



The
Archibald
Corbett
Society

Minutes of Board Meeting, 18.1.14, Torridon Rd Library.

Present	Peter Ranken (PR), Tony Dobson (TD), Janet Tyler (JT), Maggie Halcrow (MH), Tom McEvoy (TM), Barbara Gray (BG), Mike Hage (MH), Rosanna Downes (RD), Godfrey Smith (GS), Ben Honeybone (BH), Tom Broadbent (TB), Sylvia Whitter (SW), Min Langridge (ML), Julia Burke JB), Josie Foster JF), Graham Magnurson (GM).	ACTION
Apologies	Rex Lawson, Linda Killick.	
<u>Item</u> 2	Election of Chair, Treasurer <u>Chair</u> – Tony Dobson – proposer, Peter Ranken, seconder, Maggie Halcrow. <u>Treasurer</u> – Graham Magnurson - proposer, Peter Ranken, seconder, Julia Burke. All agreed.	
3	Bank Account/Funding PR distributed breakdown of funding received from the Catford South Assembly of £2083.00. Lloyd’s Bank, Blackheath proposed and approved as ACS bankers. GM to open account. PR’s address to be used in any correspondence until Abbotshall premises established.	GM
4	Website/Social Media/Advice Forum RD and TM agreed to design and set up the website based on two facebook forum pages – one open to all, one closed for Board members. A discussion ensued re suitability of facebook. It was agreed to continue with facebook as a forum medium provide that the site can be accessed via use of search engines as well. A Twitter account will also be set up. The ACS website will have a homepage, plus individual pages for groups. It was agreed the site would be simple to use and access and would feature the ACS corporate identity. RD and TM to set up domain name and supply dummy pages for approval. It was further agreed that once the site was constructed there would be discussion forums on subjects such as “Restoring your Corbett home”, “Your Rights and Opportunities” and a Marketplace forum to swap the names of specialist trades people in restoration. MH also requested a portals page to access relevant research information and it was further agreed there would be a link for videos such as GS and BH’s Hither Green film.	RT/TM
5	Planning Issues <u>i) s106 Funding</u> BG explained about s106 funding. When a new property development is at planning stage an overall sum is agreed between the Council’s Planning Department and the Property Developers to support the immediate community where the development is situated. This sum is split into various categories such as Health & Employment and Planning then agrees with officers how it is	

