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

**MINUTES OF 98th MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES HELD ON August 8th 2018 IN THE JAMES PARK BISTRO AT THE PRESTOUNGRANGE GOTHENBURG, PRESTONPANS EH32 9BE**

**PRESENT:**

Herbert Coutts [Joint Chairman in the chair]

Sharon Beck

Arran Johnston

Gordon Prestoungrange of Lochnaw

Avril Wills of Lochnaw

Mathew Wills of Prestoungrange

Sean Wood

**APOLOGIES:**

Gareth Bryn-Jones

Sylvia Burgess

Kenneth Cameron

John Curtis

Sharon Dabell

Brett Fletcher

Pauline Jaffray

Mark Jardine

Richard Mackenzie

Pat O’Brien

Julian Wills of Dolphinstoun

1. **MINUTES of 97/18 Meeting** of the Trustees held on July 5th 2018, which had been circulated by the Secretary, were proposed/ seconded and confirmed as a correct record.

**2 ACHIEVING THE ‘AGREED MANIFESTO’ WITH HLF RESILIENCE SUPPORT**

1. Received and Agreed the advice of the HLF Resilience Taskforce recommending acceptance of the Element [i] External Audit tender at £9,900 gross + VAT from DC Research of Carlisle, led by Dr Stephen Connolly; confirmed a Letter of Acceptance be forwarded to them.
2. Noted that it was to be anticipated, if good progress was achieved by end November by DC Research, that they would be invited to share in consolidation of the External Audit with the conclusions from the Comparative Evaluation (Element [ii]) to create the ‘Draft’ Manifesto and beyond that the processes of Consultation in Element [iii] to arrive at the ‘Agreed Manifesto’.
3. That it was important to table Resilience 2 Application at the earliest opportunity in 2019 to seek implementation of the ‘Agreed Manifesto’ and that the Restricted Funds for the permanent Living History Centre including tapestry displays would be invested at that juncture as matching funds.
4. *Arran Johnston was asked to leave the meeting for discussion of the contract for Element [ii], the Comparative Study, since he had already indicated his wish to bid for that contract.* After discussion of the range of alternatives potentially available it was resolved by those still present to instruct the HLF Resilience Taskforce to identify Arran Johnston as Preferred Supplier subject to an acceptable formal Tender being evaluated by them and brought for decision at the next meeting of the Trustees on October 4th.
5. Such a Contract for Element [ii] must necessarily be completed ready for consolidation with the outcome from DC Research to Element [i] to create the ‘Draft’ Manifesto by end January 2019.
6. The HLF Resilience Taskforce was instructed that both Elements [i] and [ii] studies must address the balance of digital and tactile Living History both in assessing the status quo and subsequently arriving at the ‘Draft’ Manifesto; this to include combined audience sequencing options of tactile/ digital and digital/ tactile alongside ‘simple virtual reality’ approaches.

**3. BATTLEFIELD CONSERVATION/ MEMORIAL TABLES & AGRICULTURE**

1. Reported that conclusions of the Government Reporter on the Application for the SubStation to be built on the former Power Station site, which ELC opposes, is awaited.
2. That Ray Montgomery, ELC Manager of the acquired Power Station lands, has been able to secure agreement for the two Memorial Tables to be erected at a midpoint on the Waggonway and an MoA to give that effect [attached] as submitted to the Trustees should be executed by the Secretary forthwith.
3. The MoA involves the donation of the tables to ELC with the right of withdrawal at 3 months’ notice by either party; this arrangement was agreed as optimal at the present time with the imminent attendance of Clan Chiefs / Representers on September 15th.
4. Agreed that Gardner Molloy with guidance from Gareth Bryn-Jones should install the Tables by the first week of September and that due attention must then be given to the landscaping of the area.
5. That Arran Johnston was updating the associated Interpretation Board with Osprey and that Keith Scott will be asked to install a new English/ Gaelic sign at the northern end of the Waggonway and update the extant signage at the southern end.
6. That Beathag Mhoiresdan has already provided the requisite Gaelic translation: *Bùird Cuimhneachaidh a’ Bhatail,* which has been forwarded to Keith Scott at ELC.
7. That the Trust would continue to seek the earliest opportunity for agriculture to be resumed on the battlefield/ Zone 4 in discussions with ELC.
8. That Arran Johnston should seek competitive quotations for an archaeological survey of the battlesite to the immediate east and west of the Waggonway, and of the Waggonway itself, with particular reference to the Scheduled Monuments designations.

