

MINUTES of the 31st Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun (1998) held in The Hall at The Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian on May 7th 2002

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun*
Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal*
Baron Sergeand
Jane Bonnar
Anne Taylor
Karl Schutz (Global Arts Tourism)
* *by e-communication*

1. Minutes of 30th Meeting held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton on April 15th 2002

Confirmed: 1.1 That after corrections from Jane Bonnar, these now were correct as shown at the WebSite.

2. Matters Arising

Profiles and Personae from Murals #1 and 2

Reported: 2.1(a) (Minute 02/30/2.1(a)) That the CV of Kate Hunter was available and Jane Bonnar was meeting with George McNeil shortly.

2.1(b) (Minute 02/30/2.1(c)) That names were being traced by Jane Bonnar by a Competition from *Brushstrokes* Issue # 1 of the personae on Mural # 1 and # 2 and they would be incorporated at the WebSite.

Edinburgh Gazette

2.2 (Minute 02/30/2.2) That *Edinburgh Gazette* from HMSO in respect of the Barony of Dolphinstoun was still awaited.

St Giles' Cathedral Appeal

2.3(a) (Minute 02/30/2.3) That Prestoungrange had the further envisaged meeting with St Giles at the Cathedral and that they had proposed that the suggested luncheon was not proceeded with but rather a table be taken by the Barons and their guests at a planned St Giles' auction to be held in 2003.

Accommodations & Sub-leases at Cockenzie

2.4 (Minute 02/30/2.4) That the first formal meeting had been held with the new landlord and that he had suggested a £ 10 000 buy out of the leases and in any event a rental increase. He had been informed that both propositions were unacceptable bearing in mind that we had invested £27,000 in upgrading his facilities in the past two years.

Glass Case for Baronial Horns

Reported: 2.5 (Minute 02/30/2.5) That the work was now completed and awaited collection in Banff at the earliest opportunity.

Scottish Tartans Society

2.6(a) (Minute 02/30/2.6) That the Society's Defences had now been made and Lindsays WS were pursuing matters further.

2.6(b) That it had been agreed that by arrangement members of the STS Council could visit the artefacts at The Hall at any mutually convenient time.

Charitable Status Report & Change of Names

2.7(a) (Minute 02/30/2.7) That the charity reference number was still awaited.

2.7(b) That the *non* charity Company Limited by Guarantee with the additional name (1998) added continues as hitherto, of which these are the Minutes.

Prestongrange Tile Press

2.8 (Minute 02/30/2.8) By Jane Bonnar that the impression/ digital photograph had not yet been made but would be accomplished at the earliest opportunity.

Brushstrokes & Publicity Brochure

2.9(a) (Minute 02/30/3) That distribution had taken place to the 3000 homes in Prestonpans before end April together with the Publicity Brochure. And by all accounts had been well received.

2.9(b) That *Brushstrokes #2* was on track for editorial copy and planned to announce a camp fire *Twilight at Morison's Haven* as well as carrying details of Karl Schutz' visit and Davy Steele's Summerlee CD/ tape. The Camp fire event would be featured in the International Edinburgh Festival Programme.

3. Progress for Historical Series & Teaching Guides

Reported:

3.1 (Minute 02/30/4) That Booklet No. 10 on Geology and the Environment by Mathew Carter and Dolphinstoun had now been published.

3.2 That Preston Lodge School was still collaborating with the Arts Festival and would be expected in due course to use the Guides.

3.3 That good progress was occurring with No 13. on The Gothenburg and that Julie Aitken was gathering local memories of the Gothenburg for inclusion as appropriate and for audio streaming. Prestoungrange was scheduled to visit with the Research Librarian in Carlisle shortly to review the State Management Scheme there from 1915/ 1971 and had already met with James Green, Chairman of Trustees at Dean Tavern in Newtongrange. Formal efforts were continuing to identify the association with Thomas Nelson, Publisher, and with Trust Houses in England as established by Earl Grey.

3.4 That the taped music of Summerlee was now trailed on the WebSite and an order for 25 CDs has been placed for sale from Cockenzie.

3.5 That the story behind the singer/ composer who died recently would be obtained from Jim Forster as soon as possible .

