

**MINUTES of the 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun (1998) held in The Hall at The Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2002**

**Present:** Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange  
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun\*  
Lady Prestoungrange  
Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal\*  
Baron Sergeand  
Jane Bonnar  
Anne Taylor  
*\* by e-communication*

**1. Minutes of 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2002**

**Confirmed:** 1.1 That these now were correct as shown at the WebSite.

**2. Matters Arising**

**‘To-Do List’**

**Reported:** 2.1(a) (Minute 02/33/2.1) That excellent progress continued to be made on the To Do List as reflected in the PAFS Schedule, although without prioritisation still.

2.1(b) That the following items documented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting were progressing still:

- Profiles & Personae from Murals #1 and #2 by Kate Hunter – nearing completion
- CVs of George McNeil and Kate Hunter – nearing completion
- *Edinburgh Gazette* entry for the Baron of Dolphinstoun – still pending
- Forth Estuary Forum – will be kept informed of activities
- 2d. 1753 Impost on each pint of beer brewed and sold in the Parish to build a Poor House is now being traced further by Annemarie Allan after finding the correct date from the Statistical Account of 1790 including proper reference to the impost there.
- (i) The late Davy Steele’s CV and association with Summerlee – Davy’s brother ready to provide details but still awaited; (ii) Greentrax had approached the Baron Courts with a view to

creating a new CD of their own on Davy Steele and the proposal is awaited.

- Names of Preston Lodge School children and teachers who created the Pottery Mural June 24<sup>th</sup>/ 27<sup>th</sup> - awaiting finalisation
- Adnam's style Water Jugs for Fowler's Ales – artist creating artwork
- Life of Thomas Nelson, Edinburgh Publisher and Investor in The Gothenburg – book awaited still
- Tracing the Funeral Hatchments found 100 years ago at Prestongrange Church to their current locations – Annemarie Allan to pursue
- Sending a History Search/ Request to each household with the next *Brushstrokes* in the manner of English Heritage – English Heritage prototype provided to Jane Bonnar
- Making contact with the Airt Burns Club in the town – initial contacts have been made and are being followed up. Permission to hang their short history at the Prestonpan's WebSite to be secured.
- Marg Hall at Wintoun Pottery is being approached to create 50 Prestongrange tiles by early 2003
- The production of two additional fish ladies was awaited from the winning potter in the 2002 Competition.
- The article prepared for *East Lothian Life* Autumn issue 2002 had not been used therein, and an enquiry was to be made of its whereabouts or need for improvement.

### **Scottish Tartans Society**

2.2(a) (Minute 02/33/2.3) That further meetings had been held with Lindsays since the Offer was made to settle out of court for £75 000 tabled with the Society but no response has been received.

2.2(b) That the Society has seemingly authorised Electric Scotland to connect to the WebSite for the STS and major traffic increases and length of use had occurred.

### **Charitable Status Report**

**Confirmed:** 2.3(a) (Minute 02/33/2.4) That there were now four Founder Members and three Friends all with their subscriptions paid.

2.3(b) That all necessary documents for the public and for Gift Aid Donations had been created and were held in the offices.

2.3(c) That Sylvia Burgess would shortly be seeking to recover the Gift Aid proportions from the Inland Revenue.

### ***Brushstrokes # 3 & # 4 plus Christmas card***

**Reported:** 2.4 (Minute 02/33/2.6) That *Brushstrokes # 3* was now in preparation with Jim Forster providing the editorial on Mary Murray School, and plans had been made for a more effective distributor.

**Agreed:** 2.4(a) That a Christmas card form the Arts Festival to all in the town should be distributed at the same time along with an invitation to subscribe for (i) the Morrison's Haven reprint from Michael MacVeigh or (ii) the whole series of six.

2.4(b) That inter alia *Brushstrokes # 4* should include an Outlook on 2003 including *The Gothenburg* and Murals # 4 and # 5 depicted in their intended situations by photographic superimposition. A carefully worded text shall indicate why this has been done. The Editorial should be from AN Other local figure following on from Jim Forster – perhaps Iain Turnbull of Fisherrow.

