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

**MINUTES OF 92/17 MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES HELD ON November 24th 2017 AT THE PRESTOUNGRANGE GOTHENBURG, PRESTONPANS EH32 9BE**

**PRESENT:**

Herbert Coutts [Joint Chairman in the chair]

Sharon Beck

Brett Fletcher

Arran Johnston

Gordon Prestoungrange of Lochnaw

Avril Wills of Lochnaw

Sean Wood

**APOLOGIES:**

Gareth Bryn-Jones

Sylvia Burgess

John Curtis

Sharon Dabell

Pauline Jaffray

Mark Jardine

Richard Mackenzie

Pat O’Brien

Julian Wills of Dolphinstoun

Mathew Wills of Prestoungrange

1. **MINUTES of 91/17 Meeting** of the Trustees held on October 26th 2017 had been circulated by the Secretary and wereconfirmed.

**2 COCKENZIE ‘FUTURES FORUM’ MASTER PLAN/ LIVING HISTORY CENTRE LOCATION/ ELC PLANNING CONSENT RE MEMORIAL TABLES**

1. That Susan Smith at ELC Economic Development had written seeking to delay the exploration of the three identified locations for the putative Living History Centre, but she was hopeful it could be done in January. As such the previously agreed plan to make progress at the suggestion of the Provost’s by Christmas was unachievable.
2. Agreed that regardless of where the preferred location might be the specification would include ample scope for community engagement and educational activities.
3. That the Master Plan had now been published which argues that its designated Zone 4, being the battlesite, should be conserved as a ‘green lung’ in whatsoever industrial/ commercial developments take place at the site of the former Power Station which is most pleasing regardless of the accompanying Statement from ELC that it has not been adopted by the Council but presented as a basis for further discussion etc..
4. That despite Scottish Power’s announcement that ELC was its preferred bidder for the Power Station lands no sale had yet been effected.
5. That in the light of the Master Plan’s perspectives, the Trust should apply for firm Planning Consent to create the Field of Remembrance with the 2 Memorial Tables and for the resumption of agriculture on the balance of lands at Thorntree and Waggonway Fields.
6. That although our earlier Planning Consent In Principle has now expired Gareth Bryn-Jones be asked immediately to seek firm Consent from ELC to proceed as at 05. above in consultation with Arran Johnston and Herbert Coutts to ensure the desired location is identified and made the focus of such application.
7. In making the case at 06. above the imminent Dedication of the Tables on September 15th 2018 be made known to the Council so that a permanent location can be agreed upon by that date.

**3 NEXT STEPS WITH HLF APPLICATION/ ELC ENGAGEMENT & OWN ORGANIC DEVELOPMENT**

1. That an Application for Resilience Funding be submitted as soon as possible to HLF and that the proposal tabled by Gordon Prestoungrange was an acceptable basis for that – proposing as it does that the Trust should evaluate all options for its future taking external counsel and initiating comparative studies of other successful battlesite conservation groups.
2. Agreed to continue working with NTS and Visit-EventScotland in such reassessment, and seek to involve HES howsoever building on the SBT re-enactments at Newhailes House and now agreed twin-tapestry exhibition at Stanley Mills and possibly Stirling Castle.
3. Confirmed that notwithstanding 01. above, Arran Johnston will sustain our thinking about the putative Battlefield Living History Centre to report December 8th, identifying in broad terms what we feel it could offer visitors – (a) views across the battlefield, with associated high quality Augmented Reality [A/VR] interpretation; (b) opportunity to see the Battle of Prestonpans Tapestry, displayed in its entirety, in an appropriate manner and environment to ensure its long-term conservation; (c) themed changing displays of panels from the Diaspora Tapestry; and(d) museum exhibits and works of art (both historic and contemporary) telling the Jacobite story in 1745/46.
4. Agreed that associated facilities we could expect in the Centre might include – (a) education plus performance room; (b) reserve collections store; (c) battle board gaming area; (d) café/shop; (e) administrative offices; (f) Scottish Battlefields Trust office and display space; (g) storage space to supplement offsite warehouse.
5. Agreed that inter alia our rotating themes would be (a) literature/ storytelling and song; (b) drama; (c) embroiderers’ art; (d) Clans; (e) local family connections; (f) Hanoverian Regiments; and (g) International Jacobite Trail 1686/ 1807.
6. Agreed that external space would be used for cameo re-enactments and open air participation by school and other groups in aspects of life in 18th century Scotland.

09. Whilst not an essential feature of the initial project, it remains our constant ambition also to raise funds to commission the first equestrian sculpture of Prince Charles Edward Stuart in Scotland, to be displayed in a location associated with the Battle Centre with the aim to create/ augment a visitor destination in its own right.

**4 JACOBITE TRAIL/ VISIT SCOTLAND/ NTS UPDATES**

.01 That discussions had continued re VisitScotland Growth Fund resources for the SBT’s ‘Permanent’ Jacobite Trail and with NTS to evaluate how the assets developed in 2017 might be conserved/ augmented – most especially the elements from NTS, HES and The Palace of Holyrood.

.02 That Claire Willis at NTS had put the SBT into contact with the contractors for the 2017 Jacobite website, Zoe Irwin and a meeting had been held at which she was made aware of the SBT’s sustaining interest –and the hope to work with her group at 83Agency in future.

.03 The next step would come after the awaited publication of the 2017 Jacobite Campaign Report from NTS/ HES/ Holyrood & NMS.

