

## OPEN MINUTES

### THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 8.30am in the Liberation Room, Secretariat.

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

**Present:**

The Honourable R Cockwell	Chair
Ms J Cameron	JC
Mrs G Steen	GS
Mr A Payne	EPO
Mr N Stephens	BA
Ms D Hoy	DH
Mr T Jaffray	TJ
Mr G Cheek	GC

**Secretary:** Mrs F Wallace-Nannig Secretary

**Public and Press: 0**

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2 Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2009**

The minutes were confirmed with no amendments.

#### **3 Declarations of interest**

JC declared an interest in item 5.1.

#### **4 Matters arising of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009**

**4.1** Stone Cottage, Goose Green (Page 2, Item 4.2) – Sec advised that Mr & Mrs Hobman have been reimbursed for the costs for the re-roofing. JC informed members that the final bill for the chimney work has now been received and submitted for payment.

**4.2** Jubilee Villas (Page 3, Item 4.3) – Chair advised that there had been no further progress. **Chair**

**4.3** Police Cottage Wash Houses (Page 3, Item 4.4) – DH advised that there had been no further progress. It is unlikely that there will be any further action until the spring. **DH**

**4.4** Cape Meredith Light (Page 3, Item 4.5) – DH advised that there had been no further progress. It is unlikely that there will be **DH**

any further action until the spring.

- 4.5 4 Pioneer Row, Stanley (January 2009 Minutes, Page 3, Item 9) – Sec advised that the bill for the materials (which was exactly 50% of the total costs quoted for the works) has been received from the contractor and submitted for payment.

## 5 Planning & Building Applications

- 5.1 49/09/PB Demolish existing shed/workshop/garage and replaced with garage at 26 John Street, Stanley for Mr D Castle – JC reminded members that a previous application for a similar development had been considered by HBC and P&BC, and as it was proposing a 2-storey structure, members had felt that it would be too visually intrusive. This was in consideration of the fact that there are 3 listed buildings within the vicinity. At the time, HBC asked that the developer be asked to consider a less conspicuous design.

EPO

Members noted that this new application was for a new structure on the Fitzroy Road side of the property as opposed to the John Street side (as per the previous application). Members were concerned about the proposed finishes. EPO advised that the roof would be finished in dark brown tin to match the house, and the walls were to be natural finish cladding. The latter caused some concern to the members as the proposed siting is next door to a listed building. It was agreed that members would prefer the colour of the walls to be sympathetic with the more traditional finish of the adjoining shed and house i.e pale. The developer is to be advised of this.

## 6 Items for administrative follow up

DH

1. JC advised members that the chimney at 4 Villiers Street (Miss S Hirtle's property) required rebuilding. A quote for the number of bricks suggests that approximately 140 bricks will be needed. JC queried whether any bricks have been left over from previous projects and it was thought that some could be taken from those for Jubilee Villas if they could be spared. Chair suggested contacting Leisure Ideas to see if they could source bricks in small quantities. Members agreed that this would be the preferred route.

DH queried whether the Chimneys Project fund was still in operation. JC advised that she believed that it was and members agreed that chimneys were an important feature of older buildings, worth preserving where they still existed.

DH is to source bricks.

2. Members were reminded that some time ago, Mrs Eileen Jaffray had approached them with the view of having Fanny Cove house and various other buildings at North Arm listed. FLH (as land owners) were contacted on the matter and they had asked that a comprehensive list be compiled of all buildings and structures on FLH land that were considered to be of historic interest. This was duly done in consultation with Joan Spruce and FLH managers and submitted to the FLH Board who then decided that the list was too long for them to consider at that point in time.

It now appears that there will be some reorganisation of FLH farms that may involve selling areas off. This has been the impetus behind bringing this matter before the HB Committee again. Members agreed that it was important that buildings be listed and Chair suggested that the listing of buildings could be made a condition of sale. GS suggested an “adopt-a-ruin” scheme whereby enthusiasts adopt a particular ruin of interest and agree to do basic maintenance, erection of informative (and appropriately designed) signage at their own expense. Chair welcomed this idea.

It was agreed that the matter would remain on the agenda in order to ensure that it is not forgotten.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that a meeting would be called when required.

8. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Committee resolved to exclude the press and public on the grounds that the items to be considered were exempt within the terms of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Committees (Access to Information) Ordinance 2000.

## PART II

9. **Confirmation of the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2009**

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2009 were confirmed with no amendments.

10 **Matters arising from exempt minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2009**

- 10.1** Historic Buildings Committee Funds (Page 5, Item 9.1) – JC appraised members of the current financial situation, providing a precise figure of unspent funds. She suggested that this amount be transferred to the Tabernacle to assist with meeting the cost of the replacement windows. She added that she did not recommend requesting a carry over of the funds to the next financial year as it was probable that this would not be granted.

Sec

NS advised that he had been in contact with the trustees and had received a subsequent response providing details about the windows. GS asked whether it had been stated what the plans were for the doors on the north and south of the porch as these had not been mentioned in the response. Chair suggested that the funds be given to the Tabernacle with the condition that the doors be retained (purely for aesthetic as opposed to functional purposes). Members agreed. Sec is to contact the Mrs C Eynon to obtain the bank details of the Tabernacle prior to 4.30pm today.

*(Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Committees (Access to Information) Ordinance 2000 as it discusses the financial matters of the Committee)*

- 10.2** Keppel Island (Page 6, Item 9.4) – Chair referred members to the emailed response from Mr Fell, which Chair had circulated to members prior to the meeting. Members agreed that the buildings would have to be in reasonable condition before HBC would consider taking them on. Mr Fell is to be advised of this.

Chair

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- 10.3** Tabernacle (Page 6, Item 10) – This has been discussed in item 10.1

**11. Listing of buildings in commercial ownership**

Members noted the list of buildings in the correspondence and agreed that some had a higher priority for listing than others. EPO asked whether any surveys had been done on the buildings, to which JC responded that she had some on file and would provide them.

Chair closed the meeting by reminding members that this was JC's last meeting. She will continue to work at Archives but will no longer attend the meetings. Chair thanked her on behalf of the Committee and the community of the Falkland Islands for her exemplary work, enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring that our historical heritage is preserved.

***The meeting closed at 0910 hrs***

***Confirmed this***

***day of***

***2009***

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***Chairperson***