**4. CHARLESTOUN ‘LIVING HISORY CENTRE’ DISCUSSIONS WITH HARGREAVES**

1. That Gareth Bryn-Jones had had his initial meeting with the Charlestoun Design Team working for Hargreaves, exploring how the Trust’s Living History Centre might possibly be located at the NW corner of the new community. He reported the option of an elevated building with a rotunda. Plans are afoot for a field visit by Trustees during August.
2. That ELC is aware of these discussions but not participating therein, nor following through on the option for the Centre in the Coal Store area of the former Power Station as originally intended.

**5. THE JACOBITE TRAIL**

1. Arran Johnston has collated details of sites and potential independent partners in the proposed Trail but none have yet been approached.
2. That the project should now proceed with the aim of convening a Symposium of the interested parties at the beginning of 2019.

03. That Gail Williamson from HES has been followed up and is circulating details there.

04. That collaboration with HES/ NTS must be a key vector in the future development and that open exploratory debate should be held howsoever at SBT’s 6th Biennial Symposium in October 2018.

05. That the putative design of the Trail was deemed a good basis to open discussion with changes as the participating members made their views apparent.

06. That Herbert Coutts should hold exploratory discussions with Mike Taylor to see whether he would be willing to work with the Trust to develop a comprehensive Jacobite Assets Inventory in the coming years, not only as a key element in presenting the Trail on line but also as a ready source of artefacts for selected Exhibitions by members. Together an application for funds might be considered.

**6. 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 two week’s straddling the re-enactment will see the Prestonpans Tapestry on display at Cockenzie House and a Paper Soldiers exhibition of 2500 combatants on each side in the Thomas Nelson Suite at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg.

.03 Martha Bryce is already leading PR/ and Marketing Contact for the Parade phase which is being kept discrete from the SBT re-enactment per se [where she has also been appointed to a similar role by SBT.]

.04 Residents in all eponymous street names after Clans along with Johnnie Cope Road and Gardiner Road & Crescent are receiving a formal invitation to Clan Nights during August/ September.

.05 That *East Lothian Courier* will carry a 2pp Advertorial and a half page final reminder in September, with newly appointed Andrew Petrie as the Prestonpans contact as Marie Sharp is away for 2 years working on Local Government Democracy in The Lothians jointly with the BBC.

.06 The publicity in *East Lothian Life* Summer 2018 Edition included an 8pp insert that will have a run-on of 9,500 copies for distribution by the Post Office across The Pans immediately preceding the re-enactment.

.07 Aadam Mohammed is undertaking responsibility for the enhanced food/ drinks provision with a major marquee and beer ‘festival’ provision by The Prestoungrange Gothenburg now agreed.

.08 Appropriate arrangements are in hand for the attendance of the Lord Lieutenant, Provost and Clan Chiefs/ Representers - all are being encouraged to bring attired Clan members and banners as possible.

.09 Now that the Memorial Tables will be in position by September 15th a visit to those Tables will be included in their programme as well as a Concluding Luncheon at 1pm.

**7.** **TAPESTRY EXHIBITIONS/ BATTLE BOARD WAR GAMING/ SCHOOL VISITS**

.01 Diaspora Tapestry exhibitions continue, currently for three months in the summer at Garioch Heritage Centre in Inverurie. Future plans for 2019 already include New Lanark Mills and Glasgow’s Episcopalian Cathedral during the West End Festival throughout June. Book/ merchandise sales at Stanley Mills had exceeded £2,000 and were going well at Garioch where Arran Johnston’s new title has also been delivered.

