**BATTLE OF PESTONPANS [1745] HERITAGE TRUST**

**MINUTES OF THE 77/16 MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES HELD ON APRIL 21st 2016 IN THE JAMES PARK BISTRO at THE PRESTOUNGRANGE GOTHENBURG, 227/ 229 HIGH STREEET, PRESTONPANS**

**PRESENT:**

Herbert Coutts [Joint Chairman in the chair]

Sharon Beck

Brett Fletcher

Mark Jardine [Bankton House]

Arran Johnston

Gordon Prestoungrange

### Avril Wills

### *in attendance part-time:*

### *Further r*esidents of Bankton House & Steadings

**APOLOGIES:**

Gareth Bryn-Jones

Sylvia Burgess [Secretary]

John Curtis

Sharon Dabell

Richard Mackenzie

Baron of Dolphinstoun

Baron of Prestoungrange [Treasurer]

Pauline Jaffray

Pat O’Brien

**1 MINUTES of 76/16 Meeting** of the Trustees held on 17th March 2016 had been circulated by the Secretary and were certified correct.

**2 SCOTTISH POWER/ CONSULTATION & HARGREAVES RE BLINDWELLS & REPSOL/INCHCAPE**

1. That there have been no further reported developments in respect of Blindwells/ Charlestoun or from the ELC’s Un-minuted ‘Area Partnership’ Consultation Group; and resolved to make contact with both Hargreaves and the Consultataion Group – which latter has now received hypothecated funding from Scottish Enterprise to carry matters forward.
2. That in view of the present failure to secure agreement with Scottish Power for the Memorial Tables to be placed on the battlesite, an application for their temporary placing at the Prestonpans Community Centre could now be formally discussed with the Centre’s management team, and provisional conclusions reached by the forthcoming exhibition there of the Prestonpans Tapestry from June 4th /10th ; this notwithstanding the possible need at a future date to create the ‘legs’ anew when relocating.

**3** **JOINT WORKING** **PARTNERSHIP WITH ELC @ PRESTONGRANGE MUSEUM & HLF APPLICATION**

1. That the first formal meeting of the Joint Working Group with ELC’s Cllr Tim Day in the chair had taken place on April 13th in Haddington but Minutes were not yet available.
2. No agreement had been reached on the MoU required by the Trust but the Chairman confirmed that at the next meeting within 4 weeks it would be the first Agenda item.
3. The Chairman Cllr Tim Day had asked that Gordon Prestoungrange write to him formally concerning the putative In Kind contribution @ £10,000pa to the project costs by ELC which has been outstanding now for 18 months and this letter has been sent as attached.
4. Fiona King from BarkerLangham LLP confirmed that a site meeting with HLF should take place as soon as the 2nd Meeting had taken place to progress matters.
5. Kate Maynard had tabled an initial draft of the ‘Brief to Consultants for the holistic MasterPlan for Prestongrange Museum’ and invited comments thereon from the Trustees after discussion at this their 77th Meeting; the suggestions now made are given in red as attached to this Minute.
6. Cllr Tim Day’s office is making arrangements for the 2nd Meeting of the Joint Working Group at which Herbert Coutts and Arran Johnston assisted by Fiona King of Barker Langham will be the Trust’s representatives.
7. It is clear that the HLF summer deadline in August 2016 will be very tight but the Trustees agreed whilst being reasonable in the matter, any slippage was clearly highly undesirable and potentially politically unwise with ELC elections next arising in May 2017 – before which it is to be expected matters will be resolved and open fund raising beyond HLF well in hand.
8. That Gordon Prestoungrange should meet as soon as convenient with Darren Barker to review all aspects of the project and in particular arrangements during Fiona King’s upcoming maternity leave of absence.
9. That if progress is not now achieved post April 13th consideration should clearly be given to abandoning any further discussions with the Council.
10. That the requisite Consultation across the local community, commenced at the annual re-enactments, was still continuing successfully under the leadership of BarkerLangham, and the Interim Report had been tabled at the Joint Working Group.
11. That the Trust still very much wishes Cllr Willie Innes, as Leader of ELC Council, to make a formal public statement howsoever of its commitment to the Trust so that the Trust can proceed not only with HLF but more broadly across Government and private funders to seek the total £6m required for the world class facilities.

