

**Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Local Government Landscape Group**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday November 17th 2005
Civic Offices, Basingstoke**

Present

Paul Johnston (Chair)	Basingstoke and Deane B.C.
Clare Collins	Rushmoor Borough Council
Stephen d'Este Hoare	East Hampshire District Council
Mark Wilson	Hampshire County Council
Catherine Harris	New Forest District Council
Paul Best	Hampshire County Council

1.0 Apologies

Jill Colclough, Neil Williamson, Julie Boschi, Mark Ellison and Vivien Fyfield.

2.0 Previous Minutes

2.1 Added Value

Paul Best suggested looking at the BRIA Assessment Criteria for Good Buildings to see if there was anything within it that might help give added value to schemes.

2.2 Tranquillity Study

The HCC Tranquillity Study is currently on hold. CPRE are possibly undertaking a nationwide study of tranquillity and therefore it would be prudent to wait until the results of this are known before taking it any further forward.

2.3 High Density Housing

Any good examples and images to Mark Wilson preferably before the end of the year

3.0 Vice-Chair

3.1 So far, there had not been any firm offers for this post and therefore it was decided that Paul should look at the list of attendees and see who had held the post previously to try to establish who's 'turn' it was and then approach them to see if they would consider taking the position with a view to becoming Chair in September 2006. Paul Best said that he would be willing to take up the post of chair in Sept 2007.

4.0 Meeting dates for the next year

(potential venues added, may be subject to change)

17 November 2005 – Basingstoke

19 January 2006 – Petersfield

23 March 2006 – Basingstoke

25 May 2005 – Gunwharf Keys/ Portsmouth Homezones

20 July 2006 – Havant

21 September – New Forest?

5.0 Potential Presentation topics

Biodiversity (Basingstoke – March)

Urban Design walk around Gunwharf Keys (May)

Liveability (Havant – July)

Homezones (Lionel Fanshawe – Terra Firma)

Update on Landscape Character and Sensitivity (Mark Wilson)

6.0 Action Plan

Could everyone review the current action plan and consider any issues that may need updating. PJ will then go through these and update the Action Plan in one go.

7.0 HIPOG Funding Bid

It had been agreed at HIPOG that they would support the bid for the production of the Landscape Development Checklist, subject to them being happy with the content.

PJ to liaise with Mark Ellison to see how things are going and SDH to speak to HIPOG.

8.0 LISW

At Branch level Chairman is Lionel Fanshawe

- Details of events, new Committee, etc are on the website www.lisw.org.uk
- Kathryn Moore's talk in Bristol is Thurs 1 Dec – it would be nice to have a good turn-out, to show support for our hard-working President. No charge for LI members, but please let Liz Ford know numbers for catering (contact details on the Email everyone should have recd individually, or via website)
- If anyone is not currently receiving Branch Emails please let us know and we can add you to the list - At the meeting CC, SDH and PJ noted that they didn't get branch emails.

LI Central

- The long-overdue re-design of main LI website is now in progress. Should be completed around Feb 06, lots of new features. NW is on the project Steering Group for this.
- Pilot programme for new PPE system completed, all candidates will be using the new system from Sept 06 (ie the withdrawal of the PPE written exam, and introduction of a comprehensive mentoring/competency-based process)
- NW met the new Director General (Marion Bowman) several times. She seems very capable and NW is sure she will be an able captain of our ship
- Jane Morris (Director of Policy) left recently. Her replacement arrives in December
- NW joined the Education and Membership Cttee

It was noted that perhaps we should invite Marion Bowman to address HLGLG.

9.0 Current Workload

Paul Best – 3 new members of staff

- Lots of schools work (with devolved budgets) and sports pitches
- Have recently done a lot of work on Sports pitches
- Are currently working on a South-East Centre of Excellence at Wokingham

Catherine Harris – Play Areas

- Milford on Seas, Sea front
- Ringwood Park

Stephen D’Este Hoare – Lots of High Hedges work

- Working with LUC on Districtwide Landscape Character Assessment

Mark Wilson – County Towns Initiative

- Older Urban Areas Initiative
- Landscape Management
- Input into County Transport and Waste Plans
- Landscape Sensitivity and Tranquillity

Paul Johnston – Development Control

- Consultation techniques
- Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes

Clare Collins – ROUA scheme at North Camp

- Artist at Gateway
- Aldershot Urban Extension
- renewal schemes at Cove

9.0 AOB

The main issue discussed was the possible future of HLGLG. It was noted that numbers attending the meeting had been relatively low (5-6) for the past few meetings rather than the 10-12 that had been attending previously. Naturally, workload commitments were probably the main reason that people couldn't attend. It was agreed that all members be asked for ideas for possibly reinvigorating the group – suggestions did include inviting other professions along eg Urban Designers, who apparently don't have a County wide forum, but whose work does overlap with that of Landscape Architects, or possibly reviewing the frequency of the meetings, maybe having one meeting every three months rather than two.

Therefore could all members email Paul Johnston with any suggestions or issues that they would like to raise with respect to this.