

Minutes of meeting held 24 March, 33 Great Portland Street, London W1W 8QG

Attendance

Policy Committee

Clare Brockhurst (CB)
 Annie Coombs (AC)
 Richard Copas (RC)
 Noel Farrer (NF)
 Ian Phillips (IP)
 Jane Knight (JK)
 Sue Evans (SE)
 Paul Tiplady (PT)

Staff

Alastair McCapra (AM)
 Paul Lincoln (PL)
 Stephen Russell (SR)

Apologies

Val Kirby (VK)
 Peter Wilder (PW)
 Emily Hadden

Item	Report	Action
1	<p>Attendance/apologies</p> <p>As above</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of meeting held 28 May 2009</p> <p>2.1 <u>GLVIA (5.1.1)</u> PL updated Policy Committee on the progress and confirmed the appointment of the GLVIA advisory panel, headed by Jeff Stevenson, following interviews during March. The panel will be advising the author of the document, yet to be appointed. PL advised that the panel would report directly to the Board of Trustees until the successful re-establishment of the Technical Committee.</p> <p>2.2 <u>Priorities for Policy Committee (5.2.3)</u> It was agreed that, though the work priorities for Policy Committee for 2010/11 had been agreed, there would be an element of flexibility required in order to respond to a changing political landscape.</p> <p>2.3 <u>Policy Committee structure (9.1)</u> SR provided an update on attempts to encourage a member of LI Wales to take up the vacant place on Policy Committee. As yet, no volunteers had come forward however names were suggested by Policy Committee of individuals from Wales who might be interested.</p> <p>Action Contact to be established with suggested members to represent Wales on Policy Committee.</p> <p>2.4 <u>AOB (11.1)</u> It was clarified that for a meeting to be considered quorate, 40 per cent attendance was required</p> <p>It was also clarified that, with a work plan agreed for the coming year, terms of tenure would operate on a rolling basis to meet expertise needs of the committee work whilst retaining a broad base of knowledge.</p>	<p>SR</p>

<p>3a</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Anna Kirkham and SR tabled a discussion paper which was used as the basis for debate on what exactly should be the focus of the 'finance' – one of the next major publications to come from Policy Committee. This paper sought views on the following aspects of the proposed publication, which will assist in the drafting of a publications brief for approval by Committee. A paper from AC, outlining feedback from Advisory Council, was also included in discussion.</p> <p><u>Aim</u> To demonstrate how good landscape architecture adds economic value in development and placemaking.</p> <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present argument based on existing evidence. Divide the value between monetary, quantitative and qualitative. 2. Consider the importance of preplanning, design and scale. 3. Work on a small number of case studies selected from the membership and previous position statement contributors/award winners to develop more detailed information and evidence. This could include details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of costs involved, such as fees, capital investment, maintenance and management - Testimonials from clients <p><u>Outcome</u> A publication which explains the current thinking on landscape and its economic value and how these ideas were implemented , through a number of case studies, drawing out approaches, methodologies and tools used to achieve added economic value.</p> <p><u>Audience</u> To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registered social landlords - Local authorities - Planners - Private sector/developers - Planning Committees <p><u>Member involvement</u> SE, NF, RC, IP and JK all volunteered involvement, the degree of which would be confirmed upon completion of the publishing brief. It was suggested that members Bill Blackledge and Helen Woolley might also be interested in taking part. CB stressed, given her experience on the Housing Position Statement Working Group, that all who volunteered must deliver against the commitments made.</p> <p><u>Document structure</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foreword 2. Introduction 3. Part one: The current situation of landscape architecture and evaluating/ understanding economic value. 4. Part two: Case studies (these may be divided up into sections which can be 	
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	<p>used independently for use with clients?)</p> <p>5. Part three: Conclusions and recommendations – Reflective testimonials on the approaches, methodologies, and tools used which achieved economic value for the project.</p> <p>6. Further resources/reading</p> <p><u>Timescale</u> Document to be published in October in time for next Comprehensive Spending Review.</p> <p>Action Revise publishing brief for circulation to all, inviting comment, and establish meeting of working group. Discuss involvement with Bill Blackledge and Helen Woolley.</p>	SR
3b	<p>Clients guide and procurement</p> <p>PL introduced this subject, stating that thinking behind the current issues was required in order to help shape a proposal for this publication. A paper from AC, outlining feedback from Advisory Council, was also included in discussion.</p> <p>Discussions raised following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problems relating to procurement rules which exclude smaller firms from competing for work and which favour framework agreements. These rules being set by those outside of the client realm. - Informing clients how quality landscape is achieved. - Advantages and disadvantages of various methods of procurement. - How clients can get the best from employing landscape architects. - Need to cover registered practices, particularly larger ones - The need to target CIPFA and the Audit Commission <p>RC pointed out that many landscape architects are not familiar with terms of contract. AC/JK felt that procurement is also something that needs to be covered in CPD.</p> <p>Was agreed that clarity was required on whether this document would supersede all other LI client's guides and it was also suggested that the LI work stages are aligned with those of architects.</p> <p>AC, CB, RC and SE all agreed that they would like to be involved in the development of this publication in some way.</p> <p>Action Draft publishing brief exploring the initial discussions in more detail and circulate to AC, CB, RC, SE and NF.</p>	SR
4	<p>Update on ELC Action Plan and UK Landscape Award</p> <p>SR provides update on initial proposals for the LI ELC Action Plan, outlining the scope and extent and stating that the document would be ready in time for the President's reception on 22 June.</p> <p>Action Completion of draft ELC Action Plan, for circulation to Policy Committee</p>	SR