**5 PRESTONPANS SEPTEMBER 14/ 15/16 2018**

.01 That the major SBT re-enactment in Prestonpans in September 2018 planned for Greenhills will be preceded by the BPHT’s focus on the *‘Clans who Came Out with The Prince in 1745’,* as previously targeted in 2009 for Scotland’s 1st Year of Homecoming; and with representation from the British Army.

.02 The Trust’s Committee of High Sponsors had assisted in the Expression of Interest for VisitScotland’s Clan Grant in support of the proposed Call to The Clans for the dedication of the 2 Memorial Tables crafted by Gardiner Molloy with Viridor funding; and that application had been successful at £5,000.

.03 Martha Bryce, who so ably led the Pinkie Cleugh PR, has been offered the PR/ Marketing Contract for the Dedication phase which must be kept discrete from the SBT re-enactment per se.

.04 Sylvia Burgess is working directly with Clan Chiefs re their representation and Arran Johnston with Euan Barker from Edinburgh Castle for the British Army.

.05 Details of residents in all eponymous street names after Clans along with Johnnie Cope Road and Gardiner Road & Crescent will be collated to encourage participation.

.06 A Memorial/ Dedication Procession is proposed at 9.30am/ 10.45am from the Gardiner Crescent/ Terrace by the Miners’ Memorial to Greenhills, which activity will replace the traditional Riggonhead Defile Walk at 5am on the Saturday morning.

.07 That the Chief of Clan MacDonell of Glengarry has expressed the wish that his Clan name be correctly recorded; and the omission of Clan MacDonald of Glencoe will also be rectified.

.08 Gardner Molloy also wishes to make a sculptural adjustment to the legs of the tables to improve appearance and, subject to agreement with Gareth Bryn-Jones, that was agreed.

.09 SBT will be seeking grants in support from both EventScotland National Events and from ELC Signature Events as in Pinkie Cleugh in 2017 abnd great attention will be focussed on the dynamics of the encampment.

**6** **SCHOOL VISITS/** **LECTURES/** **TAPESTRY EXHIBITIONS & CONSERVATION/ BATTLE BOARD WAR GAMING**

.01 School visits / lectures continue including sessions a third annual visit to Longniddry Primary and to Duddingston’s Primaries; a weekend session at Holyrood has been held; the annual St Andrew’s/ Saltire Festival will see a night walk.

.02 Diaspora Tapestry exhibitions are planned for Carlisle Border Kirk and with HES at Stanley Mills and possibly Stirling Castle in 2018 with plans for New Lanark early in 2019.

.03 That there were no current plans for exhibition of the Battle Tapestry currently beyond Stanley Mills and it was agreed that this was an appropriate moment to consider a halt to its touring programme. It was agreed this should be considered for Summer 2018 with one final Farewell Exhibition perhaps after which it should be restored and held appropriately until it could be placed on permanent exhibition in its eventual home.

.04 That Dorrie Wilkie, Lead Stitcher for the Tapestry in 2009/ 2010, has volunteered to bring together a team of stitchers from the community as early as Autumn/ Winter 2018 to undertake such cleaning/ restoration/ mending as *might* be required before being placed in appropriate storage.

.05 Noted that QR tags linking the panels to the APP have now been provided by the APP’s creator Eric Rosoman.

.06 That LEADER fund to which an unsuccessful bid was made by SBT has expressed an interest in a component thereof i.e. battle wargame boards for educational and competition uses and that this would be followed through. Brett Fletcher agreed to provide suggestions by year end to form the basis for such a bid that should also include a simplified Prestonpans Board.

**7 STATUTORY REPORT & ACCOUNTS TO OCTOBER 31 2017**

.01 Received and approved the Report and Account for the year ended October 3st 2017 to be tabled at the AGM, and thanked Sylvia Burgess and Tony Gillingham for their preparation.

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

.01 **Spanish Civil War Theatre: 549** is finalizing plans with ELC/ Brunton Theatre and tabling an application to CreativeScotland for presentation by Panner Robbie Gordon and Jack Nurse in late January 2018/ early February in Prestonpans Town Hall; the Trust having pledge a donation of £1,000 towards its production here.

.02 That supporters in Brittany continue their efforts to install a plaque commemorating Prince Charles’ departure there in July 1745 at **Bonne Asne** but the Maire has not been supportive yet, suggesting that a Conference / Symposium might be convene there in 2018 – with the Trust’s support.

.03 That consideration was being given to arranging a commemoration of the 230th **anniversary of the death of Prince Charles Edward** on Wednesday January 31st 2018.

.04 That, following discussions, an invitation be made to **Kenneth Cameron WS** to join as an elected Trustee at the forthcoming AGM of the Trust.

.05 Thanked Sharon Beck for her **Final Report on the partnership project with 6 schools for the Diaspora Tapestry** and noted the lessons learned.

.06 Expressed the ambition that the creation by Dunoon and an exhibition there early in 2018 can be the basis for improved designs for interaction with schools not last under the Resilience Programme and also with HES exhibitions in 2018.

**9 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

.01 That the 10th AGM of the Alan Breck Regiment of Prestonpans Volunteers will be held at the Prestoungrange Gothenburg on Friday **December 8th 2017** when Colonel in Chief Martin Margulies will be in attendance.

.02 That a Mass for Prince Charles Edward will be held on January 31st 2018 [tbc]

.03 That the 93/18 Meeting of the Trustees will be held on Thursday February 1st 2018 at 6pm.

.04 That the 94/18 Meeting of the Trustees will be held on Thursday **March 8th 2018.**