

MINUTES of the 40th Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun (1998) held in The Courts at *The Gothenburg*, High Street, Prestonpans on June 6th 2003

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun*
Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal*
Baron Sergeand
Dempster
Anne-Marie Allan
Andrew Crummy
Thomas Ewing+
Jim Forster
Kate Hunter+
Bill Robertson+
George Thompson+ *Microbrewer*
+ part time * by e-communication

1. Minutes of 39th Meeting held at The Courts, *The Gothenburg*, Prestonpans on May 20th 2003

Confirmed: 1.1 That these Minutes were correct and now available at the Website.

2. Matters Arising

Craigmillar Communiversity

Reported: 2.1 (Minute 03/39/12) By Andrew Crummy that his colleagues were following through on the offer from Revans University – The UAL in Colorado and expected Associates to commence in the coming months.

The 12 Tennant Girls of 1986

2.2 (Minute 03/39/2.1[a]Ag) That Jim Forster was still following through with his colleague James Hogg who possessed all the series of 12 cans and that they would be available for exhibition at the Gothenburg.

Agreed: 2.2 That once the cans were to hand details of the campaign would be

sought for publicity purposes and the ladies concerned should be traced for a celebration event at The Gothenburg in due course.

prestonpans.com

Reported: 2.3 (Minute 03/39/10) There had been no further contact with John Berrick/ EU Social Inclusion activists concerning Prestonpans.com but that the issue of a local website managed by others to which we link and which we support as best we might should remain a policy objective not least to publicise the upcoming activities and events of The Gothenburg.

Sponsored bus in Prestonpans

2.4 (Minute 03/39/2.1[b]) That Olivia Begbie of Help The Aged in Edinburgh had written further to Prestoungrange's letter to Julie Aitken who is away pregnant reporting that good progress is being made and a "Bus Will Be Along Shortly". As such no further action is required and Prestoungrange would write shortly contributing a further £1000 personally and wishing the appeal good luck.

Global Association Search Engine

2.5 (Minute 03/39/2.1[c]) That all details of the murals and the characters depicted therein were still arriving and that at the next meeting a definitive template must be tabled and copy remitted to the Webmaster for hanging.

Online Boutique

2.6 (Minute 03/39/2.1[d]) That the collation of illustrative pictures for the Online Boutique for all Baron Courts artefacts will shortly be passed to the WebMaster.

Prestonpans CD from Greentrax

2.7 (Minute 03/39/2.1[f]) That the order for 150 CDs has been placed with Greentrax provided specific Prestonpans/ Prestoungrange labelling can be used for them, and Iain Green has been invited to play the tracks at the Lord Mayor's Luncheon in The Gothenburg on July 23rd.

Michael McVeigh

2.8 (Minute 03/39/2.1[h]) That AnneMarie Allen continued to follow up with briefing Michael McVeigh re #2 The Mercat Cross as he

attempts completion before the Lord Mayor's Visit.

Coal Trail Leaflet

2.9 (Minute 03/39/2.1[(b)) That Annemarie Allan's research to update the Coal Trail and Murals Trail is now virtually complete, and with other appropriate items added from Prestonpans of architectural significance e.g. key buildings, memorials to the Battle and Colonel Gardiner, a new Combi-Leaflet would be produced that linked the Scottish Mining Museum at Newtongrange/ Dean Tavern to the Prestoungrange Arts Festival and *The Gothenburg* including the microbrewery, with Pauline Jaffray and colleagues as designers. Target date for release to be end September/ early October 2003.

Agreed: 2.9 That Annemarie Allan should make contact with the marketing staffs at the Scottish Mining Museum and establish how best to produce such a Combi-Leaflet that they will be willing to stock and at the same time to ascertain whether they are prepared to also stock and sell some/ all of the Prestoungrange Historical Series booklets and possibly for insertion in *East Lothian Life* in due course.

3. Prestoungrange Historical Series # 14-16 - and beyond

Reported: 3.1 That copy was with the printers for #14 & 15, being the *Battle of Prestonpans* and *Steamed Up at Prestongrange*, and both would be published before July 23rd when it was hoped HRH Prince Michael will attend. Final documents were still awaited for *The Glenkinchie's Story* after the disk provided has been analysed.

Agreed: 3.1 That every effort should continue to be made to trace a living sapling from the original hawthorn following references in the text Annex 2 for planting at *The Gothenburg* and that Jim Forster be asked to explore this with Annemarie Allan providing the research background.

3.2 That the proposal for publicity for Peter MacKenzie's Annual Battlefield Walk was still open and Anne Taylor would contact him for details to include with the next Brushstrokes in August/ September and also to promote booklet #14 thereat.

3.3 That Annemarie Allan would pursue School Relations on a focussed basis with Preston Lodge and seek to discuss possible uses with staff members of that school whilst they working on the beach mural in July.

Reported: 3.2 That discussions re #17 upwards for the series were going well

addressing the History and Architecture of all the Churches in Prestonpans commencing with the original monks, Witchcraft and David Lowe's Market Gardens. Advertisements appear regularly in *East Lothian Life* for authors.

