

**MINUTES of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun held in The Hall at The Cockenzie Centre, Edinburgh Road, Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2001**

**Present:** Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange  
Lady Prestoungrange  
Baron Sergeand  
Jane Bonnar  
Anne Taylor

**1. Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting held at The Cockenzie Centre, Cockenzie and Port Seton on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2001**

**Confirmed:** 1.1 That these were a correct record.

**2. Matters Arising**

**Foreshore Seat Provision & Wall Rendering**

**Reported:** 2.1(a) (Minute 01/25/2.1) That the seat had not yet been fixed in position but had been delivered to Cockenzie.

2.1(b) That the story of the challenge faced by George McNeil re-rendering, and of the mural artist on the seawall, had not been exploited as 'news' for the WebSite or the media at large as the mural progressed, and this should not be missed in future.

**Architectural Plans for Beehive Kiln at the Heritage Museum**

**Reported:** 2.2 (Minute 01/25/2.2) That the Plans had still not yet been considered by the Planning Committee of the East Lothian Council.

**Agreed:** 2.2 That no further initiatives in this respect will be taken and all funding originally earmarked should be diverted to other initiatives in hand.

### **Reprinting *Tales of the Pans***

**Reported:** 2.3(a) (Minute 01/25/2.3) That Prestonpans Historical Society had been offered 450/ 500 copies of the lavender covered 2001 reprinted Edition for sale at £5 per copy, with initial proceeds up to the print bill payable to the Baron Courts but thereafter all proceeds being for retention by the Society. The remaining 50 copies are for sale by Baron Courts at £5 per copy on its own account.

2.3(b) Because of late delivery it was proposed to settle only 50% of the budgeted cost of the book to Printhauss.

### **Official Supplier of Brammle Whisky Liqueur**

**Reported:** 2.4 (Minute 01/25/2.4) That the case of 12 bottles had been received for offer inter alia at the Cockenzie Opening Ceremony, and that Robin Ford of Brammle Liqueur has accepted appointment as Official Suppliers to the Baron Courts.

### **Lowlands Gala Day 2002**

**Agreed:** 2.5 (Minute 01/25/4) That plans for a Lowlands Gala Day in 2002 at the Museum site with a marquee would not be proceeded with in view of the Murals and Gothenburg developments.

### **Horse brasses**

2.6 (Minute 01/25/5.5) That these as created for the Arts Festival Society should be sold for £1 each.

## **3. Historical Booklets Series**

**Reported:** 3.1 That two booklets, *Safe Haven* and *No. 11: Agricultural Improvement at Dolphinstoun* had appeared, and the first draft received re *No 12: Fowler's Brewery* which Lady Prestoungrange will be proofing, and for which Jane Bonnar will be securing photographs.

3.2 That due to other urgent priorities several aspects of the proper management of the Booklet Series that were required for report to this 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting were still unsatisfactory.

**Confirmed:** 3.1 That this situation cannot be allowed to continue, since this series remained at the heart of the Baron Courts' activities. No further slippage can be tolerated.

3.2 Specifically, proper stewardship is still required:

- for the establishment of stock levels and locations;
- the documentation against copy delivery dates/ planned publication dates of the upcoming titles Nos. 10 and 12 upwards;
- the scheduling and monitoring of completion of all Teaching Guides and the linked School Visits Program and feedback therefrom;

3.3 That the envisaged monthly file update of all progress must be circulated from December 31<sup>st</sup> 2001 onwards.

**Agreed:** 3.1 That Anne Taylor be asked to take full responsibility for all the elements and procedures, but excepting the editorial content, and to present all necessary documentation.

#### **4. Prestoungrange Murals from the Arts Festival Society**

**Reported:** 4.1 That Kate Hunter had now completed the first mural on the foreshore and it had been very well received indeed by all local passers by.

4.2 That some 10 mural sites have now been identified.

4.3 That Andrew Crummie had been invited to prepare a marquette for the mural to be placed on the BathHouse at the Museum.

**Agreed:** 4.1 That a contest to attract attention to the first mural should be arranged with the local media.

4.2 That it was appropriate to accept that the second mural had not been completed due to bad weather, but that a schedule for Spring 2002 must be adopted at the next meeting so that at least three are completed before Karl Schutz visit in May 2002.

