

MINUTES of the 19th Meeting of the Baron Courts of Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun held at Green Craigs, Aberlady, East Lothian and at the Edinburgh New Club, Princes Street on December 14th 2000

Present: Much Hon Baron of Prestoungrange
Baron Sergeand

In attendance: Jane Bonnar
Peter Drummond-Murray - Heraldry Society
Peter Gray
John McFie - Scottish Tartans Society
Annette McTavish
David Moodie
Margaret O'Connor
Much Hon Baron of Westerlea

Apologies: Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Bailie and Procurator Fiscal

1. Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Court held on August October 12th 2000 at East Lothian Regional Council, Haddington, East Lothian

Confirmed: 1.1 That these were indeed a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Repairs to the Foreshore Access

Reported: 2.1 (Minute 00/18/2.1) That David Smith had now commenced work on the repairs to the steps at Redburn Road.

Project 2000 Booklets

2.2(a) (Minute 00/18/2.2) That Jane Bonnar had now found new authors for the next booklets in the series, and had commissioned them under the normal fee structures.

2.2(b) That No 10 by the Baron of Dolphinstoun on the Geology and Environmental Impact of the Prestongrange mine was still behind deadlines.

Architectural Drawings for Beehive Kiln

2.3 (Minute 00/18/2.3) That Chris Bonnar had made good progress with his research on architectural drawings for the rebuilding of the Beehive Kiln, and they could shortly be forwarded to the Senior Planning Officer, Paul Zochowski.

Burke's Landed Gentry: Scotland Volume 2001

2.4 (Minute 00/18/2.4) That the August 2001 launch would be held in a marquee at the Heritage Museum as well as at the Edinburgh BookFair.

Agreed: 2.4 That it was sensible to seek to arrange a local festival event at the same time, and that a date must be fixed in January at the next and 20th Meeting.

Dolphinstoun Doocot and Prestongrange House

Reported: 2.5(a) (Minute 00/18/2.5) That no further details were yet available on either project, and the putative meeting with Tom Hardie would necessarily be arranged in early 2001.

Family Lineage

2.6 (Minute 00/18/4) That full details of the children of Eric Gerald Wills were still awaited to finalise the entry for Burke's landed Gentry, together with Club membership at Northampton & County.

3. Initiatives at the Heritage Museum

Reported: 3.1 To the Head of Arts and Culture, Margaret O'Connor, just returned from maternity leave, on the several projects.

Received: 3.1 Interim details of the 'new' Development Plan for the Museum in order that the several initiatives could be benchmarked against it.

Agreed: 3.1 That the plans to accommodate the Scottish Tartans Society and the Scottish Heraldry Society were not seemingly in line with the new Development Plan.

3.2 That the Baron Courts should hold further talks with the officers of the two Societies, Baron of Westerlea/ John McFie and Peter Drummond-Murray respectively, on the basis of a five year initial lease, that followed on from restoration of the Bath House for use as exhibition and research space.

4. Arts Tourism Project Progress

Reported: 4.1 That Karl Schutz was to visit at Prestongrange again in the week January 22nd/24th en route to Oxford and Milton Malsor.

Agreed: 4.1 That meetings should be arranged as follows during the three days:

- Dinner with Pat O'Brien for briefings
- Two hour public Briefing on the Nature of Arts Tourism
- Half-day Workshop on How To Make It Happen (HTMIH)
- Break out one on one meetings - Karl Schutz with key players
- Final Debrief Meeting PM January 24th

4.2 That the public Briefing should be hosted by Margaret O'Connor; and that the HTMIH Workshop should address Agenda Items 9-28.

5. Projects 2000 and 2001

Reported: 5.1 That Jane Bonnar was planning to ensure all School Visits to use the published resources would be completed by April 2001.

5.2 That Jane Bonnar now had a digital camera from the Baron Courts and would be passing virtual pottery images to the Website in the coming months.

Agreed: 5.1 that the specifications for, and invitations to, the Prestounrange 'Old' and 'New' Collections should proceed as soon as the Virtual Exhibition is arranged.

6. Micro-Brewery for Fowler's Beers

6.1 That Jane Bonnar should find an enthusiast to lead the Micro-Brewery project, collecting information on the options; and also establishing how Fowler's formulae can be accessed.

Reported: 6.1 That John Rollo had acquired the old Brewery Site and held a fine collection of old bottles, and should be approached as the project proceeds.

7. Any Other Business

Publication of *e-Postcards from the Other Side*

Reported: 7.1 That this new title had appeared and was being made available online at the WebSite.

Display of Regalia at Convention of The Baronage

7.2 That the Baron of Dolphinstoun and Baron Sergeand had both attended the Winter Meeting of the Convention and by invitation displayed the Horns, Medal and Ellwand.

Full-time working for Baron Courts

Agreed: 7.3 That an offer be made to Jane Bonnar & Co for the equivalent of one full time support staff member from may 1st 2001 on terms to be further discussed.

8. Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 8.1 That the 20th Meeting of the Courts would be held at The Manor House, Milton Malsor on January 27th 2001 following the several activities with Karl Schutz.

8.2 That all members of the Household would be invited to a Burns' Supper to be held at Milton Malsor in The Manor House on January 26th 2001, when it is also to be hoped that the new stained glass windows for Prestoungrange and Dolpinstoun can be unveiled in the Library.