

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2008

- Present: Sir John Temple (Chair), Professor S. Bassnett, Ms K. Bennet, Mr. T. Callow, Professor T. Jones, Professor S. Palmer, Professor J. Swan
- Apologies: Professor R. Critoph, Mr. M. Greenlees, Professor K. Lamberts
- In Attendance: Mr. J. Baldwin, Mr. C. Churchman, Ms R. Drinkwater, Mr. N. Hillard, Ms R. Lees, Ms E. Pride, Mr. M. Stacey, Mrs. P. Thurston, Mr. D. Welchman, Mr. R. Wilson

17/07-08 Minutes of Meeting held on 20 November 2007

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2007 be approved.

18-07/08 Matters Arising

- (a) Capital Planning and Accommodation Review Group (formerly Space Management Group) (Minute 06-07/08(a) referred)

REPORTED:

That, following a comment made by the Chair that there was no academic representation on Building Committee, it was confirmed Professor Swan had been nominated by Council as a representative, and Professor Lamberts, as Chair of Faculty, was also an academic representative.

- (b) Environment and Amenities Committee (Minute 06-07/08(a)(i) referred)

REPORTED:

That the Bicycle User Group had been invited to send a representative to be a member of the Environment and Amenities Committee.

- (c) Sports Centre - Swimming Pool (Minute 11/07-08 referred)

REPORTED:

That the filters to the Sports Centre swimming pool were being replaced.

(d) Architectural Competition (Minute 15-07/08 referred)

REPORTED:

That the architectural competition was underway.

19-07/08

Reports from the Sub-Committees of Building Committee

(a) Environment and Amenities Committee

CONSIDERED:

A report from the meeting of the Environment and Amenities Committee held on 21 February 2008 (Paper BC.22-07/08).

REPORTED:

- (i) That the Committee had met during GoGreen Week and had started with a delegation of students meeting and discussing with the Committee their views on environmental initiatives.
- (ii) That the Chair of the Environment and Amenities Committee write to Faculty Boards to include a standing item on "Energy and the Environment" on the agenda of their respective meetings.
- (iii) That George Riches had attended the meeting as a representative of the Bicycle Users Group.
- (iv) That the Committee agenda was too big and landscape items were being sidelined as there were more environment items to be considered.

RESOLVED:

That further discussions take place regarding the remit of the Environment and Amenities Committee for consideration at the next meeting of Building Committee.

(b) Capital Planning and Accommodation Review Group

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Capital Planning and Accommodation Review Group.

REPORTED:

That the membership and Terms of Reference of the Space Management Group had changed, creating the Capital Planning and Accommodation Review Group.

(c) Estates Management Committee

REPORTED (by the Director of Estates):

(i) Masterplan

That the planning application for the Masterplan had been recommended for approval by Coventry City Council and Warwick District Council, subject to certain conditions and an S106 agreement, and that the plan was not called in by the Secretary of State.

(ii) General Purpose Building

That the planning application for the General Purpose Building was being submitted.

(iii) Development of Cannon Park Shopping Centre

That the Tesco planning application was being submitted but without the proposal for accommodation.

(iv) Gibbet Hill Road - Replacement of Gas Main

That the replacement of the gas main in Gibbet Hill Road was proceeding slightly ahead of schedule.

(v) Estates Office Move to Argent Court

RECEIVED:

A report on the Estates Office move to Argent Court (Paper BC.24-07/08).

20-07/08 Campus Landscape - Past Present and Future

RECEIVED:

A presentation by Chris Churchman, University Landscape Architect, on the landscape of the campus.

21-07/08 "Greening Warwick" - Environmental Priorities for the Future

RECEIVED:

A presentation by Nick Hillard, Environment Officer.

22-07/08 Reports on the Progress of Major Projects

RECEIVED:

Reports summarising progress on the following major projects since the meeting of Building Committee on 20 November 2007:

- (a) Millburn House (Paper BC.25-07/08), noting that work on Phase 2 was currently one week late, but this should not affect moves. Work on the Phase 3 extension was due to commence in approximately two weeks time, subject to approvals.
- (b) Warwick HRI Refurbishment and Consolidation of Laboratories (Paper BC.26-07/08).
- (c) Warwick Digital Laboratory (Paper BC.27-07/08).
- (d) Library Refurbishment (Paper BC.28-07/08).
- (e) Westwood - Indoor Tennis Centre (Paper BC.29-07/08).
- (f) Students' Union South (Paper BC.30-07/08).
- (g) Zeeman Building Extension (Paper BC.31-07/08).
- (h) Chemistry Department (+ Engineering, IT Services, CeNTRE Relocations) (Paper BC.32-07/08).
- (i) Warwick Arts Centre - Refurbishment and Extension of Butterworth Hall (Paper BC.33-07/08).

CONSIDERED:

The plans and elevations of the extension to Butterworth Hall. (Drawing Nos. 135/250 - 135/256 inclusive.)

RESOLVED:

That the plans and elevations be approved as set out in drawing numbers 135/250 through 135/256 inclusive, subject to the final selection of external colouring materials being determined by the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, following consultation with the Director of Estates and the Development Plan Architect.

23-07/08 Finance Report

RECEIVED:

A report on expenditure on Capital Projects for Quarter 2 (Paper BC.37-07/08).

24-07/08 Feasibility Studies for New Projects

REPORTED:

That Finance and General Purposes Committee, at its meeting on 4 March 2008, had approved the allocation of £500k for feasibility studies to be carried out on the following projects:

- (a) Warwick Business School Phase 3b
- (b) New Physics/Chemistry Building
- (c) New Medical School Building

25/07-08 Chemistry Infills

CONSIDERED:

Plans showing proposals to infill the areas adjacent to Science Blocks A and C to provide approximately 400m² of additional laboratory and office space for Chemistry, in the shortest possible time. (Drawing No. 135/249.)

RECOMMENDED (to the Council):

That the plans for the infill the staircase in Science B block to provide space for the Department of Chemistry be approved as set out in drawing number 135/249.

26/07-08 Date of Next Meeting

The Summer Term meeting of Building Committee would now be held on Thursday, 5 June 2008 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, University House.

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