

**MINUTES of the 23rd Meeting of the Baron Courts of
Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun held at Prestoungrange, 21
Beaumont Street, Oxford on June 1st 2001**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun
Baron Sergeand
Jane Bonnar

Apologies: Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Bailie and Procurator Fiscal

**1. Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Court held on March 16th / April
2nd 2001 at Victoria Terrace, Musselburgh, East Lothian**

Confirmed: 1.1 That they were indeed a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Repairs to the Foreshore Access at Redburn Road

Reported: 2.1(a) (Minute 01/22/2.1) That David Smith had not met his
commitment to paint the railings late May and the Part 2 settlement for
his work could only be made when he did so.

2.1(b) That no quotation was yet available for the putative bench at
the top of the steps.

Agreed: 2.1 That if David Smith was to continue as a contractor for the
Baron Courts in making good walls etc. then Jane Bonnar must hold a
clear and direct conversation with him about meeting deadlines when
agreed.

Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun History Booklets

Agreed: 2.2(a) (Minute 01/22/2.2) That Jane Bonnar should publish and
circulate monthly (by attached e-file) comprehensive details of all the
Booklets produced/ in progress, showing what delays are occurring and
action being taken.

2.2(b) That the Booklets were a massive investment by the Baron
Courts, and now that the Museum season had recommenced every
effort must be made to sell them, including the August marquee week,
with proceeds lodged at the Baron Courts' bank account in
Musselburgh.

2.2(c) That an invoice was to be raised by the Baron Sergeand on East Lothian Council for copies distributed there, taking advice as to the quantities from Annette MacTavish.

2.2(d) That Jane Bonnar should establish as soon as possible the details and precise location of all stocks held of the booklets at the East Lothian Council's store.

Confirmed: 2.2(a) That the Baron of Dolphinstoun was working to complete his illustrations for *Safe Haven* by June 11th as previously agreed, and progressing the *Geological* booklet as best he could.

2.2(b) That the front cover Arms for #12 *Agricultural Improvements at Dolphinstoun* would be those of Dolphinstoun rather than Prestoungrange.

2.2(c) That it remained the policy of the Baron Courts to publish all the booklets as a book as soon as the series reached 20 titles, excluding *Safe Haven*.

Reported: 2.2(a) That Jim Forster of the Prestonpans Historical Society had personally written a study of the Catholic Church in Prestonpans area from Newbattle Abbey onwards, and that Jane Bonnar should review this to see if it was acceptable for the series with or without further work by the author.

2.2(b) That the Historical Society also had tapes of Sumerlee Songs by the late David Steel, and knowledge of the Prestoungrange Ceiling at the time it was moved to Merchiston Tower, which Jane Bonnar would follow up.

Architectural Drawings for Beehive Kiln

2.3(a) (Minute 01/22/2.3) That no reply or comment had yet been received from the Senior Planning Officer, Paul Zochowski.

2.3(b) That the Baron should meet with the Provost as soon as the General Election is over to seek to advance collaboration which, with first the alienation and now the departure of Annette MacTavish had no committed contact for this activity or the Bath House mural.

2.3(c) That Kate Maynard has been designated as Annette MacTavish's successor and steps should be taken no later than mid-July to inform her of all matters in hand.

August 1st Launch of Burke's Landed Gentry: The Kingdom in Scotland

2.4 (Minute 01/22/2.4) That arrangements were proceeding well with Jane Bonnar taking on the ground responsibility in consultation with Mike Cross for the Press Conference, the marquee rental and the catering requirements. All other aspects were being undertaken from Stokesley.

Confirmed: 2.4 That a display at the Edinburgh Book Festival in August was required and Jane Bonnar should ensure it had been made even though there was no lecture time available.

2.5 That the session/ workshop on *Why at Prestoungrange?* Should be led by the Baron of Prestoungrange with Jane Bonnar.

2.6 That all arrangements for the Celebration Dinner on August 1st at Wintoun House were being made by the Baron Sergeand.

3. Commencing the First Mural on the Sea Wall and further Sites

Confirmed: 3.1 That Kate Hunter be invited to proceed with the benefit of the Booklet briefing and the photographic records to propose the design for the first mural to appear on the Sea Wall, to include a Narrative Box concerning Morrison's Haven.

3.2 That Saturday August 4th be targeted as the day for the First Brushstrokes with a beach barbecue to complement it at a time to suit the tides.

3.3 That beach access at the foot of the steps must be cleared of the rubble thrown up during winter storms.

3.4 That Jane Bonnar work within a gross budget including artists fees and copyright, preparation of the Wall, scaffolding and paints of not more than £ 10 000, and that she proceed to let the contract to prepare the Wall forthwith.

3.5 That whilst the First Mural is beginning to run, three further sites identified already should be pursued for agreement in association with the Prestonpans Historical Society.

Agreed: 3.1 That the information brochure for all 3000 households in Prestonpans telling the story of the forthcoming Murals and of the Pottery reproductions and Competition should proceed at once under Jane Bonnar's authority, and this to be used as a basis for an initial Press story; with a print quantity of some 5000 to include issue during Marquee Week and in the Museum itself throughout the season.

3.2 That the invitation to attend and speak on the theme *Too Much History* at the next Global Arts Tourism Congress in Moosejaw,

Saskatchewan in October 2002 be accepted, with Jane Bonnar expected to attend there and to include field visits to Chemainus and 29 Palms at the same time.