**4 VIRIDOR PROJECT/ BORD NA GAIDHLIG**

.01 That Arran Johnston had now briefed Eastern Displays of Musselburgh and Freakworks Exhibitions of Leith, to create the interior of the Doo’cot to the end June 2016 targeted deadline; and it was proceeding well with animated impressionistic projections to accompany the auld man’s monologue.

.02 That residents at Bankton House and the Steadings had been invited to supper at this meeting and the 4 able to attend had agreed with the Trust’s plans in respect of the pathway from Gardiner’s Obelisk to the Doo’cot along the dedicated walkway. A letter would be sent [attached] to all residents confirming actions and inviting them to join the Trustees once again if required on June 2nd at 7pm during the next meeting.

.03 That the ‘total’ Battle Trail/ Walk signage now completed from Keith Scott/ ELC’s suppliers is £1,300 be installed using the benefit of the Bord na Gaidhlig Grant so as to be in place for the early summer walkers.

.04 That the chains installed by Strawberry Corner had proved insufficiently robust and were being replaced; and now residents are content, John Sheddon can proceed forthwith to tackle the ‘total’ landscaping from the Memorial along the Walkway to the Doo’cot, pre-empting Spring growth whilst applying a suitable dressing surface at the muddiest sections. The gates and railings at each end will again be painted by the Alan Beck Regiment as contractors to Strawberry Corner and padlocks attached as appropriate.

.05 Discussions have taken place at the East Lothian Railway Partnership / Scotrail Group concerning signage from the ‘up’ platform to the battlefield walk and developments are still awaited.

.06 Eric Roseman and colleagues at Atom Coding were proceeding with the APP embracing [i] the battlefields walkers’ trail – short & long; [ii] the Prestonpans Tapestry; [iii] the Tranent/ Cockenzie Waggonway. It will certainly be completed by June 2016 and extensively available for the ‘modest’ 2016 commemoration schedules. Text for each location will be provided using Gaelic as well as English for [i] and [ii] with additional translations provided by Beathag Mhoireasdan.The extant French will also be included for the Tapestry.

.07 Recent careful clarification from Viridor re call downs of heir Grant has meant that funding is now arriving i.e. for the Bing [100%], Freakworks [Pt.1] and Gardner Molloy [Pt.1]. Fundng from Bord na Gaidhlig via ELC has arrived for the APP [Pt.1] and for Signage [100%].

.08 That Arran Johnston tabled for approval the Listings of Highland Clans [rather than their Regiments] and the Redcoat Regiments who were present at Prestonpans in 1745, all of which will appear on the top surface of their respective Memorial Table; and he is now liaising with Gardner Molloy.

**5 PRESTONPANS ‘MODEST 2016 & 2017’ BATTLE**

**COMMEMORATIONS & LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018**

.01 That a Grant of £5,000 had been gratefully received from Myra Galloway/ ELC Partnership Fund in support of the Trust’s 2016 Commemorations; a letter of thanks has been sent to Myra Galloway who is retiring from ELC in May 2016 for all her personal support since 2014.

.02 The 2016 modest yet visible series of commemorative events will be led by the Alan Brecks as is now customary. It is to be expected they will include the by-then-completed ‘Battlefield Walk – with APP, visits to the outcomes of the Viridor/ Dolphinstoun/ Bord na Gaidhlig grants, to Colonel Gardiner’s putative plaque at Tranent and the two Memorial Tables. It is also very much anticipated that the Prestonpans War Game, by then restored by Brett Fletcher, will be played - possibly in tournament format.

.03 That wreaths will be laid at the several memorials including on the battlefield where the Memorial Tables will eventually be placed and at Prestonpans Church.

.04 Whilst it was hoped the Doo’cot might be ready by then, whensoever it was formally opened, a key event would be held, perhaps inviting the Chairman of HES to perform the task.

