



**MINUTES of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Baron Court of  
Prestoungrange held at Brown's George Street & The  
Prestoungrange Industrial Heritage Museum, East Lothian  
Scotland on December 8<sup>th</sup> 1999**

**Present:** Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange  
Baron Sergeand & Secretary

**In attendance:** Jane Bonnar\*  
Roy Shearer\*

Annette McTavish\*  
**Apologies:** Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal  
Lady Prestoungrange

\* *part time as appropriate*

**1. Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Court held on September  
8<sup>th</sup> 1999 at The Prestoungrange Industrial Heritage Museum,  
Prestonpans, East Lothian**

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

**2. Matters Arising**

**Ceremonial Regalia**

**Reported:** 2.1(a) (Minute 99/7/2.1a) That Denzil Skinner and the craftsmen of Hamilton & Inches had now been formally commissioned to create the Bailie's Medal and Chain in 9ct gold, and that Sticks & All in Kempston working with Hamilton & Inches should be invited to create the Baron Sergeand's Ellwand from mahogany with carved ends and a silver medal suspended centre.

2.1(b) (Minute 99/7/2.1b) That the robes for the Baron Bailie and Baron Sergeand had not yet been received from Ms Sally Green at North Lopham although promised during October, but she was being progressed chased.

### **Repairs to the Foreshore**

**Reported:** 2.2 (Minute 99/7/2.2a&b) That a reply had now been received from Scottish Power identifying that the concrete covering the pipeline for ash slurry being pumped from Cockenzie Power Station towards Musselburgh was not a walkway and that although it would necessarily be kept in repair that would be for the protection of the pipeline not as a walkway.

**Agreed:** 2.2(a) That Adam Johnston be asked if he would make contact with the officers at Scottish Power to arrange a Site Inspection to see all was in order.

2.2(b) That in the light of the information received from Ms Jessie Turner, Senior Estates Surveyor of East Lothian Council in Haddington, Adam Johnston be asked to put in hand and supervise repairs to the steps at the bottom of Redburn Road and the placing of marker plates at each end.

### **Schools' Graffiti Contest on Sea Wall: June 2000**

2.3 (Minute 99/7/2.2b) That Jane Bonnar be asked to fix the relevant date for the School's Graffiti Contest using the sea wall in May/ June 2000 and to ensure provision for inside completion if the weather was bad, on the agreed basis with the prize of £2000 of new computing equipment to the winning school.

### **Prestoungrange Household**

**Reported:** 2.4 (Minute 99/7/2.3a) That the Strap & Buckle Crests had been completed and would be delivered the following week by Scotcrest of Blairgowrie as ordered viz. 50 being 25 each on light and dark wood.

### **Glenkinchie Malt Whiskey**

2.5 (Minute 99/7/2.3b) That no progress had been made on securing supplies of Glenkinchie Whiskey for baronial endorsement.

**Agreed:** 2.5 That 'By Appointment' labels should be printed and affixed to bottles as gifts before Burns Night 2000.

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### **Official Opening of The Prestoungrange in Oxford**

**Reported:** 2.6 (Minute 99/7/2.3) That Janice McNab the artist of the Three Prestoungrange *CyberFeudalism* Paintings and some 60 Members of the Household had attended the Opening of The Prestoungrange at 21 Beaumont Street, Oxford on September 16<sup>th</sup> with a Piper in attendance followed by the haggis.

**Thanked:** 2.6 The Baron Sergeand, Sylvia Burgess and all staff at 21 Beaumont Street for their contribution to the Opening not just of The Prestoungrange but also the remainder of the fine building there.

### **Facsimile Edition of the full extent of the Countess of Hyndford's baronial lands in 1796**

**Reported:** 2.7 (Minute 99/7/2.5) That The Countess of Hyndford's 1796 maps of her lands in Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun were now hanging at Oxford.

### **3. Access to the Barony of Dolphinstoun**

**Confirmed:** 3.1 That Sir James Grant-Suttie, by further and corrective Disposition on September 29<sup>th</sup> 1999 as recorded in the General Registers of Sasines for the County of East Lothian ELN 99 294 on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1999, had now *also* granted access for the Baron of Prestoungrange to all the Lands and Feudal Barony of Dolphinstoun which have been contained and comprehended by the Grant-Sutties with Prestoungrange since the lifetimes of the Morrisons and the Countess of Hyndford.