	<p>distributed. It was agreed it is essential that the ACS monitors funding available from new developments in, or adjacent to, the Corbett Estate and to make sure it is used for the benefit of residents on the estate. JF explained that The Old Station Yard, Springbank Road s106 funding had been reduced from £360,000 to £11,000 due to a decision by a Planning Inspector at an appeal hearing. PR handed out a breakdown of £750,000 funding due from s106 funds from London and Quadrant (L&Q) for the new Excalibur Estate adjacent to the Corbett estate. It was agreed that ACS would support JF over the reduction in funding for the Old Station Yard and to discuss with Hexagon, the developer, funding support for the Estate in view of the massive reduction to the previous funding agreed with the Council. It was also agreed that a watching brief would be kept on the Excalibur Estate and to ensure ACS is represented in discussion concerning the issuing of funds. It was also agreed that PR would supply BH with details of the housing units on the Excalibur Estate and that PR would invite a representative from L&Q to the next board meeting.</p> <p>ii) <u>Area of Local Value Designation</u></p> <p>BG explained the London Borough of Richmond initiative to designate particular buildings as Buildings of Townscape Merit. The Lewisham equivalent designation is an Area of Special Local Character which is defined in the Lewisham Development Management Plan (LDMP) which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. Barbara has spoken to Phil Ashford, Lewisham's Conservation Manager who has agreed to consider the Corbett Estate being given such a designation. BG will follow up with Phil Ashford.</p> <p>BG also explained that there was a further clause in the LDMP that the character of family houses should be preserved and that Corbett houses were not suitable for conversion into flats in the future. There was a resounding call for the ACS to ensure that in future Planning enforces this clause.</p> <p>iii) <u>Neighbourhood Forum/Area Plan</u></p> <p>PR distributed the "Your rights and opportunities" from the "You've got the Power" booklet issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government on new legal rights for local communities. It was agreed to focus on two areas – Developing a Neighbourhood Forum on planning issues and to look at fixing local problems through the "Our Place" scheme. It was agreed that PR and BG should look into the possibility of applying for funding to support these areas and how to set up a Neighbourhood Forum</p>	<p>JF/ACS</p> <p>PR</p> <p>BG</p> <p>All</p> <p>PR/BG</p>
6&7	<p>Our Place Neighbourhood/Corbett House Restoration forum, including London & Quadrant – Covered in 4 & 5 above.</p>	
8&10	<p>History – Archibald Corbett Film, Education – School Liaison</p> <p>BH is interested in making a film about Archibald Corbett and explained that he had spoken to 4th Baron Johnny Corbett who lives in Scotland. It was agreed that expenses would be made available for BH to visit Scotland to talk to the 4th Baron and to also research Archibald Corbett's papers at Glasgow University Archive. BH further suggested the idea of taking photographic portraits of people in daily lives. Various suggestions were made as to how the project could be developed including working with schools to create plays and contacting the other Corbett Estates in London. It was agreed that PR would discuss with BH applying to the Lottery Heritage Fund for funding and BG would contact BH to discuss how to link his work in with the local schools.</p>	<p>PR/BH</p> <p>BG/BH</p>

9	<p>Streetscapes/Signage/Notice Boards BG reported the Community Notice Board funded by the Catford South Local Assembly should soon go up on Sandhurst Parade. A discussion on street signs agreed that there was a need to create an estate identity and define the areas within the estate back to the original Parish names of St Swithuns and St Andrews as opposed to Catford South and Lewisham Central. It was agreed the Society will have more power to effect such a change when it has Neighbourhood Forum status.</p>	PR/BG
11	<p>Cycling Club/Healthy Lifestyles TB talked about lack of confidence re cycling locally and suggested the idea of setting up cycling proficiency tests for local residents to include cycle training and bike maintenance. PR suggested that Abbotshall Road Playing Fields could be used for this purpose once it has been regenerated. It was agreed that TB would look into the Catford Halfords sponsoring the Archibald Corbett Cycling Club</p>	TB
12	<p>Community Gardens PR reported that as part of the development of Abbotshall Road Playing Fields a community garden is planned down the length of the fence line facing Abbotshall Road with fruit trees, vegetable beds, pathways edged with wild flowers and benches. SW asked about the upkeep of the planters along Sandhurst Parade and elsewhere as the public constantly abuse and litter them. JF reported that the FUSS group in Staplehurst Road had told her that such abuse diminishes over a period of time providing the planters are maintained regularly. PR reported that a community garden is being develop on the old bowling green at Mountsfield Park together with a café all funded by the Council. JF reported on the issues over the community garden adjacent to the new Hexagon development at the Old Station Yard and that Hexagon should be pressurised into contributing towards the upkeep and improvement of the garden. It was agreed to support JF and the HGCA in their dealings with Hexagon.</p>	All
13	<p>Fundraising & Publicity Material Covered above in 5 & 8 above.</p>	PR/BG
14	<p>Any other business MH requested that the issues of paving over front gardens, involving private landlords, general upkeep of rented properties and educating councillors be addressed at the next meeting.</p> <p>JF gave details of the Hither Green Festival, 17th – 25th May</p> <p>A request was made for Team Leaders to be given contact details for their other team members</p> <p>PR gave details Catford South Ward meeting/Open Evening – It was agreed ACS will have a promotional stand.</p>	PR JB PR/JB

Date of next meeting – Saturday 22nd February 2014 at Torridon Road Library, 1-3pm.