the support of local labour (who would then develop some skills as part of the process). It was agreed that the first step would be for LR to investigate potential people who may be able and willing to carry out such work.

8 Confirmation on preferred plaques design and next steps (including brochure)

Agreed that the matt coloured plaque was preferred, as was more long lasting. HEP to action the production of these and JP to then make arrangements for installation. LR confirmed she and PC had met with the former EP Clerk (who has now left) and that they would be taking forward the leaflet.

9 Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed

10 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman to move as follows:

"I move that the press and public be now excluded on the ground that the next items of business to be considered are likely to disclose exempt information under paragraph 7 and the headings of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012.

Part II
(Exempt agenda)

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11. Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2013

There were no exempt minutes.

12. Matters Arising from the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2013

There were no matters arising.

13. Update on West Point shearing shed

JP provided a verbal update on his ongoing engagement with the owner. It was noted that the HBC was in principle supportive of the scheme, but could obviously only determine an application once one was submitted. HBC therefore endorsed JP's continuing support of the owner to facilitate such an application.

The meeting closed at 9:45

Confirmed this day of 2013

Chairperson