

MINUTES of the 33rd Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun (1998) held in The Hall at The Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian on August 19th 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 32nd Meeting held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton on June 5th & 27th 2002

Confirmed: 1.1 That these now were correct as shown at the WebSite after amendments tabled by Jane Bonnar most particularly in respect of St Peter's Primary School, not Musselburgh High School at Minute 3.3.

2. Matters Arising

'To-Do List'

Reported: 2.1(a) (Minute 02/32/2.1) That excellent progress was being made on the To Do List, and that it is of course much reflected in the PAFS Schedule, although without prioritisation.

2.1(b) That the following items documented at the 32nd Meeting were now progressing, set aside or accomplished:

- 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/ Regular beach cleaning - set aside
- Old Gothenburg Pub Sign – accomplished
- 2d. 1773 Impost on each pint of beer brewed and sold in the Parish to build a Poor House – search continuing

- The late Davy Steele's CV and association with Summerlee – Davy's brother ready to provide details
- Names of Preston Lodge School children and teachers who created the Pottery Mural June 24th/ 27th - awaiting finalisation
- Response from Craig Harkness at Tennent-Caledonian re Fowler's Ales – chased but awaiting outcomes
- CISWO Liaison and Iain McAlpine – set aside
- 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

Agreed:

2.1 To add the following items:

- Tracing the Funeral Hatchments found 100 years ago at Prestongrange Church to their current locations
- Sending a History Search/ Request to each household with the next *Brushstrokes* in the manner of English Heritage
- Making contact with the Airt Burns Club in the town

Accommodations at Cockenzie

Reported:

2.2 (Minute 02/32/2.2) That IMCA and the University of Action Learning's meeting schedule was published and all arrangements for facilities and refreshment had been made.

Scottish Tartans Society

2.3 (Minute 02/32/2.3) That further meetings had been held with Lindsays and an Offer made to settle out of court for £75 000 tabled with the Society.

Charitable Status Report

Confirmed:

2.4(a) (Minute 02/32/2.5) That the 1st Meeting of the Trustees of the Charity had now been held and two categories of membership adopted:

- Founder Member – paying an Initial Guarantee of £1000, £ 1 in the event of liquidation and an annual subscription of £50; and
- Friend of the Baron Courts – paying an Annual Subscription of £50 and £1 in the event of liquidation.

2.4(b) That only Founder Members had the right to vote at General Meetings, but all were entitled to attend and speak.

2.4(c) That Sylvia Burgess, Jane Bomar and Anne Taylor had been

invited to become Friends of the Baron Courts on the above terms if they so wished.

Prestongrange Tile Press

Noted: 2.5 (Minute 02/32/2.6) That the 50 tiles commissioned had not yet been produced and will appear on the PAFS Schedule in future, being acquired from Marg Hall at Wintoun House Stables, bearing the appropriate pressing of a size for use as teapot stands/ table mats.

Agreed: 2.5 That Anne Taylor in consultation with Jane Bonnar should secure a quotation and sample as soon as possible.

Brushstrokes # 3 & Murals Trail Guide

Reported: 2.6 (Minute 02/32/2.7) That *Brushstrokes # 2* and the Murals Trail Guide had both been completed. The latter had been made available to the Tourist Boards.

Agreed: 2.6(a) That preparation for the Mk 2 Murals Trail Guide should proceed over the winter months and include all the additional murals both on the beach and elsewhere.

2.6(b) That architecture of significance should also be included in the Mk 2 version of the Guide and allusions to The Thorntree and the 1745 Battlefield Site and Memorials included.

2.6(c) That *Brushstrokes # 3* should be prepared to schedule, and the means of its distribution around town carefully reviewed. Supplies would also be placed in Community Centres as well as the Library. Jim Forster of the Prestonpans Historical Society will be creating the Editorial for the issue.

3. Progress for Historical Series & Teaching Guides

Reported: 3.1 That following Prestongrange's visit with Lady Avril to Goteborg in Sweden early in August Historical Series #13 was now completed and at the printers with final photographs the only outstanding matter.

Agreed: 3.1 That # 13 should be ready to take to Moose Jaw in early October.

Reported: 3.2 That new authors are at work on a series of titles with delivery dates during the balance of 2002 as follows:

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

3.3 That the search for authors was continuing with proposals tabled for:

- *Prestonpans Toll Roads and Railways*
- *Social and Economic Consequences of Mine, Pottery, Brewery and Brickwork closures*
- *Friendly Societies in Prestonpans*
- *Preston Links Colliery and Cockenzie Power Station*
- *The Coffee House Company*
- *Co-operative Societies*
- *The Town Hall*
- *Education*
- *Gala Days*
- *Churches across Prestonpans*
- *Poetry around town*
- *Dolphinstoun Colliery*

4. 2002 Murals Action Programme

Reported: 4.1 That Prestongrange had held a meeting at Haddington with the Provost, the Director of Education, the Head of Planning & Development and the Cultural Services Manager.

4.2 That the tenor of the meeting had been one of enthusiasm for the restoration of *The Goth* but wholly negative in respect of murals at the BathHouse and elsewhere.

Agreed: 4.1 That in the event the proposals for murals in the High Street were rejected, an Appeal would be considered. However, prior to that the point of law that “a Mural is an Advertisement” should be tested, and Lindsays WS asked to provide guidance.

4.2 That Kate Hunter, Andrew Crummy and Keli Clark all be asked to continue with their work, and in the case of Andrew Crummy to place his work on the SeaWall, having abandoned the proposal to paint the BathHouse since the Council were owners and as such competent to refuse on all accounts.

Reported: 4.3 That Proposals for additional Funding for Murals were still being submitted by Jane Bonnar and Andrew Crummy and the file was reviewed with *The Gothenburg* included as a Heritage Centre for the Festival.