	<p>and Advisory Council, ready for Board of Trustees on 18 May.</p> <p>UK Landscape Awards update PL provided an update on the UK Landscape Awards, encouraging all members of Policy Committee to encourage schemes that are eligible to enter</p> <p>Action All to consider contact with previous clients who might be eligible to enter awards and encouraging entry</p>	All
5	<p>Update on policy dissemination</p> <p>PL and SR updated Policy Committee on dissemination of the housing and green infrastructure position statements, which included:</p> <p><u>GI</u> Seminars – London, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Manchester, Exeter, attended by over 250 members in total. Valuing ecosystem services – project with Natural England Chilterns AONB Planning Forum, with AC speaking on GI</p> <p><u>Housing</u> Ecobuild National Housing Federation seminar as part of Neighbourhoods Green project with CABE Space, Natural England and Groundwork.</p> <p>Action It was agreed that all would email suggestions for future dissemination to SR/PL.</p>	All
6	<p>Public policy consultation responses</p> <p>SR updated Policy Committee on recent public policy consultations to which the LI had responded. These included Natural England’s draft policy on soils and two National Policy Statements on the subject of Energy and Ports. SR noted the contributions made by AC, RC, Jeff Stevenson, Penny Williams, Lindsey Guthrie, Helen Kennedy and Christine Tudor.</p> <p><u>Forthcoming consultations</u> IP – British Standards</p> <p>IP raised the recent announcement of two new Planning Policy Statements which would be of significant interest to the LI:</p> <p>Planning for a natural healthy environment (includes strategic provision of GI) Low carbon future in a changing climate.</p> <p>IP also reminded Policy Committee of the proposal to work with CABE Space on a possible joint response.</p>	SR to follow up with Anne Jaluzot

	<p>Action It was agreed that these two consultations, should be priority for the LI, particularly as the first builds on recommendations made in the GI position statement. Coordination required to obtain member input.</p>	All
7	<p>Update from Policy Committee members</p> <p><i>Board of Trustees</i> n/a</p> <p><i>Advisory Council</i> This was provided by AC in the form of contributions to discussions under 3a and 3b.</p> <p><i>Other</i> IP provided update on Climate Change Coalition work with TCPA. He also mentioned recent discussion with RICS on work to value street trees – he will keep Policy Committee updated on this.</p>	
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>n/a</p>	
9	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tbc</p>	