

OPEN MINUTES

HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Held on Monday 19th April 2010 at 9.00am in the Liberation Room, Secretariat.

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

Present: The Honourable E Edwards, MLA Chair
Mrs G Steen GS
Mr A Payne EPO
Mr N Stephens BA
Ms D Hoy DH
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 Declarations of Interest

DH declared an interest in item 13.

3 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2009

The open minutes of the meeting were confirmed with no amendments.

4 Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2009

4.1 Update on purchase of bricks (Page 1, Item 4.2) – DH advised that the palettes of bricks had arrived and the invoice paid.

4.3 Guttering on Government House (Page 1, Item 4.3) – BA reminded Members that the matter had been left on the table in 2009 so that Jane Cameron could be consulted regarding the original materials used for the guttering. However, this had not occurred prior to Jane's tragic death and so was unable to advise what the original material had been.

Chair commented that she recalled her mother, Norma Edwards, speaking to Jane about the matter some years ago and suggested that her mother may have the answer.

Members decided that this matter had been delayed too long and agreed that they would consider the use of uPVC guttering as acceptable but stressed the need to ensure that there were

enough supports along its length to prevent sagging under snow in the winter.

5 Planning & Building Applications

EPO to update

- 5.1** 21/10/PB – Change windows on listed building at 12 Drury Street, Stanley for Miss S Hirtle – Members noted that the building already had a number of uPVC windows. EPO explained that this building had received approval from ExCo for listing in 2002 but a further 20 months had passed before the listing was enacted by the AG's Chambers. He is unsure whether the uPVC windows were installed during that delay or after the actual listing. As he is unable to provide evidence about when these windows were put in he could not pursue the matter in terms of enforcement action.

GS commented that the new windows on the front of the house were "atrocities" and that there should be symmetry of windows.

Members then discussed the use of uPVC windows on listed buildings and agreed that the design was more important than the type of material used. Although they would prefer to see traditional wooden frames they were, having regard to the windows already replaced, content for uPVC to be used in this instance. However, Members wished to see it made a condition of approval that the east window on the lower floor front elevation be replaced to match the design of the window on the west as the design of this window is not in keeping with the building.

In recognition that the owner would incur a cost in undertaking this replacement, the Committee agreed to offer financial assistance to secure a more appropriate window.

- 5.2** 31/10/P – Outline application for erection of dwelling at land rear of 5 Drury Street, Stanley for Mr K Halliday – Members noted that similar planning applications for infill development in this highly sensitive area had been refused in the past and resolved to uphold this approach, refusing to support this application.
- 5.3** 33/10/P – Erection of two 1 ½ storey semi-detached dwellings at "Speedwell Paddock", Villiers Street, Stanley for Ms J McKay – DH asked whether this was similar to an application submitted a couple of years previously by the same applicant. EPO advised that this was identical. Members recalled that they had been supportive of the previous application in terms of developing the site for residential use but were not supportive of having two houses erected on the plot. They had felt that the proposed design and colours were suitable for the area but that one single-storey house would be more suitable. Members agreed that this point of view still stood.

Sec requested volunteers to attend the meeting of

Planning & Building Committee on 6th May 2010 at 0830, at which the above applications will be discussed. GC and DH offered to attend to represent the HBC.

6 Siting of satellite dish at Police Station

Sec reminded Members that she had contacted them via email about a query from RFIP regarding the possibility of erecting a satellite dish within the Police Station curtilage. Members had responded that they were against this idea and this had been relayed to the RFIP. Nothing further has been heard since and no application for planning permission has been submitted.

7 Lay Member application(s)

Members noted that applications had been received from:

Mr Joost Pompert
Mrs Pippa Christie
Mr Karl Chaloner

Members commented that they were encouraged to see younger members of the community applying for lay member positions. They resolved to recommend to ExCo that Mr Joost Pompert and Mrs Pippa Christie be elected to serve as lay members on the Committee.

Sec is to investigate who, of the current lay members, is expected to complete their time on the Committee.

Sec

8 Historic Buildings Budget

The Committee were advised by GS that the balance of the Historic Buildings budget was quite high and that a carry-over would have to be requested into the next financial year. It was established that the following projects have yet to take place and as such, would require the remaining funds to pay the subsequent invoices:

- Villiers Street chimney
- Shearing Shed, West Point Island
- Jubilee Villa chimneys
- Cape Meredith light
- Ross Road West Chimney

Sec is to write to Treasury formally requesting a carry-over prior to her departure in May.

Sec

Chair commented that a number of the old settlement graveyards were in desperate need of repair and tidying up. She suggested that some of the budget could be used to assist with this. Members were in agreement that something needed to be done but were unsure if this fell within the remit of HBC.

9 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that a meeting would be called around the middle of June 2010, once Sec has returned.

10 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

11 Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2009

12 Matters Arising from the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2009

Already Issued

12.1 21 Fitzroy Road, removal of chimney and water tank on south side of building (Item 9.1) – EPO provided an update advising that the matter has now been referred to Crown Counsel, who has to decide whether the matter is to be pursued further. EPO added that he had been unable to interview one last witness as they had refused to be interviewed and EPO does not have the power to force attendance. Chair and Members were in agreement that it was highly unusual and unfair for the onus to be on the EPO to investigate the matter. (Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Committees (Access to Information) Ordinance 2000 as it discusses the private affairs of a particular person)

EPO to update

13 Chimney Repairs – 20 Ross Road West

Members referred to an application for a grant to assist meet the cost of repairing a chimney that was still in use. Members agreed with no further comment.

(Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 10 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Committees (Access to Information) Ordinance 2000 as it discusses the awarding of funds)

The meeting closed at 1015 hrs

Confirmed this

day of

2010

Chairperson