### **3. Progress for Historical Series & Teaching Guides**

**Reported:** 3.1 That # 13: The Prestoungrange Gothenburg was being printed and would appear October 4<sup>th</sup> with copies taken to Moosejaw.

3.2 That the long awaited photographs of the Provost's Wedding had still not arrived despite promises and would not be included.

3.3 That the authors with October 31<sup>st</sup> delivery dates were all reporting good progress, viz.

- *Glenkinchie Whisky* by Craig Ward
- *Prestongrange Steam Trains* by Colin Boyd
- *The Battle of Prestonpans* by HRH Prince Michael of Albany

3.4 That Annemarie Allan will be working on the balance of Teaching Guides during the Winter months.

### **4. 2002 Murals Action Programme**

**Reported:** 4.1 That both applications for Planning Consent in the town to hang murals had now been formally rejected.

**Agreed:** 4.1 That no further requests for Planning Consent will be submitted.

4.2 That the advice of Lindsays WS should be followed and the opinion of Junior Counsel was being sought on the Advertisement Regulations seemingly applicable.

4.3 In the event that Counsel gives grounds to believe that the Arts Festival was misled by Planning Officers into making an Application for an Advertisement, the Arts Festival will proceed to erect the mural as already completed of the Salters at the Coffee Shop on the High Street. Any Stop Orders issued by the Council would then be contested..

4.4 That all possible support should be given to Andrew Crummy in the completion of his BathHouse mural on the seawall.

4.5 That the offer to provide the wall space of the house by the beach steps be accepted and a mural painted there that takes as its focus: "The John Muir Trail plus our own Murals Trail .. Step Up to *The Gothenburg*." The property owner's daughter should be involved in the design with an experienced muralist in charge. Planning Consent would *not* be sought.

4.6 That the competition for Mural Panes for display on a rotating basis at *The Gothenburg* would be conducted in Spring 2003.

## **5. The Prestoungrange Gothenburg**

**Reported:** 5.1 That Stephen Larcombe continued to take matters forward as best he could but was being disrupted by the Planning Officers, and the Application had still not been registered.

5.2 That Planning Consent had been received to the Request by Chris Bonnar to 'alter' the gates to the premises, although Listed Building Consent for the same had not. This was despite reference at the weekend previously in *East Lothian News* to the fact that it had been so approved.

5.3 That no word had been received from Historic Scotland regarding assistance for the restoration of the art nouveau features at *The Gothenburg*.

**Agreed:** 5.1 That Stephen Larcombe should visit Haddington early in October to seek to finalise registration of the Application.

5.2 That Prestoungrange should write to the Provost asking for his assistance to expedite matters.

5.3 That a formal letter of confirmation should be sent to Iain Turnbull of Fisherrow Breweries by Prestoungrange asking that he act on our behalf in the microbrewery once Consent is forthcoming.

5.4 That Anne Taylor should proceed now with furnishing the Manager's Apartment as per specification.

**Reported:**

5.4 That Bill Robertson was continuing with his repairs work and that a further list had been given to Anne Taylor for the clearance of the interior during the winter period.

5.5 That Sylvia Burgess was still seeking to acquire the parking area opposite the premises.

5.6 That the interview given for the *East Lothian News* had produced a balanced and fair coverage.

5.6 That a restorative craftsman had provided reasonable quotations for the copper work and the tiles but before anything can occur a response from Historic Scotland is awaited.

**Agreed:**

5.5 That following receipt of Planning Consent for the alterations to the gates, the single gate facing north (but not the double gates facing east) should be replaced as per specification and that the north facing exterior should be redecorated with primer and undercoat during the winter under the leadership of Bill Robertson. Anne Taylor to get a quotation as soon as possible for these works.

5.6 That with the several planning delays, the Re-Opening Date cannot sensibly be before June 2003, but still in time for the Lord Mayor's visit from Goteborg. Annemarie Allan would undertake research on 'Other Goths' to be invited to meet with the Lord Mayor across Scotland.

