

**MINUTES of the 29th Meeting of the Baron Courts of
Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun held in The Hall at The
Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian on
February 27th 2002**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun*
Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Sergeand
Jane Bonnar
Anne Taylor
** by e-communication*

**1. Combined Minutes of 27th and 28th Meetings held at Burke's Peerage
& Gentry, Stokesley, North Yorkshire and in The Hall at the
Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie & Port Seton on December 20th 2001
and January 15th 2002 respectively**

Confirmed: 1.1 That these were a correct record

2. Matters Arising

Profiles and Personae from Murals #1 and 2

Agreed: 2.1 That the work of Kate Hunter would be known as Murals # 1 and 2
and that suitable names should be agreed at the next meeting.

Reported: 2.1(a) (Minute 02/27-28/2.1b) That the profile of George McNeil had not
yet been prepared but Jane Bonnar was seeking to accomplish that before
the next meeting, with the copy incorporated at the WebSite.

2.1(b) That Kate Hunter was being interviewed for *East Lothian Life*
Spring Issue 2002 and that her Murals would feature on the OFC thereof.

2.1(c) That the personae on Mural # 1 would be sought via a competition
in the local community.

Charitable Status

2.2 (Minute 02/27-28/2.2) That David Reith at Lindsays WS had now finalised the new Mem&Arts for the charitable corporation and was expecting to have approval and incorporation prior to April 30th 2002.

Confirmed: 2.2 That as a charitable corporation the name of the company as 'Baron Courts of Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun Limited by Guarantee' would not change but that a different Company registration Number will be received and assets will be transferred in part from one to the other by due accounting and legal process.

Edinburgh Gazette

Reported: 2.3 (Minute 02/27-28/2.3) That Jane Bonnar had traced and obtained the relevant *Edinburgh Gazette* a from HMSO in respect of the Barony of Prestoungrange, now added to the WebSite under the Minutes Section, but that publication was still awaited for that in respect of Dolphinstoun.

St Giles' Cathedral Appeal

2.4 (Minute 01/26/10.4) That Prestoungrange had written to Lyn Price at St Giles suggesting a meeting at Wintoun House in the Spring with Sir Francis Ogilvy and himself, with a possible Appeal event at Wintoun House in September.

Brammle Liqueur and Appointed Suppliers

2.5 (Minute 02/27-28/2.6) That the promotional literature from the producer at East Linton was now available for scanning at the Courts' WebSite amongst other Official Suppliers, but the field visit had not yet been arranged and would await the next case order of the liqueur.

Confirmed: 2.5 That the Official Appointed Suppliers to the Baron Courts now had their own WebSite button and the great majority linked though to their own WebSites.

Accommodations & Sub-leases at Cockenzie

2.6 (Minutes 02/27-28/5) That the landlord had been informed of the availability of the Lindsay Suite for subletting but no responses had yet been received.

Agreed: 2.6 That all possible steps should be taken to find a sub-tenant as soon as possible.

Repairs to Baronial Horns

Reported: 2.7 (Minute 02/27-28/8.2) That these had been completed by Paul Colbert and that a Scottish taxidermist was currently creating a glass case for delivery in April.

Sponsored Bus

2.8 (Minute 02/27-28/8.3) That Help The Aged had made up the difference for the Sponsored Bus which would soon now be on the road.

Agreed: 2.8 That a booking should be made for the bus by the Baron Serge and forthwith for use during IMCA/ UALB's Congregation Ceremonies in August 2002.

Scottish Tartans Society

Confirmed: 2.9(a) (Minute 02/27-28/8.7) That Summons had been issued by Lindsay WS in the Court of Sessions to the Society for full restitution for its breach of contract and legal costs incurred.

2.9(b) That it was in order for Insurers and Valuers to visit Cockenzie on behalf of the STS at any mutually convenient time.

Prestongrange Tile Press

Reported: 2.10 By Jane Bonnar that it was unlikely that the Museum would agree to the use of the tile press, and that accordingly an impression/ digital photograph should be made immediately so that authentic reproductions can be created. E.

3. Prestongrange NewsLetters # 1 & 2 & Publicity Brochure

Reported: 3.1 (Minute 02/27-28/2.7) That Jane Bonnar and Pauline Jaffray had held meetings to debate the structure of the first two Newsletters as required, and this was now confirmed as follows:

- # 1 – available in time for the Schutz' Workshops by May 1st – will contain a Foreword from Prestongrange, an Interview with

- Kate Hunter, the Prestoungange Pottery Competition 2002, the Competition to Name the Miners in Mural # 1 and introduce and sell the Historical Booklets Series (with new prices included); and # 2 will advertise the ‘new’ booklets, tell the Gothenburg tale with pictures, show the further Murals painted and report on the Schutz visit plus a What’s On Section, present the Limited Edition Reproduction items, and a run a new Competition to spot the ‘errors’ in the Murals.

3.2 That the Newsletters would be dropped around the town’s 3000 mail boxes for approximately £ 300 per drop and the first drop would also include the Baron Courts’ Publicity Brochure being created by Prestoungange with John Unwin and Mathew Boffin by a deadline of May 1st also.

