



MINUTES of the 39th Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun (1998) held in The Courts at *The Gothenburg*, High Street, Prestonpans on May 20th 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
Jim Forster
Kate Hunter+
Bill Robertson+
George Thompson+ *Microbrewer*
+ part time * by e-communication

1. Minutes of 38th Meeting held at The Courts, *The Gothenburg*, Prestonpans on March 17th 2003

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

2. Matters Arising

From the 'To-Do-List'

Reported: 2.1(a) That Anne-Marie Allan had completed all the remaining **Teaching Guides** for #1-10 and no others were required at the present.

2.1(b) That Prestoungrange had written to Julie Aitken re support for the **Sponsored bus in Prestonpans** and been reassured it was making good

progress with nearly half the funds raised.

2.1(c) That all details of characters depicted in murals thus far has been collated and are nearly ready for transfer to Matthew Boffin, WebMaster for hanging at the **Global Association's Search Engine**. Andrew Crummy still to finalise with Anne Taylor and pass to Prestoungrange/ Matthew Boffin.

2.1(d) That the Baron Sergeand and Dempster had completed the collation of **illustrative pictures for the Online Boutique** for all Baron Courts artefacts and these will shortly be passed to the WebMaster.

2.1(e) That the **1753 Impost of 2d per Pint** was now, along with the **Collection of Old Postcards**, being blown up to make framed wall pictures for the panelled lounge at The Gothenburg.

2.1(f) That Ian Green of Greentrax had provided a plan and budget for the **Prestonpans CD** and an order for 150 was to be placed for gross £1000, provided specific Prestonpans/ Prestoungrange labelling can be used for them.

2.1(g) That Lindsays WS continue to progress matters with the **Scottish Tartans Society**.

2.1(h)(i) That AnneMarie Allen had followed up with briefing **Michael McVeigh re #2 The Mercat Cross** and he had agreed to attempt completion before the Lord Mayor's Visit; Prestoungrange and Lady Prestoungrange had also visited with the artist. During his attendance on July 23rd Michael McVeigh intends to take photographs as a basis for **Painting # 3 which will focus on The Gothenburg**.

2.1(h)(ii) Michael McVeigh expressed great appreciation of the WebSite display we are providing and gave copies of additional paintings to be hung there by the WebMaster before end June.

Agreed:

2.1(a) That Jim Forster should seek access from John Hogg to the 12 Cans from **Tenant Caledonian** with the January/ December **Girls in 1986** For display at *The Gothenburg*, and that thereafter a sustained attempt be made to trace them all personally for a reunion.

2.1(b) That as soon as Annemarie Allan's research to update the Coal Trail and Murals Trail is 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.**

3. Prestoungrange Potter during 2003/ 2004

Reported: 3.1 That Mark Haillay had been invited, but was too committed, to become Prestoungrange Potter following the ending of Jane Bonnar's fulltime role as Director of the Arts Festival, giving advice and undertaking commissions for Limited Edition reproductions; but he was certainly willing to undertake reproduction commissions from time to time if required.

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

Reported: 4.1 That copy was with the printers for #14 & 15, being the Battle of Prestonpans and the Prestoungrange Railway Society. Final documents were still awaited for The Glenkinchie's Story. # 14 would be in print before the visit of the Lord Mayor.

Agreed: 4.1 That every effort should be made to trace a living sapling from the original hawthorn following references in the text Annex 2.

4.2 That the offer to include 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 2003.

4.3 That discussions re #17 addressing the History and Architecture of all the Churches in Prestonpans commencing with the original monks, had been delayed due to the absence of the Rev. Robert Simpson.

4.4 That the inventory of booklets held at Oxford had been transferred to Prestonpans in April but the stocks at Milton Malsor awaited transfer.

4.5 That Annemarie Allan should immediately commence research for # 18, concerning Prestoungrange Witchcraft which shall also be a focus for Mural painting.

4.6 That Jim Forster be invited to assist in the research on the Market Gardens of David Lowes & Sons in Prestonpans as the basis for a Booklet and a Mural in due course.

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

Reported: 5.1 That issue #4 will be published on May 22nd and included the Invitation to all in Prestonpans for the Beach Celebration on July 23rd. # 5 is scheduled immediately after the Lord Mayor's Visit and will inter alia contain a Report on the visit, full details of plans for and progress at *The Gothenburg*, the Battlefield Walk linked to the new Historical Booklet # 14 on the Battle from HRH Prince Michael of Albany, the new mural commemorating John Muir, Thomas Nelson and Gothenburg at The Baronial Steps and the launch of Prestonpans.com website with EUSF support.

5.2 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.

Confirmed: 5.1 That copy for #5 must be signed off by Prestoungrange.

5.2 That the Combi-Leaflet proposed at 2.1(b) Agreed above may delay *Brushstrokes* # 6 until early 2004, being distributed to all households in Prestonpans as usual.

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

Reported: 6.1 That Margaret and Adele Conn were now working with Kate Hunter to a John Muir/ Gothenburg specification and budget and the deadline for completion was July 20th so that it could be unveiled by The Lord Mayor on July 23rd; and consent had been received from their landlord in the Lothians Housing Association.

