**Resolution Approved by Trustees & by 18th AGM: November 14th 2024**

**Received: 01** Proposal from Hargreaves Services [Blindwells] Limited for a 2 year Exclusivity Agreement on Blindwells High Street Retail Units 7-13 to afford the opportunity and time to develop that location as the Trust’s intended eventual self-sufficient, sustainable Living History Centre for the Battle of Prestonpans & Jacobite Heritage.

**Confirmed: 0.1** That it is wholly appropriate that the fullest consideration should be given to the opportunity thus made available but that [i] a period of three years was more appropriate than the two suggested; and [ii] that there are a number of significant issues of principle which must be agreeable to all stakeholders ab initio if the requisite ‘world-class’ heritage location is to be created that can in due course be self-sustaining, as follows:

* That the ‘sense of place’ that the presence of the Living History Centre on the High Street will bring to Blindwells must be realised and optimised in all appropriate ways; as must the social and economic contribution such a Centre will bring as the community develops over the coming decades both for the local community itself but significantly for the considerable number of visitors the Trust will attract.
* East Lothian Council [ELC] shall necessarily confirm that the remaining ‘nationally designated’ battlefield area presently under agricultural cultivation and traversed by the 1722 Waggonway will be protected and interpreted in all possible ways.
* Hargreaves shall formally confirm that it will ensure that comprehensive delineation and interpretation in English and Gaelic will be given to the south/ north ‘designated route’ of the Riggonhead Defile.
* That a statue, Scotland’s first, of Prince Charles Edward and several Highlanders will be created howsoever in the immediate vicinity and that proposals for arts features telling the battle story will be included as appropriate.
* That an annual re-enactment of the epic Highlanders’ dawn march along the Riggonhead Defile arranged by the Trust in partnership with the local community shall be endorsed and enshrined as shall appropriate scale Living History activities round about the development itself.
* That the capacity of such facilities as are developed by and for the Trust shall be designed so that they can be used by the local community and heritage groups whensoever feasible e.g. education and theatre space.
* That schools and adult educational programmes including access groups and research enquiries shall continue to be an integral component of the activities conducted by the Trust.
* That the Trust shall identify its programme of intended on site and touring activities and its permanent and regularly changing displays across the initial five years cycle as the basis for such forecasts of attendances and net revenues as it advances.
* That the Centre will continue to embrace all Jacobite heritage from 1688 and the Trust’s leadership and support of the ‘Jacobite Trail’ and Annual National Festival.
* That the staffing resources of the Centre shall be professionally led in partnership with the Trust’s ever growing volunteers including Alan Breck re-enactors and tapestry stitchers.
* That adequate access for incoming visitors by bus and for parking shall be available
* That any lease of the land and any facilities to the Trust shall be for a minimum of 25 years.
* That ELC and Hargreaves shall give all such support as they are able to assist the Trust to attract the capital investment from national stakeholders and donors that is required to create the Living History Centre as the Blindwells community evolves.
* That until such time as Blindwells is a robustly developed community the requirement for sustainable self sufficiency cannot be met and the present pattern at Prestonpans Town Hall of sponsored ‘Grant Support’ will necessarily be maintained howsoever; a five year time scale to achieve self-sufficiency from initial opening is the Trust’s present forecast.