

TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE
Monday, 4th March, 2013

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor Pickering), Councillors Clark, Dodson, Godfrey, Rushforth and Wootton.

Also in attendance was Mr. P. Hawkridge from Rotherham's Civic Society.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor McNeely.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 29TH OCTOBER, 2012

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th October, 2012. The minutes were approved as a correct record.

6. TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE - BRIEFING

Consideration was given to the information set out in the briefing note that drew specific attention to Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant Scheme, Public Realm improvements and the current position with the restoration of properties:

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (financial/business affairs).

8. TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE GRANT

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Townscape Heritage Initiative Officer, detailing an application for grant under the Rotherham Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme, for improvements to The George Wright Building.

The grant was to enable the building to be repaired and made safe and for its architectural features to be reinstated so that it could both be returned to a useable condition and also become an historical asset to the town centre.

Plans to open up part of High Street would mean that access to the George Wright Building would be easier from High Street. The vista that would be created by doing this would also highlight the northern facing façade of The George Wright Building which was particularly striking and

would significantly enhance High Street serving to highlight this area as the heritage quarter of the town.

Discussion took place on the benefits to the Rotherham town centre from the improvements being made to the appearance and structure of this buildings and the investment was welcomed.

Resolved:- That the grant application for the building situated at High Street, Rotherham town centre, as now submitted, be approved and the grant awarded in accordance with the amounts and details contained in the report.