3.6 That Jane Bonnar was continuing the search for authors for:

- *Prestonpans Toll Roads and Railways*
- *Our Local Whisky from the Glenkinchie Distillery*
- *Social & Economic Consequences of the Closure of Prestongrange*
- *Friendly Societies in Prestonpans*
- *Preston Links Colliery and Cockenzie Power Station*

4. 2002 Murals Action Programme

Confirmed: 4.1 (Minute 02/30/5) That details of the murals in hand have been lodged with the Planning Office via Paul Zochowski so that they are aware of the activities in hand.

4.2 That Jim Corister was commencing New Series Mural #3 during Karl Schutz' visit on the theme *Water at Prestoungrange & Pumping it Out*. Work on #4 at the BathHouse was delayed by East Lothian Council Estates Division.

4.3 That Proposals for additional Funding for Murals were still being submitted by Jane Bonnar and Andrew Crummie and the file was reviewed.

Reported: 4.1 That beach cleaning had been accomplished prior to Karl Schutz' arrival but the tide had brought fresh rubbish back within hours.

4.2 That estimates were still awaited for the pathway surface by the bench seat to which the brass plaque had now been attached.

Agreed: 4.1 That Johnnie Moat be added as a sculpture to the Highway being created as well as local sculptures and memorials already in place.

Reported: 4.3 That the Rev. Robert Simpson had shown Prestoungrange and Lady Prestoungrange around the Prestongrange Kirk including giving access to the organ loft where the clearest inscription was visible. He had shown keen interest in the reopening of The Gothenburg in 2003.

5. The Prestoungrange Gothenburg

Reported: 5.1 That work was nearing completion on the restoration of the old 'pub-sign' with the Prestoungrange Badge added discreetly, under Anne Taylor's supervision. Problems with salt damage meant that extensive reconstruction was required.

5.2 That Iain Turnbull of Fisherrow Breweries had finalised the sketches of his requirements for the installation of the microbrewery and was ready to act as the primary contractor, subject to prices, for a turnkey project. A reply was still awaited from Craig Harkness of Tennent Caledonian concerning the old Fowler's recipes for local beers.

5.3 That Stephen Larcombe of Purple Design met with Prestoungrange in Birmingham and had tabled his first draft designs which had been shared with Chris Bonnar. These have already reached Mk II incorporating more adequate meeting/ reception space on the 1st Floor and independent access to all suites.

5.4 That in the light of sustained advice, the area of the Manager's flat will be reduced to a single en suite bedroom and all other space made available for staff offices and small Meeting Rooms.

5.5 That Historic Scotland had acknowledged that The Gothenburg qualified for support but that no funding could be available until 2004. Nonetheless it was in order for emergency repairs to proceed without jeopardising any application for such support.

Agreed:

5.1 That Prestoungrange should meet again with Stephen Larcombe in Birmingham the following week to finalise designs and then, in consultation with Chris Bonner, hold a Consultative Meeting with the Council's planners and economic development staffs early in June before submitting formal Planning Applications.

5.2 That Stephen Larcombe be asked to act as the professional consultant at that Meeting and if satisfactory for the overall project.

5.3 That it was advisable for the reconfiguration of the extension and additions to be built to shell stage whilst the good weather lasts in Prestonpans rather than seeking to so build in January 2003. The period January/ end March should focus on interiors.

5.4 That Gordon Richardson's proposals from Gravity Group of Glasgow to assist in Menu Design and all associated installations for the facilities including management and staffing be taken further under the overall aegis of Stephen Larcombe.

5.5 That a formal application for grant support should be table with Historic Scotland as soon as possible.

Reported:

5.6 That after the most exhaustive enquiries by the Baron Sergeand with Lindsays WS, the estate agents, the Council and the several putative owners of the parking space at 229A/ 260 High Street, it seemed

reasonable to suppose that it was reintegrated with The Gothenburg estate in the aftermath of the financial collapse of 1995.

Agreed: 5.6 That in the circumstances it was appropriate to assume total responsibility for the parking space and to inform the Valuation Office in Edinburgh to regard the Baron & Lady of Prestoungrange as owners.

Reported: 5.7 That following his visit to Dean Tavern, Prestoungrange has written to Ian MacAlpine of CISWO again to seek a meeting following the earlier cancellation.

