



**MINUTES of the 18th Meeting of the Baron Courts of
Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun held at East Lothian
Regional Council, Haddington, East Lothian on October
12th 2000**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun

In attendance: Jane Bonnar
The Lord Provost, Cllr Pat O'Brien
Annette McTavish
David Moodie
Paul Zochowski

Apologies: Lady Prestoungrange
Baron Sergeand
Baron Bailie and Procurator Fiscal

**1. Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Court held on August
September 19th 2000 at The Royal Musselburgh Gold Club,
Prestongrange House, Prestonpans, East Lothian**

Confirmed: 1.1 That these were indeed a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Repairs to the Foreshore Access

Reported: 2.1 (Minute 00/17/2.1) That Jane Bonnar had now received a quotation from David Smith of £ 2038.50 + VAT for the repairs to the steps at Redburn Road.

Agreed: That the work proceed immediately under Jane Bonnar's supervision.

Project 2000 Booklets

Reported: 2.2(a) (Minute 00/17/2.2) That Booklets Nos 6 and 9 were now completed, and available for sale at the Museum and the WebSite.

Confirmed: 2.2(a) That Jane Bonnar was proceeding to find new authors for the next booklets in the series, and would commission them under the normal protocols.

2.2(b) That No 10 by the Baron of Dolphinstoun on the Geology and Environmental Impact of the Prestongrange mine was proceeding well and expect for completion by the year end.

Architectural Drawings for Beehive Kiln

2.3 (Minute 00/17/2.4) That Chris Bonnar had accepted the commission to prepare architectural drawings for the rebuilding of the Beehive Kiln and the Senior Planning Officer, Paul Zochowski had been notified they would be forthcoming.

Burke's Landed Gentry: Scotland Volume 2001

2.4 (Minute 00/17/5) 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 Jane Bonnar make a firm reservation with the Museum for the date not to conflict with the BookFair.

Dolphinstoun Doocot and Prestongrange House

Reported: 2.5(a) (Minute 00/17/6-7) That no further details were available on either project, and the putative meeting with Tom Hardie would necessarily be arranged in early 2001.

2.5(b) That Jane Bonnar would seek details of the Doocot's owners as soon as possible from the Senior Planning Officer.

3. Initiatives at the Heritage Museum

Reported: 3.1 To the Lord Provost and colleagues from the Regional Council, the projects that had been initiated and the feedback from the Arts Tourism workshop with Karl Schutz.

Confirmed: 3.1 By the Lord Provost and Officers of the Regional Council that they were in favour of the initiatives and projects provided they fitted within the blue print for the Heritage Museum and of course satisfied all planning requirements arising.

Agreed: 3.1 That whilst the Baron Courts were not able to consider funding the development of the 'updated' overall blue print into a Master Plan for the future, they were most willing to support and as appropriate fund discrete initiatives.

3.2 That the Baron should write to the lord Provost (appended) setting down the listing as of the current date.

3.3 That the discussions with the Scottish tartans Society which envisaged their relocating to the Museum were wholly in line with the blue print.

3.4 That the proposal for some 5 initial Arts Tourism Murals should be proceeded with in the coming months and the Baron Courts notified that they would invite Karl Schutz to return in mid January 2001 to progress matters with us all.

4. Family Lineage

Reported: 4.1 That the Wills family had finalised its lineage from William Wills of Taunton and that this should be submitted to Burke's Landed Gentry for inclusion forthwith, as appended.

Agreed: 4.1 The minor corrections to the details already tabled by Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun, together with tartan thread counts, should also be tabled at once, as appended.

5. Next Meetings

Confirmed: 5.1 That the Baron of Dolphinstoun would attend the Winter Meeting of the Convention of the Scottish Baronage, and display the Prestoungrange Regalia, on December 2nd 2000 in Lanarkshire.

5.2 That the 19th Meeting of the Courts would be held at The Manor House, Milton Malsor on December 16th 2000.

5.3 That members of the Household would meet at Oxford on October 22nd/ 23rd and dine at The Manor House on October 22nd.

5.4 That the 20th Meeting of the Courts would be held on January 27th at The Manor House to coincide with the Burns Supper.