Agreed: 3.1 That the sensible print run for the Newsletter some 4000 and for the Publicity Brochure some 5000, since both would become dated within 12 months. The Newsletters should be printed under Jane Bonnar’s authority working with Pauline Jaffray and the Publicity Brochure by John Unwin.

4. Prices and Progress for Historical Series & Teaching Guides

Reported: 4.1 That no progress had been made with School Visits and that the Teachers’ Guides were not yet completed as required under the original contract with Bonnar & Co..

Agreed: 4.1 That in the immediate future efforts should be made to ensure that one or two local schools where Jane Bonnar has good contact make selected visits during the Spring/ Summer terms using the Guides already available, but that priorities with Murals suggests the further Guides should be carried over pro tem.

4.2 That the first Draft of the Historical Series Reporting Matrix augured well and that by April it should become a regular feature at then WebSite with monthly updates by editorial intervention from Anne Taylor. It should appear as a link from the University Press pages. food in no

4.3 That with immediate effect all prices for Booklets Nos. 1-12 should be increased to £5 each with a discount for 2 or more of £4. A sticker should be obtained by the Baron Sergeand and affixed to the front cover of each booklet by Anne Taylor no later than April 30th. All stocks in issue or promises made shall sell at the old prices. N.B. The *Safe Haven* and *Tales of the Pans* prices are unaffected. # 10 when printed in April

will appear with the new price shown but No. 12 will need updating since it is already in press.

4.4 That Anne Taylor be asked to table a report in March and April on all sales initiatives under the following and any newly conceived headings:

- Ensuring stock levels and accounting reporting at the Heritage Museum and East Lothian Libraries during the coming open season
- Ensuring that the Professional Shop at RMGC carries stocks of No. 1 and any others suitable and accounts properly for sales
- Ensuring that the 'local' interest bookshops in Haddington and Musselburgh both carry stocks
- Ensuring the maximum sales of *Tales of the Pans* by the Local History Society.

Reported: 4.3 That #12, Fowler's Brewery, had gone to press and would be published during April.

4.4 That Matthew Carter of Bradford University's School of Environmental Studies and Geography had worked with Dolphinstoun to complete # 10 on the Geology of Prestoungrange which was now in final editing with an estimated delivery date of May 1st.

4.5 That Prestoungrange had agreed personally to author # 13, *The Prestoungrange Gothenburg 1908-2003*, and was using the source materials already unearthed by Jane Bonnar to get started. Publication is intended for no later than August 1st 2002.

4.6 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 Prestoungrange*

Agreed: 4.5 That it was realistic to publish an additional title on the Global Murals Movement and that this should be discussed with Karl Schutz during his forthcoming visit.

5. 2002 Murals Action Programme

Confirmed: 5.1 That scaffolding uses and purchases possibilities had been evaluated and appropriate stock would be purchased with storage at the Gothenburg.

5.2 That the Estates Office of East Lothian Council had been asked for permission to proceed forthwith in painting the Bathhouse at the Heritage Museum after advice from Planning Officers that no Permission from Planning Committee per se was required since they were not advertisements.

5.3 That Andrew Crummie was working with Jane Bonnar under the terms of the exchange of letters dated January 21st 2002 to make Proposals for additional Funding for Murals #7 upwards and a full report on activities would be tabled at the April meetings of the Courts.

Agreed: 5.1 That Andrew Crummie's fees would be settled against tabled documentation and as authorised thereafter by Jane Bonnar.

Reported: 5.1 That without fail beach cleaning by Scout groups would commence as soon as the weather permitted along the full 400 metres of baronial foreshore.

Confirmed: 5.4 That Jane Bonnar as the Executive Director of the Murals Programme was responsible for the identification and selection of artists but that this discretion depended on the creation of maquettes prior to commencement which procedure will be followed carefully in the future.

6. The Prestoungrange Gothenburg

Agreed 6.1 That a local signwriter had put forward an acceptable quotation for the restored 'pub-sign' at the premises and that work should proceed forthwith provided the Prestoungrange Badge was added discreetly to the design under Anne Taylor's supervision.

Confirmed: 6.1 That The Prestoungrange Gothenburg will be dedicated to becoming a self financing/ surplus yielding activity bistro and coffee house downstairs with scope for further meal service and for special functions in the upstairs area. It will in all ways feasible seek to recapture the vision of its original founders as the East Lothian Trust House in 1908. Finding a highly competent Manager who may share in the profitability of the activity is a key priority.

6.2 That following the preparation of Drawings by Chris Bonnar, applications for Planning Approvals and Funding Support to restore the exterior and to modernise the Manager's Apartment had been submitted and work must start at the very earliest moment.

6.3 That Prestoungrange and Lady Prestoungrange were following through with Stephen Lanscombe in Birmingham for suggestions on

Design Consultancy for the main body of the Gothenburg and expected a field visit in mid April along with Nick and Amanda Healey, the restaurateurs with Trust House experience at THF.

6.4 That several individuals had now offered their advices in respect of the microbrewery facility to be installed at the Gothenburg which would be followed through in April, as would further discussions with Stuart Ross at Bellhaven Breweries in Dunbar.

