

MINUTES of the 38th Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun (1998) held in The Courts at *The Gothenburg*, High Street, Prestonpans on March 17th 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
Mark Haillay+
Pamela Hartwell
Kate Hunter+
Stephen Larcombe+ *Purple Design*
Bill Robertson+
Gordon Richardson+
Ian Telford+ *Airts Burns Society*
George Thompson+ *Microbrewer*
Bryan Wills
Joan Wills

+ part time * by e-communication

1. Minutes of 37th Meeting held at The Hall, Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton on February 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 excellent progress continued to be made on the To-Do-List as and *The Gothenburg* initiative had been given priority throughout 2003.

2.1(b) That the production of the Adnams' style **Water Jug for Fowler's**

be referred to the Potter at the next meeting in May sing the new sketch available from the Glasgow Brewing Museum as an additional guide.

2.1(c) That Anne-Marie Allan was continuing with the remaining **Teaching Guides** for #11-16 as soon as practical as she saw appropriate.

Agreed: 2.1(a) That Prestoungrange would write to Julie Aitken support for the **Sponsored bus in Prestonpans**.

2.1(b) That all details of characters depicted in murals thus far shall be collated and included at the website where **'proper' Mural Entries** to the requirements of the Global Association must now be urgently created by Andrew Crummy and Kate Hunter in liaison with Anne Taylor and Matt Boffin.

2.1(c) That the Baron Sergeand and Dempster should commence collation of illustrative pictures for the **Online Boutique** for all Baron Courts artefacts.

Reported: 2.1(d) That the **1753 Impost of 2d per Pint** was now pinpointed from the 1753 Statistical Account and had been hung at the WebSite from whence a poster for display at *The Gothenburg* will be developed.

2.1(e) That a meeting had taken place with Ian Green of Greentrax and a plan and listing for a **Prestonpans CD** were being followed through for the May meeting.

2.1(f) That Ian Telford of the Prestonpans' **Airts Burns Society** was pleased with the Society's website button at the Historical Society's Home Page and prepared to assist in the arrangements of a #2 Dinner at *The Gothenburg* in January 2004.

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

2.1(h) That AnneMarie Allen was following up with briefing **Michael MacVeigh re #2 The Mercat Cross** for completion in early summer if possible and a visit to his WASP Studio had been made. Progress on # 3 - # 6 was continuing with *The Gothenburg* as # 3.

3. Arts Festival Roles during 2003/ 2004

Agreed: 3.1 That Mark Haillay be invited to accept office as Prestoungrange Potter following the ending of Jane Bonnar's fulltime role as Director of the Arts Festival and would take up responsibility for offering advice and

undertaking commissions for Limited Edition reproductions forthwith.

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

Reported: 4.1 That copy was to hand for #14-16, being the Battle of Prestonpans, The Prestongrange Railway Society and Glenkinchie's Story and all were being supplemented by their authors and additional contributors and were expected to be in print by the visit of the Lord Mayor in mid-July.

4.2 That Peter MacKenzie and Charlie Smith as Battlefield Walker and Distillery Manager for Prestonpans and Glenkinchie had agreed to share in signing off the relevant booklet and it was hoped this would assist sales at their respective venues in due course.

print 4.3 That John Unwin of Data Sciences in Bugbrooke had achieved cost savings and would assist with finding better quotations for all future booklets.

4.4 That discussions re #17 addressing the History and Architecture of all the Churches in Prestonpans commencing with the original monks, will be held initially with the Rev. Robert Simpson who had given so much support already in May after delays in March.

4.5 That all inventory of booklets held at Oxford should be transferred to Prestonpans in April by the Baron Sergeand.

5. Publication of *Brushstrokes* #4, 5 and 6 in 2003

Agreed: 5.1 That issue #4 should be published in late May and include the Invitation to all in Prestonpans for the Beach Celebration on July 23rd and #5 in August *after* the Lord Mayor's Visit.

Confirmed: 5.1 That copy for #4 must be signed off by Prestoungrange in Australia if necessary.

6. Murals Painting & Hanging Programme in 2003/ 2004

Reported: 6.1 That Margaret and Adele Conn had agreed to work with Kate Hunter to a 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.

