

LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE NORTH EAST

MINUTES of a meeting of the Branch Committee held on **19 June 2019** at Flat Caps Coffee, Newcastle, NE1 6UF

PRESENT: Emily Russell, Adrian Clarke, Sophia Andreski, Kevin Johnson, Lindsay Kirby

APOLOGIES: Sharon Lumb, Emma Farr

Minutes:

Item		Action
1.1	Introduction and Welcome Emily Russell, Branch Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.2	Apologies for absence Emma Farr, Sharon Lumb	
2.1	Minutes of meeting held on 28 January 2019 Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
3.1	Matters arising from minutes not on agenda None.	
4.1	Declarations of Interests No declarations of interest on the agenda were made.	
5.1	Programme All planned events have now taken place. The discussion focussed on possible events for the next 6-12 months. It was agreed that it is now probably too late to hold a July event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Wilkins from Ruskins has tentatively agreed to giving a talk about moving large trees, the importance of soil health / inoculation of soil with arthropods / BS 8545. • LIYHB had mentioned Richard Hellier, Forestry Commission gave a good talk at Leeds Met and might be willing to reprise for LINE. • CIEEM joint discussion event on planting. We are still keen but need to agreed date and find participants. • Diarmaid Lawlor from Architecture Design Scotland agreed to give talk on report "A Caring City". Agreed with 	EF to follow up SA to follow up AC AC

	<p>UDG to run as joint event in September with social and possible local speaker (Rose Gilmour mentioned).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alister Scott from Northumbria University agreed to give a talk on his research on implementation of Green Infrastructure. Possible date in October. • Film night in late November. Preferred film "Troublemakers" documentary on land artists in 1960s/70s US. Screening costs to be ascertained. • Possibility for other academics at NCL or Northumbria Universities to talk about their research activities. • Possible trip to Tobermore factory in NI was raised. Considered unlikely to be much interest as it is offered to practices already by the company and many people likely to have visited previously. 	<p>AC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>SA</p>
6.1	<p>LI HQ Update</p> <p>Concern was raised about lack of responsiveness in communication between the branch and LI Central, particularly in relation to discussions with Newcastle University on its proposed new master degree course, for which it is intending to apply for accreditation.</p> <p>Next Council meeting in July.</p>	<p>ER to send a letter to LI raising concerns.</p> <p>KJ to raise at next meeting</p>
7.1	<p>Finance update</p> <p>Approx. £1600 balance. Funding application will need to be submitted based on proposals for future events and approximate costings.</p> <p>Paving Expert invoice yet to be paid. POST MEETING NOTE: now processed.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>SA</p>
8.1	<p>Communications</p> <p>No update. POST MEETING NOTE: It is proposed by LI to discontinue use of Dotmailer. In future, newsletter content will have to be forwarded by the branch to the LI, who will then issue the newsletter.</p>	
9.1	<p>Links with other groups</p> <p>We continue to liaise with other professional groups regionally as opportunities arise including the RTPI, CIEEM and UDG. UDG has agreed to run 3 joint events over the next year starting in September with a talk/social. UDG region may apply for up to £500 to be made available for use on local events.</p>	
10.1	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	<p>ER</p>
11.1	<p>AOB</p>	

	<p>MLA at Newcastle – a breakfast meeting was held at the university on 24 May 2019 to discuss new course with local heads of practice. This was well-attended and well-received with offers of support given to the university. However, it is difficult to establish who we should be talking to at LI central about accreditation.</p>	<p>ER to follow up with LI centrally.</p>
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