4. Report on Field Visits to Murals in Chemainus, 29 Palms, Kati Kati and Bowen

Agreed: 4.1 That the Baron and Lady of Prestoungrange had completed a series of field visits during the months February/ April to four of the global murals sites being 29 Palms, Chemainus, Kati Kati and Bowen and reports thereon have been made at the NewsNet WebSite for the Baron Courts. The welcome had been quite phenomenal everywhere.

4.2 That a contribution of \$A 5000 be made to the Murals Restoration Programme in Bowen, Queensland.

4.3 That the Baron Courts arrange a Burns Night Celebration at the Chemainus Dinner Theatre in January 2003 with Anne Wills and the baron Sergeand following up with local consultations in June 2001 with Scottish interest groups in the area.

4.4 That the Baron Courts are willing to host the Global Arts Tourism Congress in Prestoungrange in 2004 following Moosejaw if invited.

5. Agreement to republish *The History of Prestonpans*

Reported: 5.1 That with the consent of the Prestonpans Historical Society, Jim Forster would now provide copies of that Society's recent history of the town for republication both at the WebSite and on paper, with an envisaged initial print quantity of 500.

Agreed: 5.1 That Jane Bonnar should immediately obtain a copy from the Society's Secretary, Annette Gilroy, so that if at all possible the Baron can arrange for it to be back in print by August 1st.

6. Progress on Pottery Reproductions and New Millennium Collection Competition

Confirmed: 6.1 That this should be proceeding as documented in the Minutes of the 22nd Meeting, Agreed 6.1, and Jane Bonnar should make report on progress at the next meeting of the Baron Courts.

Agreed: 6.1 That Marg Hall and Alison Robertson should both be approached for a meeting in July with the Baron Courts and the Scottish Pottery Society should be involved in publicising and judging the Next Millennium Competition.

6.2 That once a quantum of artefacts was created it was appropriate to consider renting or acquiring retail space in Prestonpans High Street for display and sale, and note should be taken of any properties becoming available in the months ahead.

7. Micro-Brewery for Fowler's Beer and Glenkinchie Distillery

7.1 That an author, David Anderson, has now been found for the Booklet on Fowler's Brewery and that an advertisement should be placed in the local newspaper to seek 'volunteers' to help make the micro-brewery a success.

7.2 That discussions with the owner of The Gothenburg at Prestonpans should be advanced to see whether that might be a suitable location for the micro-brewery in due course.

7.3 That it transpired that a colleague of both the Barons had been responsible for the original global launch of Glenkinchie as one of the 'Five Classic Malts', Dr James Espey, and discussions would be held with him in the coming months to see how closer collaboration could be achieved.

8. Appointment of Anne Taylor as General Manager at Cockenzie Centre

Reported: 8.1 That Anne Taylor has been appointed as General Manager of all the facilities at the Cockenzie Centre and commenced work on June 1st reporting to the Baron Sergeant and working in team support of all Baron Court Projects as led by Jane Bonnar.

Confirmed: 8.1 That the Cockenzie Centre will be home to the Baron Courts, the Scottish Tartans Society's (STS) *Hall of Records* and the archives of the Prestonpans Historical Society. The Scottish Heraldry Society has also been invited to share facilities towards the end of 2001.

8.2 That working as a consultant to the Baron Courts and other interested parties, Jane Bonnar has been authorised to conduct specific activities under those contracts at the Cockenzie Centre as and where space permits. The same relationships applies to Duncan Paisley of Westerlea, working as Research Consultant to the STS.

8.3 That all Petty Cash and financial matters will be dealt with from July at the Centre under the Baron Sergeant's supervision.

9. Notice to Baron of Tranent and Cockenzie

9.1 That the Baron of Prestoungrange had written to the Baron of Tranent and Cockenzie, The Much Honoured David Garrison of Texas, on whose lands the Centre is located informing him of the range of activities and enquiring whether he might be interested in joining in some way with Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun. A reply is awaited.

10. Accommodation at #1, Wintoun House, Pencaitland

Reported: 10.1 That the Baron and Lady of Prestoungrange had taken up residence from May 1st and that a Reception after the Celebration Dinner was scheduled from 10 pm / 11 pm on August 1st.

11. Accounts to April 30th 2001

11.1 That the Baron Bailee and Procurator Fiscal, Mathew Wills Yr of Prestoungrange, was preparing the year end accounts to April 30th 2001 for audit by Dr Richard Dobbins & Co and they would be tabled for approval at the next meeting of the Courts on July 20th.

12. Cockenzie Centre

Agreed: 12.1 That Jane Bonnar would seek planning permission for the erection of 3 flagpoles on the Cockenzie Centre building and for a new larger name board in liaison with Mike Shaw.

13. Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 13.1 That the Courts will hold their next and 24th Meeting at The Cockenzie Centre on July 20th commencing at 9 am, Anne Taylor to make arrangements in consultation with the Baron Sergeand.

13.2 That all members of the Clan had been invited to attend the launch of *Burke's Landed Gentry: The Kingdom in Scotland* on August 1st 2001.

13.3 Executive and Team meetings to progress the various Projects and the Centre's refurbishment will be held at Cockenzie Centre and the Heritage Museum in the interim to progress matters as appropriate.