6. Karl Schutz' Visit Report

Welcomed: 6.1 Karl Schutz to his first formal meeting of the Baron Courts and the Arts Festival Society, whilst thanking him for his Workshop contributions and advices in general; and also thanked Anne Taylor and Jane Bonnar for the very considerable organisational efforts required.

Reported: 6.1 That the Morning Worksop which attracted new artists and local enthusiasts had been well received, with Margaret O'Connor of the East Lothian Council attending, although the turn out in the evening had been a tad disappointing. The field visits to the murals and to Jim Corister in action had been greatly appreciated.

Agreed: 6.1 After careful discussion with Karl Schutz that the Arts Festival Bid to host the Global Congress should move to 2006 rather than 2004 where Ely, USA was likely to be most preferred.

6.2 That the Baron Courts volunteer to create and host a new edition of the Global Arts & Tourism WebSite, and that Matthew Boffin at BisWeb be invited to undertake that work creating a searchable database for all murals around the world with templates for online entry by each Society. This would meet the requests of the Bowen Shire Festival of Murals Society and Prestoungrange would write to inform them of that.

6.3 That the time was not right for a global printed Book of Murals but once the collation by the internet has taken its effect that earlier proposition can be more readily accomplished.

6.4 That the presentation by Jane Bonnar and Prestoungrange in Moosejaw would be designed to encompass the 2006 Bid and the Manifesto for participation in the new Global WebSite; and that hotel reservations for staffs should now be made.

6.5 That the University of Action Learning Credits and Masters program would be a permanent feature of the Global WebSite.

7. Pottery Reproduction & Competition for 2002

Reported: 7.1 That a supplier had now been identified, Beautiful Craft Ceramics in Livingston, for the first reproductions and Jane Bonnar was proceeding to obtain quotations from May 13th.

7.2 That the advertisement for the 2002 Competition that the Head of Cultural Services at the East Lothian District Council had found unacceptable had been withdrawn from the second issue of Artists' World. Some 12 interest potters have been in touch.

7.3 That Jane Bonnar had confirmed to Peter Gray, Manager of the Museum Service, that all future publicity would be carefully checked to avoid any further unwarranted assumptions about any form of partnership with the Heritage Museum.

8. Any Other Business

Forth Estuary Forum

8.1 That the Forth Estuary Forum had responded favourably and Jane Bonnar will be following up.

History and Today in Photographs

8.2 That the Musselburgh and other Photographic Societies have been approached and a Competition for a 2003 Prestoungrange Calendar will be announced in Brushstrokes #3.

1753 Impost for the Poor House

8.3 That the search to trace the 1753 Special Act placing a 2d Impost on each Scotch pint of ale brewed or sold in Prestonpans was continuing.

WebSite Redesign

8.4 That BiSWeb has now created a new structure and is proceeding apace to place all files into a database structure and Home Pages allowing discrete access as follows:

- The Baron Courts per se – continuing

- The Prestoungrange Arts Festival
- Prestoungrange History – with the Local Historical Society
- The Gothenburg
- The Global Arts & Tourism Association

Inniskillin Wines

8.5 That the Baron Sergeand is still in conversation with the UK distributors and anticipates supplies before August. Prestoungrange expects to be able to visit the vineyards and meet the staffs there in Niagara in June if required.

Burns Night 2003 in Chemainus

8.6 That planning is proceeding under the direction of Anne Wills in Victoria and Karl Schutz is assisting as possible.

Comenius Project

8.7 That the School Exhibition had been a great success and the donation from the Baron Courts publicly acknowledged. The children had subsequently worked to clean the beach and will be undertaking mural paintings on the foreshore in June.

Michael McVeigh as Artist at Large

8.8 That Jane Bonnar had met with Michael McVeigh who had commenced his work with Morison's Haven seawards. Five of his paintings had been displayed at the Schutz' Workshops along with Kate Hunter and Jim Corister.

Agreed:

8.8 That a complete selection of Michael McVeigh's work be shown on the WebSite and that Jane Bonnar should ask the artist to forward them to Prestoungrange in Milton Malsor as soon as possible.

Convention of the Baronage of Scotland

Reported:

8.9 That the Barons will attend the forthcoming Summer Meeting of the Convention at Blair Castle and sustain contact thereat with David Garrison of Tranent and Cockenzie.