6.2 That applications for external funding continued under the leadership of Andrew Crummy and some success was anticipated shortly

6.3 That Andrew Crummy's mural was still not quite completed but that as soon as it was it, together with a proper description, shall be placed at the website and superimposed on the BathHouse Wall as originally envisaged. The website in the meantime has a provisional entry.

Agreed: 6.1 That following concern about intrusion on her driveway for viewing from a neighbour of The Coffee Shop Kate Hunter's Mural panels should be hung on the Sea Wall for the visit of the Lord Mayor to be unveiled; as should the Gothenburg Mural if any problems arise with the Conn's Lothian Housing Association who are her landlords.

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

Confirmed: 7.1 That final arrangements were falling into place for the Lord Mayor, Jorgen Linder's visit accompanied by his wife Lisbeth.

Reported: 7.1 That *The Goth* will host a Reception Luncheon on 23rd from 1 pm after an Open Celebration with Residents of Prestonpans on the Foreshore at 12 noon, the in-house Guest List to be prepared by the Baron Sergeant and Dempster as soon as possible and Invitations despatched. *High tide is at 09.34 hrs with Low tide at 15.34 hrs.*

7.2 That Dean Tavern, Newtongrange as Scotland's Senior Gothenburg, and Glenkinchie as Appointed Whisky Supplier, would both be formally included on the Lord Mayor's two day itinerary whilst staying at Wintoun House and had so agreed.

7.3 That the Dinner at Wintoun House on July 22nd would include Sir Francis and Lady Ogilvy as Guests and a further Guest List is being prepared and Invitations despatched.

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

Reported: 8.1 That Stephen Larcombe continued to take matters forward and had held a Site Project Meeting earlier in the day with all parties concerned. Estimates of costs seemed to be well within budgets set.

8.2 Progress was still being disrupted by Planning delays and the Provost Pat O'Brien had been asked to clarify matters as soon as possible. Bill Robertson the Building Contractor was also due to speak to the Senior

Planning Officer shortly. Any further delays would make a September opening unrealisable.

- Agreed:**
- 8.1 That the offer to become involved from Historic Scotland was not likely to be at all helpful and would occasion most considerable delays with no certainty of help in the end; and as such it should be declined.
 - 8.2 That in consultation with Bill Robertson, Anne Taylor should commission work for the restoration of copper and wood fittings, tiles and stained glass forthwith to the highest standards.
 - 8.3 That Anne Taylor should finalise all furnishings of # 227 forthwith including its discrete entrance downstairs.
 - 8.4 That Anne Taylor should make enquiries concerning custom made carpet with the Prestoungrange tartan for the main areas of the premises.
 - 8.5 That the Baron Sergeant should seek an estimate for patterned brick pavers for the car parking area opposite *The Gothenburg*.

9. Global Arts & Tourism Association

- Confirmed:**
- 9.1 That final arrangements had been made for Prestoungrange to visit Sheffield and Bowen Queensland in April 2003 for (i) a Sheffield Judging Role and (ii) for both a Bowen Civic Reception and to make preparations for Bowen's planned Regional Murals Seminar in 2005.
 - 9.2 That Prestoungrange's invitation to speak at the Lindsay, California Murals Seminar in October 2003 might be jeopardised by Planning delays re *The Gothenburg*.

10. Prestonpans Historical Society Website

- Reported:**
- 10.1 That following the search for a local webmaster for a Prestonpans news section continued and Anne-Marie Allan agreed to follow through with local contacts for the webmaster.

11. 2003/ 2004 Budget & Year end accounts to April 30th 2003

- Confirmed:**
- 11.1 That the Baron Sergeant had finalised the Budget with the Dempster and Procurator Fiscal, and was making progress for the year end accounts at April 30th so that the AGM can be held during July.

12. Craigmillar Communiversity

Reported: 12.1 That the Board of Governors of Craigmillar Communiversity had indicated they wished to proceed and the Baron Sergeand was ready to give all assistance once their timescale and priorities are clear.

13. Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 13.1 That the 39th Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held on May 19th 2003 at The Barons Court, *The Goth*, commencing at 09.00 hrs.

13.2 That all members of the Baron Courts (1998) are invited to dinner on the evening of May 19th from 6.30 p.m.

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