3.3 That the inventory of booklets held at Milton Malsor had now been transferred.

3.4 That the Vice Chancellor of Napier University and her Marketing Manager, Brenda Munro, were supporting the production of a joint booklet on the Prestoungrange Ceiling now at Murchiston Tower and when ready it would form the basis for a joint PR activity. Annemarie Allan is retrieving the collection of photographs made by Janice McNab in 1999 and liaising with Brenda Munro to move the project forward, and Prestoungrange will be writing to the Vice Chancellor Professor Joan Stringer CBE to apprise her of progress.

4. Publication of *Brushstrokes* #4 and # 5 in 2003

Reported: 4.1 That issue #4 had appeared on schedule at end May 22nd and in its distribution had included the Invitation to all in Prestonpans for the Beach Celebration on July 23rd.

Agreed: 4.1 That # 5 would be produced immediately after the Lord Mayor's Visit and will inter alia contain a Report on the visit, full details of plans from Purple Design for and progress at *The Gothenburg*, the Battlefield Walk linked to the new Historical Booklet # 14 on the Battle of Prestonpans from HRH Prince Michael of Albany, and Kate Hunter's new mural commemorating John Muir, Thomas Nelson and Gothenburg at The Baronial Steps.

4.2 Publication day is scheduled by August 31st and all concerned should work to that date so that it can be timely for the Battlefield Walk announcement and before Prestoungrange sets off for Lindsay. The Foreword Author will be chosen from the craftsmen at work on the Gothenburg Restoration possibly Richard Powell.

Confirmed: 4.1 That Annemarie Allan will act as Editor of all copy for #5 but it must be signed off by Prestoungrange.

4.2 That no plans are yet in hand for *Brushstrokes* #6

5. Murals Funding, Painting & Hanging Programme in 2003/ 2004

- Reported:** 5.1 That Margaret and Adele Conn were now making excellent progress with Kate Hunter on the John Muir/ Gothenburg mural with completion assured although most regrettably Kate Hunter will not be able to attend on July 23rd so Margaret and Adele Conn will be to the fore on their joint behalves.
- 5.2 That applications for external funding continued under the leadership of Andrew Crummy and considerable success was being achieved – for a mural at the Cockenzie Power Station, a second in association with Preston Lodge School and another working with a Youth Arts Group from London – the latter during the week of the Lord Mayor’s Visit.
- 5.3 That no progress had yet been made on the ‘muralisation’ of the car parking space opposite *The Gothenburg* be used to recall Prestoungrange Brickworks or the proposed cairn to be constructed there from the Prestoungrange Bricks being salvaged during the restoration of the building – but Sylvia Burgess will report further to the next meeting.
- 5.4 That all the signs for the creation of the Prestoungrange Totem Pole by 2006 looked excellent and Annemarie Allan would shortly be meeting Kenny Grieve, a Scottish enthusiast of Treefest at Brotus Crafts to seek their advice as well as Prestoungrange updating the Mayor in Chemainus on advice from Karl Schutz.

- Agreed:** 5.1 That the Prestoungrange Totem Pole should become the symbol of the 2006 Conference in Prestonpans of the Global Association and a tribute to all the help Chemainus has given us and so many others around the globe.

6. Visit by Lord Mayor of Gothenburg: July 22nd/ 23rd 2003

- Confirmed:** 6.1 That all final arrangements had now been confirmed to the Lord Mayor, Invitations despatched and details were all being attended to including attendance by the Prestonpans Town Crier.
- 6.2 That the opportunity of PR coverage of the event and the associated Arts Festival is being managed under consultancy contract by Kristin Cunningham including news coverage and feature articles for the Scottish national press as well as local coverage in the Lothians.
- 6.3 George Thompson had kindly made all the necessary arrangements to secure Swedish and Scottish beers including Foster’s Wee Heavy, Carnegie Porter, Pripps Bla and Falcon Export Ales for the Luncheon.

6.4 The officially appointed wines from Cairnbrae in New Zealand and Inniskillen from lake Niagara had been ordered, and the Glenkinchie would be served.

6.5 That arrangements for the visit to Dean Tavern on July 23rd were progressing, but that a visit to The Goth in Armadale was not likely to be feasible so its top team had been invited to Prestonpans for July 23rd.

6.6 That local artist Thomas Ewing would be offered the opportunity to commemorate the Visit of The Lord Mayor on canvas and that Prestoungrange would write to him immediately offering the commission with one copy going to the Lord Mayor at Christmas and the other being kept for *The Gothenburg's* own display.

6.7 That arrangements for beach cleaning where the visitors will attend are in hand.

6.8 That ten red leather bound anthologies of the Historical Booklets #1 to #15 will be produced by John Unwin in celebration of the visit by the Lord Mayor with a souvenir copy for him and for members of the Courts all of which he will be asked to sign.

