



**MINUTES of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Baron Courts of  
Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun held at The  
Johnstounburn Hotel, Humble, East Lothian on August 25<sup>th</sup>  
2000**

**Present:** Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange  
Much Honoured Baron of Dolphinstoun  
Lady Prestoungrange  
Baron Sergeant & Secretary  
**In attendance:** Jane Bonnar  
**Apologies:** Annette MacTavish

1. **Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Court held on  
July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2000 respectively at the Imperial  
Hotel, South Mall, Cork and at 21 Beaumont Street, Oxford**

**Confirmed:** 1.1 That these were indeed a correct record.

2. **Matters Arising**

**Ceremonial Regalia**

**Reported:** 2.1 (Minute 00/14-15/2.1c) That the final photographs of  
the Bailie's Medal and the Sergeant's Ellwand had now been  
taken and would be hung at the website.

**Repairs to the Foreshore**

**Reported:** 2.2 (Minute 00/14-15/2.1) That no progress had been  
achieved with Adam Johnston, and Jane Bonnar had agreed to  
ask a stone mason to give a quotation for the work as soon as  
possible; also that the rubbish thrown onto the foreshore lately  
by travellers was being cleaned up by the local Council.

### **Prestoungrange Household**

**Reported:** 2.3 (Minute 00/14-15/3) That all members of the Household had now been listed for the website and an email automatic distribution facility for News items will be created.

### **Pottery: Virtual Exhibition, Reproduction & New Collection**

**Reported:** 2.4 (Minute 00/14-15/4) That the photography for the Virtual Pottery Exhibition had been completed and Jane Bonnar would ensure it was forwarded swiftly to Matthew Boffin.

## **3. Project 2000 Progress**

**Reported:** 3.1 That all booklets Nos. 1-9 were at the printers with end August as anticipated delivery date, well in time for the September meetings in Prestonpans.

3.2 That booklet 10, by Julian Wills on The Geology of Prestongrange and its Environmental Impact was in process with StatsGeotechnical and now expected by November.

3.3 That the Teaching Resources would pose some technical problems for the website, but that copy would now be forwarded to Matthew Boffin.

## **4. Recognition of the Barony of Dolphinstoun by Lord Lyon**

**Reported:** 4.1 That no further progress had been reported at Lyon Court but a preliminary image of the garb had been requested from Lyon Clerk.

## **5. The Prestoungrange Artists Centre & Kiln**

**Reported:** 5.1 That no East Lothian funding was currently available to support the rebuilding of one of the Beehive Kilns at Prestoungrange for exhibition and pottery creation uses.

**Agreed:** 5.1 That the Courts should nonetheless proceed with its plans for 2001 using external resources as necessary to achieve the objectives; and the Baron should use the opportunity of a requested meeting in September with the Lord Provost and Museum/ Leisure Officers of East Lothian to explore how best to move forward, with the advice of Annette MacTavish.

**Reported:** 5.2 That Mrs Alison Robinson of Portobello had expressed keen interest in the plans for 2001 and that Jane Bonnar should arrange a meeting with her and the Court in mid-September.

**Agreed:** 5.2 That following receipt of Mrs Robinson's CV the Baron should write to her outlining the broadscale plans for a major 'Prestoungrange Pottery Project 2001' - PPP 2001, as the basis for discussion.

5.3 That the PPP 2001, led by Jane Bonnar, should inter alia include:

- The completion of the '*Virtual Pottery Exhibition*' at <http://www.prestoungrange.org> by end September, with additions on a regular basis thereto thereafter
- The creation for stock of a 'saleable selection' of reproductions of good '*Prestonpans Pottery Past*'
- The conduct of a competition to create a '*Third Millennium Prestoungrange Pottery Collection*' with a suitable prize
- The production for stock at cost, with a 50/50 share of surplus revenues of the Third Millennium Collection, for sale as widely as possible in the surrounding area.

## **6. Flower Festival at Haddington Church**

**Reported:** 6.1 That the Flower Festival had been excellent but the contribution had been marginal to the Court's purposes and agreed it should not be repeated.

## **7. Chemainus Link for Arts Tourism**

**Reported:** 7.1 That arrangements were well in hand, despite the

realisation that the Monday concerned was a Public Holiday in Scotland.

