

**MINUTES of the 32nd Meeting of the Baron Courts of
Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun (1998) held in The Hall at The
Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian on June 5th
& 27th 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 31st Meeting held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre,
Cockenzie & Port Seton on May 7th 2002**

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

2. Matters Arising

‘To-Do List’

Agreed: 2.1(a) That the myriad operational activities arising and recorded in the Minutes should in future form a ‘To-Do List’ monitored and reported Upon at each subsequent Meeting by Anne Taylor.

2.1(b) That the following items considered at the 31st and 32nd Meetings be placed on that list:

- Profiles & Personae from Murals #1 and #2 by Kate Hunter (JB)
- CVs of George McNeil and Kate Hunter (JB)
- *Edinburgh Gazette* entry for the Baron of Dolphinstoun (JB)
- Forth Estuary Forum/ Regular beach cleaning (JB)
- Old Gothenburg Pub Sign (AT)
- 1773 Impost for the Poor House (JB)
- The late Davy Steele’s CV and association with Summerlee (JB)

- Names of Preston Lodge School children and teachers who created the Pottery Mural June 24th/ 27th (AT)
- Response from Craig Harkness at Tennent-Caledonian re Fowler's Ales (AT)
- CISWO Liaison and Iain McAlpine (JB/AT)
- Adnam's style Water Jugs for Fowler's Ales (SB)
- Life of Thomas Nelson, Edinburgh Publisher and Investor in The Gothenburg (JB)

Accommodations & Sub-leases at Cockenzie

2.2 (Minute 02/31/2.4) That no action should be taken in respect of leases at Cockenzie Centre for the time being, but the content of the offer by the new landlords should be passed to Lindsays WS in respect of the STS.

Noted: 2.2 That IMCA and the University of Action Learning and their associated institutions would be making extensive use of The Hall during the period August 19th/ 24th, with the Baron Sergeant undertaking all liaisons.

Glass Case for Baronial Horns

Reported: 2.3 (Minute 02/31/2.5) That the glass case had been beautifully executed and was now at The Hall after adjustments to ensure stability for the horns within.

Scottish Tartans Society

2.4 (Minute 02/31/2.6) That progress continued to be excruciatingly slow and a response from the STS's solicitors was due mid July. The onset of holidays was likely to delay any further actions until the autumn.

Agreed: 2.4 That no further visits by STS Officers to The Hall should take place now until the matter had proceeded to arbitration. In the event of no satisfaction being received the artefacts would be offered for sale to offset the rentals being paid.

Charitable Status Report

Confirmed: 2.5 (Minute 02/31/2.7) That the formal Inland Revenue letter and references had now been received for the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun Limited (not the [1998] enterprise), as follows:

- **Scottish Charity # : SC 033139**
- **Tax file reference: CR53437**

Agreed: 2.5 That the Baron Sergeand should be the *Authorised Signatory* and that the relevant 'Charity Official Authorisation Form' should be completed and signed at the inaugural meeting of the Trustees to be held on August 19th 2002 at The Gothenburg.

Noted: 2.5 That only one Authorised Signatory was allowed for all reclaims of tax made to the Inland Revenue, and if the person concerned changes a new Form must be completed.

Prestongrange Tile Press

Agreed: 2.6(a) (Minute 02/31/2.8) That 50 tiles should now be commissioned from the drawings/ photographs made, possibly from Marg Hall at Wintoun House Stables, bearing the appropriate pressing of a size for use as teapot stands/ table mats.

2.6(b) That Anne Taylor in consultation with Jane Bonnar should secure a quotation and sample as soon as possible.

Brushstrokes # 2 & Murals Trail Guide

Reported: 2.7(a) (Minute 02/31/2.9) That *Brushstrokes # 2* was in preparation and that Jane Bonnar would finalise proofs with Prestongrange before printing.

2.7(b) That preparation for the Murals Trail Guide including extant art en route in Prestonpans was proceeding well.

3. Progress for Historical Series & Teaching Guides

Reported: 3.1 (Minute 02/31/3) That new authors have been located for titles as below for delivery before the year end, and an advertisement placed in *East Lothian Life* for volunteers against a further series of putative topics.

