

RIBA CORNWALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Location	Virtual (Online Zoom Meeting)
Date of Meeting	15 July 2020, 13.00-13.50
Minutes prepared By	Jane Hamlyn
Purpose	Branch Meeting
Date	16 July 2020

Present

Claire Bower (CB)	RIBA SW Architectural Communities Co-ordinator
Helen Brooks (HB)	Atelier Helen Brooks
David Edmondson (DE)	Torbay Council/ Vice Chair (Joint)
Jane Hamlyn (JH)	Atelier 3 Ltd/ Secretary/ South West Chair Elect
Tim Hancock (TH)	Atelier 3 Ltd
Jason Jarvis (JJ)	Create South West/ Chair
Paul Melling (PM)	CFD Architects
Tony Smith (TS)	Lavigne Lonsdale
Richard Tosic (RT)	Richard Tosic Architect/ Vice Chair (Joint)
Daniel Turner (DT)	Student (AUB)
Matt Wills (MW)	PBWC Architects / Treasurer
Alastair Wilson (AW)	Stride Treglown

Apologies

Rachael Gaunt, Joe Poynton, Ian Taylor

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MINUTES

1.0 Introductions and Format

- 1.1 JJ welcomed all to the virtual branch meeting. Taking place using Zoom this time we anticipate it only taking 40 minutes before the free time limit is reached [the time limit was later extended part way through the meeting].
- 1.2 JJ invited attendees to introduce themselves to start the meeting and then ran through the agenda.

2.0 Upcoming Events and Activities

- 2.1 JJ talked through the upcoming events over the next few months. First there will be a RIBA South West and Wessex event 'Collaborative Placemaking in the South West' which explores the projects where local authorities have engaged with the design process. This includes speakers from Cornwall, Gloucestershire and Exeter.
- 2.2 JJ and CB explained this year there will be a super AGM with all three branches in the South West, held online due to the current situation. This will take place on 17 September. Booking should be available soon.
- 2.3 JJ also explained the Climate Training Events which are due to take place in September and November [3 & 10 Sep or 10 & 17 Nov 2020]. This is RIBA in conjunction with the Green Register. JJ asked if people are aware of this? Mixed response. People are encouraged to sign up and also to join the RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge.

3.0 Current Issues and Updates

- 3.1 The issue of the government's message to 'Build Build Build' was discussed in relation to sustainability and climate change.
- 3.2 We need to encourage clients to invest in sustainable architecture. This could be through cost analysis, regulations or education.
- 3.3 TS discussed retrofit and how houses can potentially end up being too warm. Any retrofit measures need to be carefully considered before implementation. Can RIBA link into the proposed government Home Improvement Voucher scheme somehow?
- 3.4 JH suggested for people to buy into truly sustainable architecture we need to be able to demonstrate how it can be built cheaper than traditional construction methods as most people are still driven by cost. We need case studies to demonstrate how this can work.
- 3.5 DT was asked for his views on current issues from a student perspective as a Cornwall resident studying at the Arts University Bournemouth. Climate change is also high on the agenda for him as well and part of the reason for choosing his university. He was asked about the status of teaching for his course and how it has been affected by Covid 19. It is not yet known whether the autumn course will take place online or in person.
- 3.6 JH mentioned that there has been increased traffic to the Find An Architect pages of architecture.com and encouraged all to ensure their profile pages are up to date. There will also be an ongoing media and marketing campaign throughout the summer and autumn.

4.0 Ideas for Cornwall Branch Event for the People Places Planet Festival

- 4.1 JH explained the People Places Planet Festival, which is a RIBA South West and Wessex initiative will take place in November and we are looking for ideas from all branches. There is LIF funding available to invest in projects.
- 4.2 JH suggested we could look at producing some of our own Case Studies to highlight how sustainable projects have been achieved cost effectively in the county

- 4.3 TS said that the building performance needs to be assessed over a number of years to prove whether it is truly a sustainable building or not. Need data to support this
- 4.4 DE explained Cornwall Council have some case studies of projects that may be useful to support this. It was also suggested that we could contact Falmouth University and CSBT (Cornwall Sustainable Building Trust) who may have some research on this subject already.
- 4.5 It was suggested that talking to the owners/end users would be vital. JH proposed interviewing some of them which could form part of some visual media content that we produce alongside the case studies and could be used for the November event.
- 4.6 JJ suggested it would be good to have a number of different types of case study, ie. An Extension, A Newbuild, A Retrofit, Commercial and Residential, etc..

5.0 Future of the Branch

- 5.1 JH sent out the Social Media advert for a new Social Media committee member this week. It went out on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. No direct responses but quite a few views and engagements across the platforms. Discussed the desire to engage younger members of the profession.
- 5.2 HB may have a student who could be interested in Social Media role. She requested further information. DT was asked regarding interest and suggested those studying locally may be better suited. Therefore it was proposed to contact Falmouth University to approach students there. JH to send information through.
- 5.2 DE raised the issue of continuing to engage with Cornwall Council. He has contacted Chris Daly and Peter Phillips regarding continuing the liaison meetings between RIBA Cornwall and CC. No response yet, so may have to contact Louise Wood directly.
- 5.3 Much enthusiasm to continue the link with CC from the branch and could even make an official position on our committee for a Council liaison officer. CB explained this is already happening in Plymouth so there is precedent for this idea.

6.0 CAT Lecture

- 6.1 CB explained we are looking to hold the CAT Lecture online this year. There are some ideas for speakers such as Andrew Taylor of Patel Taylor although no approaches have been made.
- 6.2 As the CAT Lecture traditionally takes place in November it is hoped this can tie in with the People Places Planet Festival.

7.0 Date of Next Meeting

- 7.1 To be in one month's time, Wednesday lunchtime and **hosted using Zoom**. This would be **Wednesday 19 August at 13.00**.