6.2 That applications for external funding continued under the leadership of Andrew Crummy and considerable small grant 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.

6.3 That Andrew Crummy's mural was now fully completed but the images appearing on the website needed to be adjusted to the final version.

6.4 That following concern about intrusion on her driveway for viewing from a neighbour of The Coffee Shop Jim Forster had met with Ann Watt the lady concerned, and she has agreed to a three day temporary hanging there of Kate Hunter's Prestonpans Village Mural during the Lord Mayor's Visit in July.

Agreed: 6.1 That the car parking space opposite *The Gothenburg* be used to recall Prestoungrange Brickworks and that a cairn be also constructed there from the Prestoungrange Bricks being salvaged during the restoration of the building – which it transpires was wholly built from the same.

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

Confirmed: 7.1 That final arrangements had now been confirmed to the Lord Mayor and Invitations had been despatched.

Reported: 7.1 That schedule set down was as follows:

- **July 22nd:** Dinner at Wintoun House with family and friends
- **July 23rd:** *Visit to Glenkinchie*
Beach Visit to Murals and to Museum/ High Street
Luncheon at *The Gothenburg*
Visit to Scottish Mining Museum
Supper at Dean Tavern

7.2 Sir Francis and Lady Ogilvy as Guests have agreed to attend the Dinner at Wintoun House on July 22nd.

7.3 The opportunity of PR coverage of the event and the associated Arts Festival would be taken, and Kristin Cunningham had been invited to tender for the work involved, including feature articles, for the Scottish national press as well as local coverage in the Lothians.

7.4 Steps must be taken urgently by the Baron Sergeant and Dempster to secure Swedish and Scottish beers including the Wee Heavy for the Luncheon at *The Gothenburg* on July 23rd.

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

Reported: 8.1 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.

8.2 That all the delays made it unlikely that the formal opening would occur until early 2004.

- Agreed:**
- 8.1 That in consultation with Bill Robertson, Anne Taylor should commission work for the preparation of a tidy ground floor to undercoat levels for July 23rd, with two working toilets, and that the exterior should be redecorated to undercoating levels, and all roofing/ pigeon issues attended to. George Thompson was also attending to microbrewery aspects for that date.
- 8.2 That Anne Taylor should finalise all furnishings of # 227 forthwith.
- 8.3 That additional quotations should be sought for custom made carpet with the Prestoungrange tartan for the main areas of the premises.
- 8.4 That the Baron Sergeand should seek an estimate for patterned brick pavers for the car parking area opposite *The Gothenburg*, including the cairn, and for mural painting at the perimeter; and she should also establish whether the Council land adjoining may be integrated into the parking area as well including an offer to prepare and maintain it at our expense.

9. Global Arts & Tourism Association

- Reported:**
- 9.1 That Prestoungrange, Lady Prestoungrange and Bryan and Joan Wills had all visited Bowen Queensland in April 2003 for meetings with the Mayor and local team and to see the new murals. Arrangements for Bowen's planned Regional Murals Seminar in 2005 will be ready by October 2003 at the Lindsay CA Seminar.
- 9.2 That Prestoungrange's invitation to speak at the Lindsay, California Murals Seminar in October 2003 was now firm.
- 9.3 That Anne Taylor had requested enrolment of the Revans University Arts Tourism Diploma program and a Set would be starting its discussions at the time of the June Meeting of the Baron Courts in Prestonpans, including the Baron Sergeand and others that might care to enrol from Craigmillar.
- Agreed:**
- 9.1 That the program from Prestoungrange would be run on a full Scholarship basis from the Baron Courts, and that it was to be hoped that those enrolled would be able to attend all the Global Association's events in 2003/ 2004/ 2005 in preparation for the Conference at Prestoungrange in 2006.

10. prestonpans.com website

Reported: 10.1 That following a careful search contact with the EUSF project team had been made and Anne Taylor would ensure close liaison in the coming months with John Berrick.

11. Craigmillar Communiversitiy

Reported: 11.1 That the Board of Governors of Craigmillar Communiversitiy expected to raise sufficient funds in the near future to commence programs with Revans University, The University of Action Learning.

12. Year End Accounts & Annual General Meeting

Agreed: 12.1 That Officers should aim to complete the year End Accounts at 30th April 2003 in time for the July Meeting of the Courts and that the AGM shall be convened at that time also.

12.2 That Tony Gillingham be invited to assist in the preparation of the accounts for the auditors in the absence of the Procurator Fiscal.

13. Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 13.1 That the 40th Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on **6th June 2003** at The Barons Court, *The Gothenburg*, commencing at 09.00 hrs.

13.2 That all members of the Baron Courts (1998) are invited to dinner at Wintoun Farm on the evening of **Friday June 6th** from 6.30 p.m.

13.3 That the 41st Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on **July 24th** at 10.00 hrs at The Courts, *The Gothenburg*; and the 42nd Meeting at the same venue commencing at 9.00 hrs on **September 26th** 2003.

13.4 That meetings of the Charitable Baron Courts, of The East of Scotland Public House and Fowlers Ales (Prestoungrange) will all be held during the week as appropriate.

13.5 The 4th AGM of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on **July 24th 2003** at 12 noon at The Courts, *The Gothenburg*.

