

AGENDA ITEM 4k

Chichester Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CCAAC)

CCAAC is a body which is a consultee to the District Planning Department on planning matters within the Chichester Conservation Area. It is made up of various representatives of local organisations, among which are the City Council, the District and County councils, some residents' associations, the Georgian Group, the Victorian group, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, tree wardens and several planning experts and architects, and others. A 'full house' would comprise around twenty members.

Committee members act as voluntary reporters so that all planning applications in the Chichester Conservation Area are scrutinised and the sites visited. The chairman meets with the district's Historic Buildings Adviser before each meeting. The group meets regularly once a month – at present on the second Tuesday, although this could be changed. CDC gives a small annual grant with which to pay the secretary who prepares reports, together with a Powerpoint display of each month's applications, and submits decisions to CDC Planning.

While for many years CDC has allowed a meeting room each month, there have been a considerable number of problems recently. This means that quite frequently recent meetings have had to be held by Zoom, which was okay and necessary during the pandemic but by no means ideal. Therefore the City Council is asked whether there would any chance of using one of the city's rooms each month – as there is no income, perhaps free of charge? It is appreciated that this could not happen in the early evenings, as at present, because of staffing costs, but maybe during the working day? For this purpose the group would have to change its timings, but hopefully most members could manage that.

Failing this, other accommodation would have to be sought, and maybe a grant applied for to cover hiring costs.

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