**Agreed:** 3.1 That a gift of land now identified as being a part of the Barony of Dolphinstoun at the time of its joint mapped possession by the Countess of Hyndford and still deemed *prima facie* to be in the possession of Sir James Grant-Suttie be graciously accepted without warrandice, and Roy Shearer at

Lindsays WS asked to complete the legal requirements forthwith.

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3.2 That on confirmed receipt of the gift at 3.1 above, the Barony of Dolphinstoun shall be reconstructed separately by gift of All the Lands and Baronial Rights and Regalia by Disposition in favour of Dr Julian Wills, who shall then Petition The Lord Lyon to Matriculate his Wills' Family Arms as Baron of Dolpinstoun and to gain his Warrant for their preparation.

**4. Prestoungrange Tartan on the Net**

**Reported:** 4.1 (Minute 99/7/4) That a further visit to the Scottish Tartan Society's offices in Pitlochry by the Baron or Baron Sergeand had not been arranged.

**5. Development of the Court's Website**

**Reported:** 5.1 (Minute 99/7/5) That the Baron Sergeand had not made the progress hoped for but that development was in hand and the Three Prestoungrange Paintings were available in digitised form.

**6. Progress with Project 2000 for Schools**

**Reported:** 6.1 That Jane Bonnar was making excellent progress with editorial work with the Schools Resources and all was targeted for May/ June launch as expected.

6.2 That the £2000 of new funding for the Graffiti Contest at the sea wall with the themes being any of the 12 Issues but interpreted for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century was expected to be taken up and once precise timings were known the ate would be set.

6.3 Regular Reports were being received as required by the Baron Sergeand.

6.4 That new archival materials on the Prestoungrange Pit had been made available by the family of its last NCB General Manager.

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

**Reported:** 7.1 That the Industrial Heritage Museum Service was hopeful that an Artists Centre might be created on the site, with an artist in residence.

**Agreed:** 7.1 That such a proposal would be of considerable interest to the Baron Court if it made progress.

**Confirmed:** 7.1 That the Baron Court's prime interest would be to see one kiln restored to its original form, with a modern operating facility within it, provided that continuing purpose was planned ab initio including limited edition reproduction of Prestoungrange and Prestonpans pottery, and that up to £50 000 should be provisionally set aside for that purpose.

**Agreed:** 7.2 That Jane Bonnar be asked to continue with the discussions already in hand for the next major focus after the Schools Project 2000 being the creation of a Virtual Pottery Exhibition from Prestoungrange and to seek to rebuild one of the kilns demolished at the Museum site when the mine closed.

## **8. Delivery of Ensigns Armorial**

**Reported:** 8.1 That artists delays at the Court of the Lord Lyon meant the Grant of Ensigns Armorial were still not ready at December 8<sup>th</sup> which was most disappointing.

## **9. Common Court with Barony of Dolpinstoun**

**Agreed:** 9.1 That the Baron Court of Prestoungrange should change its name when the two baronies are separately constructed again, to become 'The Baron Courts of Prestoungrange & of Dolphinstoun', and that a single body corporate shall conduct their separate affairs.

9.2 That separate regalia be provided for each barony and each to have its own Laird's Household and Arms.

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## **10. Annual Report & Inaugural Accounts**

**Confirmed:** 10.1 That the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Return had been submitted to Companies House in Edinburgh by the Secretary.

10.2 That the Procurator Fiscal of the Court was required to strike the accounts of the company to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2000 for the period 10<sup>th</sup> November 1998 - April 30<sup>th</sup> 2000, and to file them no later than 10<sup>th</sup> October 2000; and annually at that April 30<sup>th</sup> reference date thereafter.

## **11. Forthcoming Meetings**

**Confirmed:** 11.1 That the next and 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Court would be held in Victoria, British Columbia, convened by the Baron Sergeand, on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2000; and be followed by Burns Night celebrations at Milton Malsor on January 27<sup>th</sup> convened by the Baron & Lady Avril of Prestoungrange.

11.2 That the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting would be held at the Industrial Heritage Museum in early February.