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7.2 That Jane Bonnar had made bookings at Prestongrange House and was issuing invitations for the Workshop on Tuesday. She had also checked on Listed Buildings constraints at the Museum which cover all structures except the Baths and Morrison's Haven/ Acheson's Harbour, the latter being de-listed in March 2000.

**Reaffirmed:** 7.1 "That there was no wish on the part of the Courts that anyone involved should feel pressured in any way to adopt an Arts Tourism approach because of this investment, and Museum staffs were asked to emphasise this at all times. The belief is that the quality of the contribution that Arts Tourism can make in the right context is beyond doubt; the question to be explored is whether or not the Museum might be a right context".

7.2 That Annette MacTavish would meet with the visitors before they began their consultations at Prestonpans, and that she would brief the Baron prior to his putative meeting with the Lord Provost and colleagues.

## **8. Annual Report & Inaugural Accounts to April 5<sup>th</sup> 2000**

**Confirmed:** 8.1 That the Procurator Fiscal of the Courts had completed the inaugural accounts for the period ending April 5<sup>th</sup> 2000, and sent them to the auditor, Dr Richard Dobbins & Co.

**Reported:** 8.1 That the accounts showed a generous level of loan finance from supporters, and 30 Members of the Household had each contributed their £ 100 Guarantee on Invitation as provided for under Memorandum of Association clause 5.

**Agreed:** 8.1 That Jane Bonnar, as Project Director for Prestoungrange 2000, had made an outstanding contribution, for which she be thanked; and that her consultancy company be asked to continue its services for PPP 2001.

**Confirmed:** 8.2 That it was acceptable for the future, as for the past, that Jane Bonnar's consultancy company's services are provided either by her or her colleagues; and that as such the

arrangement with her was not seemingly a contract of employment.

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**Agreed:** 8.2 That for proper accounting purposes it was appropriate for Jane Bonnar to raise invoices on the Court both in respect of the services provided and incidental expenses incurred, and that this should be done in respect of all services since commencement.

**9. Burke's Landed Gentry: 2001 Scotland Volume**

**Reported:** 9.1 That it was proposed to book the Library at the Hub in Edinburgh Castle for the launch of the new 19<sup>th</sup> Edition both case bound and online in August 2001, and that details of costs were being obtained.

**Confirmed:** 9.1 That Burke's Landed Gentry's Scotland linkage with the Scottish Tartans Society made a wide range of opportunities feasible which the Barons would explore with the Lord Provost in September.

**10. 1124 Society of St Giles**

**Reported:** 10.1 That the Barons of Prestoungrange and of Dolphinstoun had met the Officers of the 1124 Society of St Giles Cathedral to discuss the possibility of hosting a Reception in support of its Appeal, but it seemed unlikely that the Courts could provide the catalyst the Officers were seeking.

10.2 That the new chairs at the Cathedral from the two Barons were now in place, and looked most elegant.

**Agreed:** 10.1 To refer the request re the Appeal to the Convention of the Scottish Baronage to see whether they or their members might be able to assist.

**11. Dolphinstone Doocot**

**Noted:** 11.1 That the Dolphinstone Doocot, originally in the policies of the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century now ruined Cowthrople House, had been regraded from B to A by the Heritage Policy Group of Historic Scotland, and noted as not in good repair, with the remains of a

glover ( cupola ) evident on its roof.

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**Agreed:** 11.2 To explore with Historic Scotland whether some assistance could be given for its restoration.

## **12. The Prestonpans Partnership**

**Received:** 12.1 A Briefing from Monica Hoenigmann on the work of the new Community Schools Initiative.

**Agreed:** 12.1 That the Courts would not divert their investments or their time away from their focus through the Museum but that wheresoever Annette MacTavish and Jane Bonnar saw the resources and lazy assets of the Museum could be synergetically deployed with the Initiative, the Courts would give all possible support.

## **13. Forthcoming Meetings**

**Confirmed:** 13.1 That the next and 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Court and The Household would be held at Prestongrange House on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2000, including a ceremonial conferral on Karl Schutz and Doris Bucklin of membership of the Household and copies of The Three Prestoungrange Paintings by Janice McNab.

13.2 That the Household would be entertaining guests from the USA at Oxford on September 11<sup>th</sup> and a Burns Night Supper would be held at The Manor House in Milton Malsor on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2001 from 6.30 pm.

13.3 That the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Courts would be held at the Manor House, Milton Malsor on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2000.