

**MINUTES of the 21st Meeting of the Baron Courts of
Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun held at Victoria
Terrace, Musselburgh on February 16th 2001.**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun
Baron Sergeand
Jane Bonnar

Apologies: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Bailie and Procurator Fiscal

**1. Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Court held on 22nd/23rd January
2001 at Green Craigs, Aberlady and the Malmaison, Leith Docks,
Edinburgh**

Confirmed: 1.1 That there is a correction to Matters Arising 2.5(a)
concerning the Dolphinstoun Doocot and Prestoungrange House.
The name of Tom Hardy should be corrected to Tom Hastie.
Otherwise these were indeed a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Repairs to the Foreshore Access at Redburn Road

Reported: 2.1 (Minute 01/20/2.1) That David Smith had now put in place the
railings which would be painted in the Spring.

Project 2000 Booklets

2.2(a) (Minute 01/20/2.2) That Jane Bonnar had commissioned the
following authors for Booklets 11-13 with February 28th deadlines:

Booklet 11 – Social & Economic Effects of the Closure of
Prestoungrange

Booklet 12 - Children's Story (to have own format and not numbered)

Booklet 13 – Agricultural Improvements at Dolphinstoun

Booklets 15 and 16 are still to be commissioned. The Prestonpans
Historical Society has been invited to participate in these and Jane
Bonnar is due to meet them in the week commencing 19th February
2001 to discuss the matter further.

The Historical Society has already gained £500 towards the production of a booklet and £1,000 has been offered by the Baron Courts.

2.2(b) That Booklet No 10 was given an absolute deadline of 16th March 2001.

Architectural Drawings for Beehive Kiln

2.3(a) (Minute 01/20/2.3) That Chris Bonnar had submitted the plans to the Senior Planning Officer, Paul Zochowski and was awaiting approval.

2.3(b) That the Provost and senior Museum colleagues had endorsed the project to reconstruct the beehive kiln on the Prestongrange Heritage Museum site.

Burke's Landed Gentry: Scotland Volume 2001

2.4 (Minute 01/20/2.4) That the marquee had been booked for the week Wednesday 1st August to Wednesday 8th August 2001 to accommodate 300 people on the Museum Site. Jane Bonnar will be holding a booking system for other Societies to use the marquee i.e. Historical Society, Heritage Society, Scottish Tartan Society. There was concern for security and a security guard will be appointed to cover vulnerable times.

Initiatives at the Heritage Museum

2.5(a) (Minute 01/20/3.1) That the Baron of Prestoungrange had attended a meeting with the Provost, Margaret O'Connor, Peter Gray and Lesley on 13th February at Haddington and agreement was reached to rebuild a beehive kiln, paint the BathHouse wall and establish a micro-brewery on the Heritage Museum site.

2.5(b) Margaret O'Connor had tabled her Report following the January meeting at Green Craigs which due to a postal strike in Oxford had not reached the Baron of Prestoungrange prior to the meeting.(Copy of the Report is attached)

Advancing the Mural Project

2.6(a) (Minute 01/20/4.1) That Jane Bonnar had received a copy of the Murals Project Manual from Karl Schutz.

2.6(b) That Margaret O'Connor had been offered up to £10,000 towards the mural on the BathHouse wall, and she and her colleagues would be seeking the best artist and exploring how an appropriate Trust structure might be established.

The remaining £40,000 allocated was to be managed by the Baron Courts itself towards two murals on the sea wall and two in the Town.

Jane Bonnar is now organising the competition for the artists based on maritime theme for the sea wall and the themes of the booklets for the Town itself, and will keep Lesley informed as she makes progress.

2.6(c) That the Baron of Dolphinstoun and Baron Sergeand had found a possible suitable wall between the Heritage Museum and the Musselburgh boundary. Jane Bonnar will investigate the ownership of the wall as a possible location for one of the Town murals.

2.6(d) (Minute 01/20/4.5) That the Baron of Dolphinstoun had designed the logo for the Baron Courts own Murals Project. The design will be created as a colour image by Matthew Boffin and put on the Website

Prestonpans Historical Society

2.7 (Minute 01/20/5.1) That notes from the meeting of Prestonpans Historical Society had been prepared by Jane Bonnar and would be circulated.

Project 2000 - Booklets and School Visits

2.8 (Minute 01/20/6.1) That Jane Bonnar had spoken to Annette MacTavish and the schedule for school visits will be during the months of May and June, which includes the last 4 weeks of the school year. The visits are an integral part of the schools curriculum. Annette MacTavish keeps a booking system and will keep Jane Bonnar informed of exact dates.