The 1745 Association

8.10 That David Lumsden of Cushnie, officer of the 1745 Society who lives in Prestonpans, had delivered promotional information to the office

and that the Barons would shortly seek to join and that an appropriate destination for it should be found at the WebSite.

9. Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 9.1 That the next and 32nd Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) will be held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre at 9.30 am on June 6th 2002

- 3rd AGM of the Baron Courts (1998): August 19th 2002 at Wintoun House, Pencaitland at 8.30 am
- 33rd Meeting of Baron Courts (1998) at 9.30 am at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg: August 19th 2002
- Inaugural Meeting of the Trustees of Baron Courts Charity: August 19th 2002
- Inaugural Meeting of Directors of Fowlers Ales (Prestoungrange) Limited: August 19th 2002
- Inaugural Meeting of Directors of East of Scotland Public House Company Limited: August 19th 2002
- 34th Meeting of the Baron Courts (1998) : 10.30 am October 15th 2002 at Temple Gardens Mineral Spa, Fairford Street East, Moosejaw, Saskatchewan.

9.3 That additional meetings of the Gothenburg Project Team will be scheduled at each nodal date, and the Courts may also schedule additional meetings between June 6th/ August 19th if required.

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AGENDA

1. **Minutes of the 31st Meeting** held on May 7th 2002
2. **Matters Arising:**
 - 2.1 (Minute 02/31/2.1) Profiles of George McNeil and Kate Hunter and names of those illustrated on Mural #1
 - 2.2 (Minute 02/31/2.4) Accommodations and sub-leases at Cockenzie
 - 2.3 (Minute 02/31/2.5) Glass case for Baronial Horns
 - 2.4 (Minute 02/31/2.6) The Scottish Tartans Society
 - 2.5 (Minute 02/31/2.8) Prestoungrange Tile Press
 - 2.6 (Minute 02/31/2.9) Brushstrokes #2 and #3
 - 2.7 (Minute 02/31/2.7) Charitable Status
3. **Historical Booklets Series** (Minute 02/31/3)
 - 5.1 Editorial and Production Schedule
 - 5.2 EXCEL spreadsheets and Stocks Latest Progress
 - 5.3 School Visits Guides and Programme 2002
 - 5.4 Field Interviews by Julie Aitken for No. 13 and other research
 - 5.5 Summerlee CD audio stream and stocks for sale and Davy Steele biographical details
4. **2002 Murals Action Programme** (Minute 02/31/4)
 - 4.1 Overall Status of Sites and Artists
 - 4.2 Progress on # 3 and # 4
 - 4.3 Agreement re BathHouse
 - 4.4 Progress Report on Funding Proposals

- 4.5 Progress with Rev Robert Simpson
- 4.6 Maintenance of murals and pavement

- 5. The Prestoungrange Gothenburg (Minute 02/31/5)**
 - 5.1 Schedule of works for exterior and for apartment
 - 5.2 Heritage Scotland Grant applications progress
 - 5.3 The Gothenburg Pub Sign repainting
 - 5.4 Design Consultant Progress – Purple Designs
 - 5.5 Microbrewery Progress Report - Fisherrow
 - 5.6 Consultation leading to Planning Applications
 - 5.7 Rights to use Recipes from Fowlers/ Tennent Caledonian
 - 5.8 Gravity Group's Menu Planning etc.

- 6. Karl Schutz' Issues (Minute 02/31/6)**
 - 6.1 Moosejaw Arrangements & Presentation October 2002
 - 6.2 Global Congress Bid 2006 in Prestoungrange
 - 6.3 Global Association WebSite Design

- 7. Prestonpans Reproduction Pottery & Competition (Minute 02/31/7)**
 - 7.1 Potters' tenders to produce batches – cost and delivery
 - 7.2 2002 Competition for 21st Century Designs

- 8. Any Other Business from 31st Meeting (Minute 02/31/8)**
 - 8.1 Forth Estuary Forum
 - 8.2 Photography Competition and 2003 Calendar
 - 8.3 1753 Impost for the Poor House
 - 8.4 WebSite Redesign
 - 8.5 Inniskillin Wines
 - 8.6 Comenius Project
 - 8.7 Burns' Night 2003
 - 8.8 Michael McVeigh – Progress and WebSite
 - 8.9 The 1745 Association

- 9. Courts' Authorisations for Signatories and Cheque Book Requests**

- 10. Any Other Business**

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