5.7 That the work will be undertaken in three major parts against Stephen Larcombe's plans as follows:

- Immediately construct the shell of all extension work and prepare the space for the microbrewery so that Fisherrow can commence work on construction and pilot running of the microbrewery;
- Install heating and electrical systems etc., and plumbing services;
- Fit out the facilities for the June 2003 Re-Opening using the recommended expert team.

5.8 That Sylvia Burgess and Anne Taylor should follow up the current leads with possible premises managers in the next three months.

**6. Global Arts & Tourism Association Congress: Moosejaw October 2002**

**Confirmed:** 6.1 That Jane Bonnar, who with Prestoungrange would be attending, was finalising the PowerPoint presentation both for the right to offer the Congress in 2006 and for the description of the Arts Festival as a Congress Paper. Samples of printed materials would also be taken.

6.2 That Matthew Boffin/ BisWeb/ Helen Robinson had completed the database conversion of the Website including the new section for the Global Arts and Tourism Association, and that these would be demonstrated in Moosejaw.

6.3 That Karl Schutz had reviewed the revised site with its Murals' Search Engine and shown considerable appreciation thereof.

**Agreed:** 6.1 To continue to search for copy for the Prestonpans Historical Society section of the revised WebSite, including the activities of the Airts Burns Club and the Churches.

**Reported:** 6.1 That during his forthcoming visit to Toronto, Prestoungrange would be meeting with officers of the Scarborough Murals Trail across Canada.

**7. Book-keeping for the Company, Bank Signatories & VAT Registration**

**Confirmed:** 7.1 That the Baron Sergeand had made arrangements for all book keeping in respect of this Company to be transferred from November 1<sup>st</sup> 2002 to Cockenzie under the supervision of Anne Taylor, on report to the Baron Sergeand and the Procurator Fiscal, Mathew Wills Yr of Prestoungrange.

7.2 That name change and the addition of Anne Taylor as a signatory had been notified to the Bank of Scotland.

**Reported:** 7.1 That the Charity would also bank with Bank of Scotland but the trading East of Scotland and Fowlers' Ales companies would be with Royal Bank of Scotland where formalities had now been completed.

**Agreed:** 7.1 That the utmost care must be taken to ensure the Petty Cash managed by Jane Bonnar is kept wholly separate from the bank accounts of this 1998 Company, and as such it would continue at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

7.2 That Sylvia Burgess and Anne Taylor should create a final budget for 2003 for Baron Courts 1998 ( based on 2002's equivalents ) no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of Tony Gillingham of IRDC Limited.

7.3 That steps be taken forthwith to register the 1998 company for VAT with Anne Taylor responsible for the quarterly returns thereof.

## **8. Any Other Business**

### **Burns Night 2003 in Chemainus**

**Reported:** 8.1(a) That the formal review meeting would be held in Vancouver on October 26<sup>th</sup> with Anne Wills and the local organisers.

8.1(b) That Anne Taylor and Jane Bonnar as well as Sylvia Burgess are most welcome to attend the celebrations in Chemainus. A total fund of 3 x £400 has been made available towards the total costs of travel and accommodations.

### **Jane Bonnar & Co.**

8.2 That Jane Bonnar & Co had made arrangements for services to be delivered by Annemarie Allan during the coming winter months as authorised under the letters of agreement with that partnership at Gordon Secretarial.

### **Sponsored Bus**

8.3 That a formal report on progress was not yet available but would be prepared for the next meeting.

### **Competitive Tenders for Booklet Production**

**Agreed:** 8.4 That Anne Taylor and Jane Bonnar should seek competitive tenders for booklet production locally in Scotland as soon as possible.

## **9. Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings**

**Confirmed:** 9.1 That the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2002 at Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, Fairford Street East, Moosejaw, Saskatchewan at 10.30 am.

9.2 That the **36<sup>th</sup>** Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2003 at The Murals Centre, Chemainus, BC., Canada at 0.830 am.

9.3 That the **37<sup>th</sup>** Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2003 at The Courts, *The Gothenburg*, 227 High Street, Prestonpans, at 09.30 am.