4.3 That Jane Bonar should continue discussions with Andrew Crummie, the local muralist at Cockenzie, to explore how a campaign to raise public money for the later murals can be organised during 2002 and also on all other issues including educational initiatives that may be suitable.

4.4 That all future artists be required to take out their own insurances against any accident during their work with the Baron Courts.

**5. Baron Courts' Presentational Brochure**

**Agreed:** 5.1 (Minute 01/25/5.3) That progress was now urgently required on plans for the Baron Courts to create a substantial brochure on its overall purposes that captured much of the information available on the WebSite for distribution as the year progresses, and that Pauline Jaffray be commissioned to assist Jane Bonnar in this matter.

5.2 That the brochure should be crafted and ready for printing no later than February 28th 2002.

**6. Redevelopment of The Gothenburg**

**Reported:** 6.1 That the Baron and Lady of Prestoungrange had acquired the Gothenburg at Prestonpans in late October for redevelopment as a residence, a centre for the Baron Courts and as a bistro.

6.2 That Chris Bonnar had agreed to make arrangements for the initial phases of the redevelopment in which the Baron Courts and IRDC Limited would inter alia be undertaking as agents.

6.3 That Pat O'Brian of East Lothian Council had visited the Gothenburg and expressed great enthusiasm for the project. He had advised early contact with Brian Simpson, Director of the Economic Unit at John Muir House.

**Agreed:** 6.1 That as far as possible the Baron Courts' presence at Cockenzie will be phased out as the Gothenburg becomes available, but that this is inevitably complicated by the Scottish Tartans Society issues.

**7. Pottery Reproductions and Competition**

**Reported:** 7.1 That despite much effort little success had been achieved in finding appropriate potters able to meet the tasks set.

**Agreed:** 7.1 That at the next meeting a firm schedule for reproduction items will be established.

## **8. Operations Report**

**Reported:** 8.1 By Anne Taylor, that all outstanding operational issues except the seat at Redburn Road had been attended to, and the new curtains hung at Cockenzie.

8.2 That a Guest List of some 40 local people had accepted invitations to the Official Launch of the Prestoungrange Arts Festival of November 29<sup>th</sup> and all arrangements were in hand including the Silver Birch wine from Inverness.

## **9. Charitable and VAT Status and Budgets for 2002**

**Reported:** 9.1 That VAT Registration is only possible when services or goods are sold that required VAT to be collected..

9.2 That David Reith at Lindsays WS was still proceeding with the required consultations at the Inland Revenue to establish how the Courts' might become a formal and incorporated charity.

## **10. Any Other Business**

### **Moosejaw Conference 2002: Arts Tourism Credits Program**

**Reported:** 10.1 That Prestoungrange had been invited by the Conference Organisers of the Global Association for Arts Tourism to work with his colleagues at the University of Action Learning at Boulder to create a Credit Program and Masters route in Arts Tourism to be launched at Moosejaw.

**Agreed:** 10.1 That such a Credit Program initiative could also be offered at Cockenzie.

### **Heraldic Baronial Pedigree at Prestoungrange**

**Reported:** 10.2 That the Chairman of the Heraldry Society, Peter Drummond Murray, has researched and created an Heraldic Baronial Pedigree for Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun, and it had been executed by Sister Maximillian. The art work was quite outstanding as the pedigree was informative. Copies will be made and it will be exhibited on the WebSite and at Cockenzie.

### ***Edinburgh Gazette***

10.3 That Jane Bonnar was still following through on the gazetting of both the Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun Arms and Baronies from Lyon Court in the *Edinburgh Gazette*.

### **St Giles' Cathedral Appeal**

10.4 That Sir Francis Ogilvy at Wintoun House has provisionally agreed to work with Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun to arrange a 'local' presentation for the St Giles Cathedral Appeal there during 2002.

## **11. Forthcoming Meetings**

**Confirmed:** 11.1 That the next and 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Courts would take place at *Burke's Peerage & Gentry* in Stokesley, North Yorkshire on Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> 2001.

11.2 That the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Courts would be held in The Hall at the Cockenzie Centre before January 29<sup>th</sup> 2002 on a date to be arranged by the Baron Sergeant.