
Minutes

Meeting RIBA Schools Forum
Date October 5th 2004
Venue St Celcillas CE Secondary School
Present Hilary Graves (HG) Building Research Establishment
Jane Gray (JG) Felce & Guy Partnership
David Emmanuel Noel (DEN) Royal Institute of British Architects
Stefan Jakobek (SJ) HOK
John Russell (JR) Southwark Diocese
Andy Thompson (AT) DfES
John Waldron-Convenor & Acting Chair(JW) Architecture PLB

In Attendance

Jeffrey Risbridger (JR) St Celcillas CE Secondary School

Apologies

Valerie Bragg –Chair (VB) The 3Es Enterprises Ltd
Tim Crabb (TC) West Sussex County Council
Dominic Cullinan (DC) CABAL
Chris French (CF) Essex County Council
Georgina Frank (GF) Wates
Paul Fletcher (PF) Paul Fletcher Architects
Bob Hayes (CH) Architype
Catherine Harrington (CH) Architype
Sally Livesey (SL) Westminster RC Diocese
Shirley Turner (ST) Hampshire County Council
Paul Scott (PS) Paul Scott Architects
Anthony Slater (AS) Building Research Establishment
Jane Simpson (JS) Aedas
Saiyyidah Zaidi (SZ) London Borough of Lewisham

1.0 **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes were accepted

2.0 **Matters Arising**

Due to a major education conference the meeting had a low turn out. The group agreed that members should to be encouraged to attend or offer substitute representation. Members agreed that the forum should address this issue and review its membership.

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Moreover, short presentations should be included in the agenda. DEN will approach JS to provide a paper on the DDA and access to schools at the next meeting. DEN

3.0 **Schools Forum 2004 Conference: Designing from the Inside out**

DEN summarised the event as successful despite a lower than average turn out. He believed this was partly due to the subject matter and primary audience of science teachers. Post conference questionnaires were sent via email to delegates and, so far, the response has been good.

He remained concerned with the overall publicity. Although the programme was disseminated through post, the RIBA's Practice Bulletin and the ASE, information was unavailable on the DfES Teachernet website.

4.0 **RIBA Policy Co-ordination Meeting- Group objectives for 2005**

The RIBA Policy Unit is staging a meeting with all the Client Forums and linked society-working groups. The agenda for this meeting will include planning the RIBA's preparations for the next General Election, expected in May or June 2005. The RIBA Linked Societies and fora will assist in the formation of a policy "manifesto" for communication to political audiences. JW/VB

VB & JW will attend on behalf of forum.

The groups concluded that the following areas should be discussed:

1. Role of the architect within the PFI/PPP framework- Boundaries and accountability
2. The relationship with the client in developing a brief – a more user friendly design process
3. The declining role of the Local Education Authority
4. Working relationships with Private Sector Partners
5. Building schools for the future- the role and opportunities for small practices
6. Managing Resources and achieving value for money
7. The future role of the SBDU in the DfES.

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5.0 **Any Other Business**

JW announced he was standing down as Convenor. He recommended SJ as his successor. DEN and the members endorsed this. DEN and SJ will meet VB to discuss the aims and objectives of the forum for 2005 DEN/SJ

6.0 **Date of Next Meeting** December 7th at Hackney Downs School

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