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

3.2 That Anne Taylor was now wholly up to date on stock levels of all published booklets and artefacts, including the now delivered place mats depicting *The Prestongrange Gothenburg – 1908*.

3.3 That the collaboration with Preston Lodge School was proving to be excellent and a bridgehead for use of the resources in schools in the town had at last emerged. Musselburgh High School will also be visiting the Museum and making use of the Resource Packs on the WebSite.

3.4 That good progress continued with No 13. on *The Gothenburg* and that Julie Aitken was still gathering local memories for inclusion as appropriate and for audio streaming. Prestoungrange had visited Carlisle to review the State Management Scheme there from 1915/ 1971 and evaluated the Report of the *Royal Commission on Licensing 1932* for England/ Wales and for Scotland. Contact has also been made with the Lord Mayor of Gothenburg in Sweden and a visit there is planned for July by the Baron and Lady of Prestoungrange.

3.5 That Jane Bonnar was continuing the search for authors for inter alia booklets on:

- *Prestonpans Toll Roads and Railways*
- *Social & Economic Consequences of the Closure of Prestongrange*
- *Friendly Societies in Prestonpans*
- *Preston Links Colliery and Cockenzie Power Station*

4. 2002 Murals Action Programme

Confirmed: 4.1 (Minute 02/31/4) That although details of the murals in hand have been lodged with the Planning Office no response had been received.

4.2 That Kate Hunter and Keli Clark were completing their designs for murals depicting The Salt Works and Pans Women.

Reported: 4.1 That Jim Corister had now completed an excellent mural, # 3 in the new series, on the theme *Water at Prestoungrange & Pumping it Out*. Work on # 4 at the BathHouse will commence by Andrew Crummie just as soon as a response is received from East Lothian Council.

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

4.3 That the pathway surface by the well appreciated bench seat was now completed with unsolicited graffiti from locals lads in the cement.

4.4 That the text from the William Grant Mural at Prestongrange Parish Church, taken from the interior of the old Baronial Pew/ now Organ

Loft, had been added to the WebSite. The Rev Robert Simpson had also made available poems by the Church's original 'turbulent' priest from 1596-1604, John Davidson. These would suggest that an Historical Series publication on the churches in Prestonpans is a future possibility, as well as the presentation of Poetry as an element in the Arts Festival in the years ahead.

4.5 That Preston Lodge School had undertaken a complete mural during their Activities Break from June 24th / 27th on the sea wall under the supervision of Andrew Crummie depicting Pottery at Prestonpans, and that they were to be congratulated and Andrew Crummie greatly thanked together with Kate Hunter who also attended. A celebration tea was held at The Gothenburg for all concerned and the Rev. Robert Simpson declared the mural (also reproduced on the WebSite) open for viewing.

5. The Prestoungrange Gothenburg

Reported: 5.1 That Stephen Larcombe had visited Prestonpans again and met with Chris Bonnar, Iain Turnbull and the East Lothian Planners. He had received full specification from Fisherrow Breweries and had now documented the Council Planners' initial feedback. He was meeting with Prestoungrange to agree next steps in Birmingham on July 10th .

5.2 That Historic Scotland had indicated no support could be given or work aided by them allowed to commence, before April 2004. This was deemed to rule out any useful relationship and Prestoungrange was writing to ascertain whether a more helpful way forward was possible. If it was not then no further requests would be made.

Agreed: 5.1 That it was appropriate to proceed with all relationships with the Council's Planners under the single guidance of Stephen Larcombe, this to include the currently tabled Repairs and Renovations Application now successfully lodged by Chris Bonnar/ Anne Taylor.

Reported: 5.3 That there was considerable media interest in the restoration of The Gothenburg and that Prestoungrange should meet with journalists as appropriate. A 600 word piece has already been created for *East Lothian Life* Autumn Issue.

Agreed: 5.2 To invite Bill Richardson to proceed forthwith on the several modernisation tasks including rewiring and plumbing for the Manger's Flat at The Gothenburg, Anne Taylor responsible for supervision. As appropriate window sills would be replaced.