6.5 That it was anticipated that the existing Workshop area will be demolished at the Gothenburg and a larger space provided to accommodate the microbrewery, the kitchens, an integral staircase to the upper floor including the conservatory and relocated storage and toilet facilities, for which plans would be drawn up following the April visit by Stephen Lanscombe.

6.6 That Anne Taylor seek quotations for the restoration of the wooden bar facilities by an expert thereat in time for the April meetings.

7. Karl Schutz' Visit May 2002

Reported: 7.1 That final arrangements were now in hand for Karl Schutz' Visit and Workshops, from Sunday PM May 5th to Wednesday AM May 8th, with invitations going out w/c March 4th.

Agreed: 7.1 That apart from the main agenda being addressed with Karl Schutz, the following items must also be resolved:

- Baron Courts' bid to host the 2004 Global Congress
- The University of Action Learning Credits/ Degree Program in Arts Tourism
- Moosejaw October 2002 Presentation by Jane Bonnar and Prestoungrange
- Burns' Night 2003 at Chemainus Arts Theatre in British Columbia
- Global Murals Book published by Prestoungrange University Press

8. Prestonpans Pottery Reproduction Selection for 2002

Confirmed: 8.1 That the selection had been made by Jane Bonnar vis. Fruit bowl, tea pot and cream jug, and she would be inviting tenders from local potters to make small batches, to be tabled at the April meeting of the Courts.

9. Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 9.1 That the next and 30th Meeting of the Courts will be held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre at 9.30 am on April 17th .

9.2 That subsequent meetings be scheduled as follows:

- Karl Schutz Arts Tourism Workshop held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre on May 6th from 9.30 am/ 2 pm
- Baron Courts' 31st Meeting and first as a Charity at 9.30 am on May 8th at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg.
- Baron Courts' 32nd Meeting held at 9.30 am at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg on June 6th
- Baron Courts' 33rd Meeting held at 9.30 am on August 19th at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg.

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

9.4 That the Baron Sergeand will visit Cockenzie in late March to see good progress is being made on all agenda items here identified for timeous action most especially the commencement of work at the Gothenburg and on additional Murals, and the creation of the News Letters.

The 30th Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun will be held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie and Port Seton on April 17th 2002 commencing at 9.30 am

AGENDA

1. **Minutes of the 29th Meeting** held on February 27th 2002
2. **Matters Arising:**
 - 2.1 (Minute 02/29/2.1) Profiles of George McNeil and Kate Hunter and names of those illustrated on Mural #1
 - 2.2 (Minute 02/29/2.4.3) St Giles' Cathedral Appeal
 - 2.3 (Minute 02/29/2.6) Accommodations and sub-leases at Cockenzie
 - 2.4 (Minute 02/29/2.7) Repairs to Baronial Horns
 - 2.5 (Minute 02/29/2.10) Prestoungrange Tile Press
 - 2.6 (Minute 02/29/2.9) The Scottish Tartans Society
3. **Charitable Status Progress Report** (Minute 02/29/2.2)
4. **Prestoungrange NewsLetter and Publicity Brochure** (Minute 02/29/3)
5. **Historical Booklets Series** (Minute 02/29/4)
 - 5.1 Editorial and Production Schedule – all new + # 10 and 12
 - 5.2 EXCEL spreadsheets and stocks Latest Progress
 - 5.3 Marketing and sales arrangements
 - 5.4 School Visits Programme 2002
 - 5.5 Field support for # 13 as requested by Prestoungrange
6. **2002 Murals Action Programme** (Minute 02/29/5)
 - 6.1 Scaffolding purchase
 - 6.2 Agreement to paint the Bathhouse
 - 6.3 Murals #2 and #3 by May 1st
 - 6.4 Advices from Andrew Crummie for Funding Proposals
 - 6.5 Schedule to complete Murals #4 and #5 before end October
 - 6.6 Beach cleaning by Scout Groups

7. **The Prestoungrange Gothenburg** (Minute 02/29/6)
 - 7.1 Schedule of works March/ May for exterior and for apartment
 - 7.2 Grant applications progress
 - 7.3 The Gothenburg Pub Sign repainting
 - 7.4 Discussions re bistro partner and Design Consultant
 - 7.5 Discussions re Microbrewery
 - 7.6 Rebuilt Workshop
 - 7.7 Wooden Bar restoration

8. **Karl Schutz Visit May 5th/ 8th 2002**
 - 8.1 Final details of Workshops
 - 8.2 Global Arts Tourism Book Proposal
 - 8.3 Credits and Masters degrees in Arts Tourism with UALB
 - 8.4 Moosejaw agendas October 2002
 - 8.5 Global Congress Bid 2004 in Prestoungrange

9. **Prestonpans Reproduction Pottery**
 - 9.1 Progress of Production of Selection 2002
 - 9.2 Potters' tenders to produce batches – cost and delivery

10. **Any Other Business**

11. **Dates and Times of Forthcoming Meetings**
 - Baron Courts on May 8th/ June 6th/ August 19th 2002
 - Karl Schutz Workshops on May 6th
 - 3rd AGM of the Baron Courts: August 19th 2002 at Wintoun House