4.4 That Preston Lodge School had completed a widely admired mural during their Activities Break under the supervision of Andrew Crummy depicting Pottery at Prestonpans.

5. The Prestoungrange Gothenburg

Reported: 5.1 That Stephen Larcombe was taking matters forward as best he could and was now aware of the final requirements preceding Registration of the Application.

5.2 That Iain Turnbull of Fisherrow Breweries had confirmed his ability to commence to plan despite the sad recent death of his partner.

5.3 That Historic Scotland had indicated that support might now be available before 2004 and an Application has been submitted.

Agreed: 5.1 That Bill Robertson should continue on the several modernisation tasks including rewiring and plumbing for the Manger's Flat at The Gothenburg, Anne Taylor responsible for supervision and for ensuring that appropriate office design specialists get the maximum effective use from the space allocated to the Arts Festival team.

Reported: 5.4 That the Baron Sergeand had made an offer of £4750 for the parcel of parking space known as 229A High Street, with an offer to also pay the vendor's legal fees.

5.5 That an interview had been given for the *East Lothian News*.

5.6 That a restorative craftsman had been located for the interiors and a quotation was being sought.

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

Confirmed: 6.1 That Prestoungrange had created the structure for the Moose Jaw Presentation and that Jane Bonnar, who with Prestoungrange would be attending, was creating a PowerPoint presentation both for the right to offer the Congress in 2006 and for the description of the Arts Festival as a Congress Paper.

6.2 That Matthew Boffin/ BisWeb are making good progress on the complete database conversion of the Baron Courts website including the new section for the Global Arts and Tourism Association, with weekly meetings in Long Hanborough, Oxon.

Agreed: 6.1 That the Global Arts & Tourism Association website as commissioned from BisWeb must be ready to demonstrate at the Moosejaw Congress and to sign up links with those participating.

Reported: 6.1 That discussions had been held with Jim Forster of the Prestonpans Historical Society concerning their contribution to the new WebSite.

7. Pottery Reproduction & 21st Century Pottery Competition for 2002

Reported: 7.1 That reproduction prototypes had been received requiring further liaison and Jane Bonnar would be doing this shortly to find an ideal supplier.

7.2 That the winners of the 2002 Pottery Competition had been selected and are shown at the Arts Festival website. The overall award went to the Dancing Fishwife and an order for two more will be placed.

8. Any Other Business

History and Today in Photographs

8.1 That this project is being progressed with the Musselburgh and other Photographic Societies and the Competition for a 2003 Prestoungrange Calendar will be announced in Brushstrokes #3.

Appointments for Table Wines

8.2(a) That the required 10 cases from Inniskillen were delivered on time for the celebrations.

8.2(b) That Cairnbrae Wines from the Marlborough Region in New Zealand had also supplied some excellent wines for the occasion and Prestoungrange and Lady Prestoungrange plan a visit to their estates in January 2003 as well as to KatiKati.

Burns Night 2003 in Chemainus

8.3 Anne Wills continues to assemble the team of performers and presenters for this event and arrangements have been made for a review meeting in Vancouver on October 29th.

Michael McVeigh as Artist at Large

8.4 That Michael McVeigh's Gallery is now on the WebSite under Artists at Large and progresses with his first two works in the Prestoungrange series of six commissioned over the next two years.

Book-keeping for the Company & Authorisation of new Bank Signatories

Confirmed: 8.5(a) That the Baron Sergeand was proceeding to make arrangements for all book keeping in respect of this Company to be transferred by September 30th to Cockenzie under the supervision of Anne Taylor, on report to the Procurator Fiscal, Mathew Wills Yr of Prestoungrange.

8.5(b) That Anne Taylor should be added as a signatory together at all times with one or other of the Barons, and that the Bank of Scotland in Musselburgh be notified to this effect.

8.5(c) That the Bank of Scotland be also notified of the change of name of the company and asked to issue new appropriate cheque books at the same time as cheque books for the Charity are provided.

Indoor Mural panels for *The Goth*

8.6 That a program of Student Competition for indoor changeable mural panels at *The Goth* to be displayed in the new Reception Rooms should be pursued throughout the Winter months, and a plan for its promotion drafted by Jane Bonnar for the September meeting.

9. Request for Sabbatical Leave for Jane Bonnar

Reported: 9.1 That Jane Bonnar had surprisingly been provided with the opportunity to complete her Teaching Certificate during the Autumn Term at Musselburgh School and wished to arrange sabbatical leave until end December to achieve that.

Agreed: 9.1 That if at all possible arrangements be made to accommodate her request and an alternate found to work with Anne Taylor for the interregnum, Jane Bonnar taking responsibility for such arrangements as swiftly as maybe.

9.2 Such a pattern made the prioritisation of the Autumn/ Winter goals of the Baron Courts (1998) that much more important and at the forthcoming meeting in September that listing must be delineated.

10. Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 10.1 That the next and **34th** Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held in The Courts at *The Gothenburg* and in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre from 9.30 am September 24th 2002

10.2 As points of information:

- That the **3rd** AGM of the Baron Courts (1998) was held on August 19th 2002 at Wintoun House, Pencaitland at 8.30 am
- That the **Inaugural** Meeting of the Trustees of Baron Courts Charity was held on August 19th 2002
- That the **Inaugural** Meeting of Directors of Fowlers Ales (Prestoungrange) Limited was held on August 19th 2002
- That the **Inaugural** Meeting of Directors of East of Scotland Public House Company Limited was held on August 19th 2002

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

10.4 That the **36th** Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on December 16th 2002 at ALAQ Pty., 20 Yachting Towers, McArthur Parade, Main Beach, Queensland, Australia at 0.830 am.

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