Micro-Brewery for Fowler's Beer

2.9 (Minute 01/20/7.1) That approval had been given by the Provost who had suggested the derelict pottery building behind the Powerhouse but a site visit indicated that this was unlikely to be a viable proposition per se. Jane Bonnar had suggested a location underneath the Powerhouse as an alternative site for the micro-brewery and would discuss the matter further with Peter Gray.

Agreed: 2.9 That a booklet should be written on the brewing of Fowler's

Beers and would feature pictures of Mr Rollo's extensive bottle collection, and during the research the several recipes for Fowler's Beers would be unearthed again. Former employees still living in the town should be located as possible.

Noted: 2.9 That Jane Bonnar had met Mr Rollo and photographed the bottles.

The Scottish Tartan Society (STS)

Reported: 2.10(a) (Minute 01/20/8.3) That attempts had been made to transfer the STS materials from the North Berwick Museum on the 15th February but unforeseen circumstances prevented this. The majority of the materials were placed in secure storage by the removal company and the move is due to be completed on Monday 19th February, supervised by Jane Bonnar.

2.10(b) That Duncan Paisley, Baron of Westerlea and STS President, had visited the Cockenzie Centre and shown concern for the security of the Society's irreplaceable materials. The Baron Sergeand has assured him that an alarm system would be installed at the earliest opportunity and 5 lever locks would be placed on the doors to meet his insurance obligations.

Accommodation at #1, Winton House, Pencaitland

2.11 (Minute 01/20/9.1) That a lease agreement had been signed by the Baron and Lady of Prestoungrange for #1, Winton House. Some remedial work is being undertaken by Sir Francis Ogilvy, Bart., which should be completed by end of April 2001, ready for occupation in May. The Baron and Lady of Prestoungrange will furnish the apartment on their return from Australia in May.

Role of Consultant Project Director from May 1st 2001

2.12 (Minute 01/20/9.2) That Jane Bonnar had accepted the Consultancy post on behalf of Bonnar & Co, and was awaiting a formal letter from the Baron Courts setting out the terms and conditions, bearing in mind that she personally would have several other consultancy roles to fulfil.

Virtual, Reproduction & Millennium Collection Pottery

2.13 (Minute 01/20/9.4) That Jane Bonnar had taken the photographs for the virtual pottery and would be sending them to Matthew Boffin electronically on Monday 19th February.

Noted: 2.13 That there would be another pottery exhibition at the Heritage Museum later in the year and Jane Bonnar will also take photographs as appropriate and add them to the virtual pottery exhibition on the Website.

3. Edinburgh Book Festival

Reported: 3.1 That the Edinburgh Book Festival will take place from 11th – 17th August. Jane Bonnar has contacted the organisers and is awaiting guidelines, booking forms and prices for a stall.

3.2 That the Baron of Dolphinstoun and Baron Sergeand discussed with Jane Bonnar the possibility of the Baron Courts sponsoring a lecture. Jane Bonnar will follow up this suggestion with the organisers of the Book Festival.

Agreed: 3.1 That Roddie Martine and/or David Sellars be approached as possible speakers if it transpires that the Baron Courts can sponsor a lecture on the topic of *Burke's Landed Gentry in Scotland*.

3.2 That as *Burke's Landed Gentry* is a reference book, notification of our presence at the Book Festival should be given to Librarians. As the price is £250 it was not thought appropriate to contact museum bookshops to take copies for stock, although at a later date when the CD ROM might be available they could be an important outlet.

4. Cockenzie Centre

Reported: 4.1 That the Baron of Dolphinstoun and Baron Sergeand had met two builders on site and asked them to quote for remedial works to a given specification. Quotations have been requested as a matter of urgency so that the works can be started as soon as possible and be completed by 1st week of April.

4.2 That a telephone system had been organised and the phone and fax numbers allocated are 01875 819900 and 01875 819911 respectively.

4.3 Kitchen equipment, Meeting room table, chairs and occasional chairs have all now been selected.

4.4 Letter-headings for the Prestoungrange Arts Festival and the Hall of Records, as from the Cockenzie Centre, would be commissioned from Mike Shaw at the Centre as soon as designs were finalised.

5. Registered Office

Agreed: 5.1 That the Registered Office of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange & Dolphinstoun Limited by Guarantee be formally transferred from 11 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh to the Cockenzie Centre, effective from April 1st 2001, and that the Baron Sergeand as Company Secretary make the arrangements in consultation with Alasdair Cummings at Lindsays WS.

6. Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 6.1 That the Baron Sergeand will go to Scotland once the builders commence work and when the telephone system is being installed, dates to be confirmed shortly.

6.2 That the Courts will meet at Winton House in mid May and specifically on 31st July 2001.

6.3 Additional meetings will be held at Cockenzie Centre and the Heritage Museum to progress matters during the absence of the Baron of Prestoungrange to May, convened by the Baron of Dolphinstoun as appropriate.