.02 That the possibility for a *stitcher-driven* Hong Kong Exhibition is still being explored although a much broader would probably be more appropriate for 2019/ 2020, visiting the stitchers there.

.03 That Brett Fletcher is proceeding well with the carry-easy Battle Game Boards for all three locations in partnership with SBT and HES Interpretation Fund support; the large scale Prestonpans Board will be used for major exhibition and play purposes – e.g. the 2018 Re-enactment.

.04 School visits and occasional lectures and tour groups continue on a regular basis.

**8. TAPESTRY CONSERVATION & ONLINE ACCESS**

.01 That Herbert Coutts had approached Hopetoun’s Scottish Conservation Studio and Tuula Pardoe, Textiles Conservator there, is willing to make an initial assessment of the likely requirements for such work; carrying such work forward is to be part of the HLF Resilience/ Agreed Manifesto project. Such initial observation will be arranged by Herbert Coutts as appropriate during the September exhibition at Cockenzie House.

.02 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.

.03 Efforts are still in hand with Eric Roseman to restore the full online access to the tapestry which was lost when Raeltech replaced their main server. The PowerPoint access there *is* still functional.

.04 Final stitchers’ detailing at the Scottish Diaspora website is in hand.

.05 That Friends of the Tapestries meeting will be convened in November both to update all involved but also to enable DC Research to meet with individuals as part of its External Audit.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

.01 **1745 Association Gathering’s Visit to Prestonpans September 8th – full day:** two short articles for the Jacobite magazine in Spring and Winter issues are to be prepared, the first has now appeared. The Members will be hosted by the Trust throughout the day with sustenance at The Gothenburg. The opportunity will be taken by DC Research to elicit opinions.

.02 Agree that the update of the **Asset Register** will be completed for the 12th AGM in November which is most important to ensure full insurance cover and adequate re-ordering of merchandise and Official Guides.

.03 That the commemorative plaque for **Colonel Gardiner** at Tranent Churchyard was now to hand – and exhibited to Trustees. It will be installed before September 15th. The plaque will be dedicated on September 21st.

.04 That the plaque for **Captain Stewart** at Prestongrange Church is also approved and funded, but not yet commissioned.

.05 That following the Trust’s invitation issued to **Tom Shearer MBE**, retiring Head of Communities with ELC, an informal meeting was been held but no decision is yet forthcoming.

.06 Discussions are exploring options with Wonderfools for a 21st century SongDrama ‘**Spirit of the Tartan’.**

.07 That Sean Wood had been in discussion with potential donors/ sponsors for the work of the Trust, **The Rocketeers**, and would keep all informed on any progress.

**9. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

.01 That the **1745 Association will visit Prestonpans on September 8th 2018** to tour the battlefield and tapestry/ paper soldiers, and taking lunch at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg.

.02 That the Trust’s **Parade & Commemoration** **will take place on September 15th 2018** – 10.00AM/ 10.45AM, supported by VisitScotland’s Clan Fund, followed by a Visit by Clan Chiefs/ Representers to the Memorial Tables.

.03 That the **Encampment and Re-enactments** led by the Alan Brecks for the Scottish Battlefields Trust, supported by EventScotland and ELC, will take place from 11AM/ 5PM on **September 15th & 16th**.

.04 That the **99/18 Meeting** of the Trustees will be held on Thursday **October 4th 2018**

.05 That the **100/18 Meeting** of the Trustees followed by the 12th AGM of the Members both be held on **November 15th 2018**; this shall take place proximately with a ‘Celebratory’ Meeting with the **Friends of the Tapestries**.

.06 The **AGM of the Alan Brecks Regiment** will be held on a date yet to be determined in the presence of its Colonel-in-Chief, Martin Margulies.