7. Restoration & Re-opening of *The Goth*

Reported: 7.1 That Stephen Larcombe continued to take matters forward but all real progress was still being disrupted by Planning delays. Bill Robertson the Building Contractor was undertaking as much restoration work as feasible without the need for Consents, as were those dealing with the microbrewery and the bar/ tiles/ windows. All were heading for a good looking work-in-progress state of play on July 23rd.

7.2 That all the delays made it unlikely that the formal opening would occur until May 2004 and this would enable restoration and soft furnishings to be completed to the highest standards.

Agreed: 7.1 That Prestoungrange and Tony Gillingham should visit with Stephen Larcombe in Birmingham shortly to review all budgetary issues and to ensure careful management.

7.2 That Tony Gillingham would take overall financial responsibility for the financial co-ordination and control of the project.

7.3 That as soon as the microbrewery is installed test brewing would commence under the guidance of George Thompson and Iain Turnbull and the establishment of *Fowler's School of Brewing* would begin for local real ale enthusiasts. Iain Turnbull shall be nominated as Foundation Head of the School.

Reported: 7.3 That GL Buchanan of Corinthian Scotland which has just acquired The Goth at Rosyth had been in touch suggesting joint promotions and sharing of ideas.

Agreed: 7.4 That an invitation to lunch on July 23rd should be extended and an early meeting arranged most especially because Corinthian Scotland are experienced public house managers.

7.5 That Andrew Crummy be commissioned to paint a reproduction of the Prestoungrange Ceiling in *The Gothenburg* in due course at a location to be determined.

8. Global Arts & Tourism Association and Diploma Programme

Reported: 8.1 That arrangements for Bowen's planned Regional Murals Seminar in 2005 will be ready by October 2003 at the Lindsay CA Seminar.

8.2 That Prestoungrange's invitation to speak at the Lindsay, California Murals Seminar in October 2003 was now firm and he would be accompanied by the Baron Sergeand and the Dempster as key components of their Revans University Arts Tourism Diploma program and they would be expected to talk about the program to other Lindsay delegates.

8.3 That the Prestoungrange Totem Pole had been adopted as the major symbol of the 2006 Conference at Prestonpan to run during the second week in August during The Tattoo and immediately prior to the Festival; and that the significant activities for all attending are expected to include:

- The Edinburgh Tattoo
- Battle Walk at Prestonpan
- Steamies at Work at the Prestoungrange Heritage Museum
- John Muir Way
- Glenkinchie
- Coal Trail & Scottish Mining Museum
- Royal Musselburgh Invitation Golf
- Dean Tavern & Goths
- Craigmillar Festival

- Arts & Tourism Diploma Outcomes and Awards
- Constructive Conflict & Theory of Community Involvement

9. Any Other Business

Tartan Administration

Reported: 9.1 That Prestoungrange and the Baron Sergeand had held discussions with Keith and Elizabeth Lumsden of Tartan Administration to explore whether or not any basis for collaboration might exists with the Baron Courts and/ or *Burke's*.

The Goth at Armadale, Bathgate, West Lothian

9.2 That Prestoungrange and Lady Prestoungrange had visited The Goth at Armadale Bathgate and invited them to attend at the Lord Mayor's Luncheon on July 23rd.

Bellfield's Pottery Shards

9.3 That Annemarie Allan was seeking to track down the official records of the shards from Bellfield's archaeological dig in 1989 held by the Royal Scottish Museum.

Accommodation at Wintoun House South Wing

9.4 That negotiations were proceeding to once again rent accommodations at Wintoun House in the South Wing and commencement after improvements was expected from August 1st 2003.

Great Architecture Around the Pans

Agreed: 9.5 That Annemarie Allan should work with colleagues locally to gather a collection of images of great architecture around the Pans for its own button at the Arts Festival Website, together with the history of the buildings concerned.

Baronial Compartments

9.6 With the advice of Stephen Kerr and Peter Drummond-Murray to create a Compartment to appear beneath the Arms of Prestoungrange and of Dolphinstoun including a second motto for each : Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun

10. Year End Accounts & Annual General Meeting

Reported: 10.1 That the Officers are on course with help from Tony Gillingham to complete the Year End Accounts at 30th April 2003 in time for the 41st Meeting of the Courts and that the AGM shall be convened at that time also.

11. Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 11.1 That all members of the Baron Courts (1998) are invited to Luncheon with the Lord Mayor at *The Gothenburg* on **July 23rd 2003** from 1-3 pm.

11.2 That the 41st Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on **24th July 2003** at The Barons Court, *The Gothenburg*, commencing at 09.00 hrs, followed by the 4th AGM at 12 noon.

11.3 That the 42nd Meeting will be held at The Baron Courts at *The Gothenburg* commencing at 9.00 hrs on **September 26th 2003**.

11.4 That meetings of the Charitable Baron Courts, of The East of Scotland Public House and Fowlers Ales (Prestoungrange) will be held during the period July 24th/ 25th 2003 as appropriate.

11.5 That the 43rd Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held in Lindsay California during October at the Murals Seminar there.

