

MINUTES of the 24th Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun held at The Cockenzie Centre, Edinburgh Road, Cockenzie & Port Seton, East Lothian on July 19th 2001

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

Apologies: Baron of Dolphinstoun
Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Bailie and Procurator Fiscal

The Baron of Prestoungrange welcomed everyone to the first meeting of The Courts to be held in their new Hall at the Cockenzie Centre and wished all well for its success in the future.

1. Minutes of the 23rd Meeting held at 21 Beaumont Street, Oxford on June 1st 2000

Confirmed: 1.1 That these were a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Painting of Foreshore Railings and Seat Provision

Reported: 2.1(a) (Minute 01/23/2.1) That David Smith had now completed the painting and final payment made by Jane Bonnar.

Agreed: 2.1 That Anne Taylor search for ready made benches that might be placed at the top of the steps rather than a custom built wrought iron one.

Reported: 2.1(b) That an alternative supplier was being sought for making good Walls for the murals.

Historical Booklets Series

2.2 (Minute 01/23/2.2) That the monthly file update of all progress had not yet been circulated, and that it should be issued as soon as possible.

Confirmed: 2.2(a) (Minute 01/23/2.2) That details of the invoice to be raised on East Lothian District Council had not yet been determined and Anne Taylor should work with Jane Bonnar to finalise immediately; together with an update of stocks remaining and location thereof.

Agreed: 2.2(a) (Minute 01/23/2.2) That the monograph on the Catholic Church in Prestonpans by Jim Forster was *not* appropriate for publication in the series.

Confirmed: 2.2(b) That the booklets on Agriculture at Dolphinstoun with Sir George Grant-Suttie's 1871 monograph as an Appendix, was ready for publication as was the Safe Haven, and that Prestoungrange was progressing them at Bugbrooke.

2.2(c) That the booklets on The Brewery and on Social and Economic Impacts of the Mine Closure were expected in the autumn.

Agreed: 2.2(b) That notwithstanding the recent death of David Steel, that a booklet and tape should be produced as soon as possible in partnership with Celtic Music at the Cockenzie Centre.

2.2(c) That 10 sets of each booklet should be lodged at Cockenzie forthwith for sale and that stocks could also be held there in future.

2.2(d) That discussions be held by Jane Bonnar to see whether a booklet could be produced on the Toll Roads and Railways of the area, both of which struck right across the Dolphinstoun farmlands.

Architectural Plans for Beehive Kiln

Reported: 2.3(a) (Minute 01/23/2.3) That the plans had been reported lost at East Lothian District Council, and that Chris Bonnar had now lodged a further set with Paul Zochowski direct.

2.3(b) That a meeting had been arranged with the Provost of East Lothian on July 26th for Prestoungrange and Jane Bonnar.

3. August 1st Launch Arrangements for Burke's Landed Gentry: The Kingdom in Scotland

- Reported:** 3.1 All arrangements seemed to be well in hand with more than 200 guests expected at the fete and some 35 at Dinner in the evening at Wintoun House with Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight as Guest of Honour and Dedicatee of the Volume.
- 3.2 That Sir Francis Ogilvy would be providing a conducted tour of the state rooms prior to Dinner at Wintoun, with a small reception from 10 pm/ 11 pm in the Baron's apartment there.
- 3.3 The fete guest lists included David Garrison of Tranent and Cockenzie and Peter Drummond Murray of Mastrick, the Chairman of the Scottish Heraldry Society, and several other Barons, all of who it was hoped to interest in the work emanating now from the Cockenzie Centre..
- 3.4 That Glenkinchie Whisky would be offering tastings during the day and the lead would be followed through subsequently for a possible booklet on the distillery and its branding.

4. Prestoungrange Murals

Reported: 4.1 That the anticipated Beach Barbecue and First Brushstrokes on August 4th would not be possible because of delays with the artist.

Agreed: 4.1 That whilst that was disappointing it left the opportunity for progress to be made on two other paintings as well.

4.2 That a new date be set as soon as possible with a start made this year, with either of the Barons in attendance.

Reported: 4.2 That the leaflets were now ready and would be circulated to all Prestonpans households week commencing July 23rd and they would describe both the Murals and the Pottery Competitions.

5. Premises Acquisitions

Reported: 5.1 That discussions were continuing with Lindsays WS concerning the proper valuations of The Gothenburg and the Cockenzie Centre with a view to their purchase in due course.

5.2 That Anne Taylor had settled in well at Cockenzie Centre and was

working through the snagging lists for the Hall and Lindsay Room – the latter of which will be ready by September 1st for the Scottish Heraldry Society's use.

5.3 That five metres of cupboarding/ wardrobe had been ordered for the Scottish Tartans Society, which must have completed unpacking all its artefacts by September 1st.

5.4 That an Application for Consent to fly three flags at the Cockenzie Centre had been submitted by Sylvia Burgess.

6. Financial Accounts to 30th April 2001 and Budgets for 2002

Reported: 6.1 That the Baron Bailie and Procurator Fiscal had completed the 2000/201 Accounts and sent them for audit. During the year some £ 76 573 was invested funded by long term loans.

Agreed: 6.1 That budgets should be struck for 2002 and the necessary pattern of book keeping undertaken at Cockenzie by Anne Taylor in future, with all Petty Cash centred there also.

6.2 That the 2002 budget meeting be held at Wintoun House on July 31st at 9 am, with the Baron Bailie and Procurator Fiscal in attendance.

7. Any Other Business

Burke's Kingdom in Scotland Updating

Reported: 7.1 It was to be expected that a contract to act as Office for the Updating of The Kingdom in Scotland would arise during 2002 from Burke's Peerage & Gentry LLC.

Publishing the *Tales of the Pans*

7.2 That the text had now been received and it would be reprinted during August for sale by the Prestonpans Historical Society and hung on the Internet at the Prestoungrange WebSite.

The Royal Stuart Society and the '45 Association

7.3 At the suggestion of Peter Drummond Murray of Mastrick, David

Lumsden of Cushnie, Chairman of these two allied organisations, has been asked to consider whether a presence at Cockenzie might be mutually beneficial.

The Scottish Tartans Society at Cockenzie

7.4 That there had been numerous instances of discourtesy to staffs shown by the President during his visits, and the delineation of lines of responsibility under the formal Agreement proposed in April/ May was now vital.

Agreed: 7.4 That in the absence of a proper response for the Society they be required to leave the premises at September 1st.

Bramble Scotch Whisky Liqueur

7.5 That the Barons should visit at Crauchie, East Linton as soon as possible to establish whether Scots' Cheer Limited's Bramble Liqueur can be made their Appointed Suppliers as with Glenkinchie.

8. Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 8.1 That the next and 25th Meeting of the Courts would take place at Wintoun House, Pencaitland, on July 31st 2001 at 9 am; and be followed on August 1st by the Celebration Dinner for the Household at Wintoun House also.

8.2 That the 26th Meeting would be held during the period September 7th/ 9th prior to the Barons departures to Canada and Australia.