.05 Looking forward to 2017, EventScotland have designated it as the nation’s Year of History, Heritage & Archaeology; it is envisaged the Trust should make provision for a ‘special’ event during the ‘Modest 2017’ re-enactments September 22nd/ 24th [immediately after the SBT’s Triennial Re-enactment in Pinkie Cleugh on September 15th/ 17th 2017 at which the Alan Breck’s will appear as Home’s Lothian Levy].

.06 That when the major re-enactment event returns to Prestonpans in 2018 consideration should be given to a focus on the Clans who came out with The Prince in 1745, as previously targeted in 2009 for the 1st Year of Homecoming, with the Trust’s Committee of High Sponsors invited to assist in the occasion.

**6** **SCHOOL VISITS/ BATTLE GAME BOARD/ WAR GAMES**

.01 Arran Johnston reported that School Visits were proceeding with support from East Lothian Council and directly.

.02 That Brett Fletcher, in association with Warwick Louth and the Prestoungrange Gothenburg, was working in the Scottish Battlefields Trust to take further initiatives in the playing of War Games, including Scottish battles, commencing at 2016 3Harbours in The Pans but also across the years ahead.

**7** **TAPESTRY/ FRIENDS GROUP**

.01 That a comprehensive Exhibition of the Tapestry and key

artefacts will be held at Prestonpans Community Centre from June 4th/ 10th 2016 during 3Harbours Festival; the Viridor Project/ Bankton Doo’cot will be explained and presented; Battlefields Walks undertaken in collaboration with Ed Bethune of the CRA/ Waggonway Friends ; and the opportunity to recruit Tour Guides and additional active Trustees explored through a series of talks.

.02 That it was hoped that Tapestry and artefacts can also be

exhibited elsewhere during the year in Dundee and in Carlisle at the anniversary commemorations there, and possibly at Dunblane Cathedral, Derby and Falkirk in due course.

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

.01 **Phonetic Lexicon for ‘Gaelic’ speaking Highlanders** is now with Anna Beard and Bord na Gaidhlig funds are available to capture the outcomes.

.02 **Colonel Gardiner’s Plaque @ Tranent Churchyard** requiresconsents from ELC which is responsible for the churchyard; funds are available to proceed, with details to be included on the Walkers’ leaflet and APP. Arran Johnston is progressing the matter and agreeing appropriate wording.

.03 **East Lothian Museums/ Archives** – that the Trust should ask for ELC to provide an inventory of its archives from the ’45; and that the public at large be asked to be in contact if any have finds accumulated over the years with a full amnesty proffered – possible as a corollary to the Consultation re Prestongrange Museum.

.04 **Queen Margaret University** – that discussions continue but no developments are likely directly.

.05 **Recruitment of ‘Active’ Trustees** – that proposals in respect of Jacobite nominees and representatives from the Bankton estate would be considered at the next meeting on June 2nd.

.06 **Additional Bank Signatories @ RBS** – Agreed that Arran Johnston and Brett Fletcher, in-coming Treasurer, should be added to the existing bank signatories, Sylvia Burgess and Gordon Prestoungrange.

.07 **Jacobite Exhibition at The National Museums of Scotland: June/ December 2017** – resolved to support this exhibition in all possible ways including the offer to exhibit The Prestonpans Tapestry, display of our Trust’s artworks, possibly offer the Trust’s two plays at the Fringe, and so far is possible offer ‘authentic’ tales from the ’45 for *Outlander* fans including Guided Tours and the Walkers APP.

**9 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

1. That the **Joint Working Group with ELC will meet on the proposal of its Chairman, Cllr Tim Day,** in the next 3weeks and outcomes will be considered at the 78th Meeting of Trustees on June 2nd .

.02 The Battle Trust will exhibit **The Prestonpans Tapestry at the 11th 3Harbours Festival from 4th/ 10th June 2016** at The Prestonpans Community Centre.

.03 The next 79/16 Meeting of the Trustees will be held from 6pm on **Thursday 14th July 2016** at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg or earlier on the call of the chair.

.04 The Scottish Battlefields Trust’s Triennial East Lothian Cycle will see the **DUNBAR 1650 Re-enactment** take place on **September 16th / 18th** **2016**

.05 The Battle Trust’s 10th Anniversary will see **‘Modest 2016’ Commemorations take place in Prestonpans from September 23rd/25th 2016**