5.4 That the Baron Sergeant liaise with the Land Registry to establish the price paid in 1998 by the owners of the parcel of land on the north seafront side of The Gothenburg so that an offer to purchase can be formally made to them.

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

Confirmed: 6.1 That Jane Bonnar and Prestoungrange would be attending making 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.

Agreed: 6.1 That Prestoungrange would create the structures and script and that Jane Bonnar would be responsible for creating the PowerPoint presentation per se.

6.2 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. To this end Prestoungrange will continue discussions with Matt Boffin.

6.3 That Chris Bonnar should be a member of the team at Moosejaw to deal with restoration aspects of the Heritage Centre for the Arts Festival.

6.4 That all arrangements for the University of Action Learning Credits and Masters program had been made and would be a permanent feature of the Association's Global 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 30 applications had been received and good entries were now arriving for the 21st Century Competition, which would be judged after June 30th, with a batch produced of the winning entry.

8. Any Other Business from 31st Meeting

History and Today in Photographs

8.1 That this project is still being progressed with the Musselburgh

and other Photographic Societies and the Competition for a 2003 Prestoungrange Calendar will be announced in Brushstrokes #3.

www.prestoungrange.org Redesign

8.2 That BiSWeb's new structure is nearing completion and is expected to go live in August for discrete access as follows:

- The Baron Courts per se – continuing
- The Prestoungrange Arts Festival
- Prestoungrange History – with the Local Historical Society
- The Gothenburg
- The Global Arts & Tourism Association

Appointments for Table Wines

8.3(a) That after a further visit to Debra Pratt of Inniskillen Vineyards at Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, by Prestoungrange, the UK distributors have now indicated that supplies are available and 10 cases have been ordered with good discount for IMCA/ UALB Congregation.

8.3(b) Cairnbrae Wines from the Marlborough Region in New Zealand have also been appointed as a second supplier of white table wines, and a quantity will shortly be purchased from the Scottish distributors at Oxenford Castle, By Pathhead.

Burns Night 2003 in Chemainus

8.4 Anne Wills continues to assemble the team of performers and presenters for this event and Prestoungrange will be visiting Alberta/ BC at Thanksgiving in October to finalise the commercial arrangements.

Michael McVeigh as Artist at Large

8.5 That Michael McVeigh has provided transparencies of his earlier work for use at the WebSite and is in progress with his first work in the Prestoungrange series of six commissioned over the next two years.

1745 Association

8.6 That the Barons of Prestoungrange and of Dolphinstoun have both joined the Association, which incidentally is not supportive of HRH Prince Michael's claim to be the current Head of the Royal House of Stewart/ Stuart. Burke's Peerage is currently conducting an independent evaluation of the claim. The President of the Association, Baron of Cushnie, has been advised that HRH Prince Michael has been

commissioned to write an Historical Booklet on The Battle of Prestonpans.

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

Agreed: 9.1 That the Baron Sergeand should 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.

9.2 That Anne Taylor 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.

9.2 That the Bank of Scotland be also notified of the change of name of the company and asked to issue new appropriate cheque books.

10. Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 10.1 That the next and 33rd Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre at 9.30 am on August 19th 2002

- 3rd AGM of the Baron Courts (1998): August 19th 2002 at Wintoun House, Pencaitland at 8.30 am
- Inaugural Meeting of the Trustees of Baron Courts Charity: August 19th 2002
- Inaugural Meeting of Directors of Fowlers Ales (Prestoungrange) Limited: August 19th 2002
- Inaugural Meeting of Directors of East of Scotland Public House Company Limited: August 19th 2002
- 34th Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998): September 24th 2002 at The Gothenburg, High Street, Prestonpans at 9.30 am
- 35th Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) : October 15th 2002 at Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, Fairford Street East, Moosejaw, Saskatchewan at 10.30 am.
- 36th Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998): December 16th 2002 at ALAQ Pty., 20 Yachting Towers, McArthur Parade, Main Beach, Queensland, Australia at 0.830 am.
- 37th Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998): February 21st 2003 at The Court, *The Gothenburg*, 227 High Street, Prestonpans, at 09.30 am.