



**MINUTES of the 5th Meeting of the Baron Court of
Prestoungrange held at Bankton Steadings & The Industrial
Heritage Industrial Museum, Prestonpans, East Lothian
Scotland on June 18th 1999**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Baron Sergeand & Secretary

In attendance: Adam Johnston*
Lady Prestoungrange
Charles Margerison*
Janice McNab*
Annette McTavish*

Apologies: Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal

* *part time as appropriate*

**1. Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Court held on May 17th
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 (Minute 99/4/2.1) That still no progress had been made on finding a jeweller able to create the Ellwand or the badge but that the Baron Sergeand was exploring the matter and the exact design of the authorised badge from Lyon Court was now clearer, being a fusil representing coal surmounted by a five pointed star replacing the Malsoures crescent within the original Wills' uplifted wings.

Agreed: 2.1 That the Court had now approached Ms Sally Green of 1 Lyng Lane, North Lapham, Norfolk IP22 2HR (Ph 01953 681676) to be Costumier for the robes of the Baron Bailie and

Baron Sergeand as recommended by the Laird of Balgonie and Eddergoll and that the illustrations from the Convention of the Scottish Baronage had been forwarded to her.

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Grant of Arms

Reported: 2.2 (Minute 99/4/2.2) That Letters Patent had now been approved and the Fees invoice settled.

Repairs to the Foreshore

2.3 (Minute 99/4/2.3) That Roy Shearer had not yet received a response from the East Lothian Council concerning Rights of Way and repairs to the concrete pathway and steps, and placing of marker plates at each end.

Prestoungrange Household

2.4 (Minute 99/4/2.4) That progress had yet to be made on the research re Clan Chieftainship but that further nominations to the Household had been made, namely Charles Margerison, Janice McNab and Annette McTavish.

Agreed: 2.4(a) That Members of the Household should receive ties and brooches of the Prestoungrange pinsel surrounded by strap and buckle in due course.

2.4(b) That all Members of the Household should be invited to the Opening of the Prestoungrange Conference room at 21 Beaumont Street, Oxford in mid September and the occasion organised by the Baron Sergeand.

Registered Office for the Baron Court of Prestoungrange

2.5(a) That an offer of £ 110 000 be made to Mr Macke to acquire the 0.35 hectares and the buildings thereon known as Bankton Steadings with a view to developing them as 3/ 4 units with immediate access.

2.5(b) That Adam Johnston, architect to Mr Macke, be invited to continue on the Court's behalf to seek revised planning and building regulations consents for 4 units at the highest standard; and Lindsays WS to act as solicitors.

2.5(c) (Minute 99/4/2.5) That if the offer to acquire Bankton Steadings at Prestonpans is successful, one of the units to be redeveloped will become the Registered Office of the Baron Court.

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

Reported: 2.6 (Minute 99/4/2.6) That Roy Shearer of Lindsays WS had located several Edinburgh cartographers to create a facsimile copy of the Countess of Hyndford's 1796 maps of her lands in Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun and is seeking quotations and quality indications.

3. Access to Dolphinstoun

Reported: 3.1 (Minute 99/4/3) That Sir James Grant Suttie's solicitors had confirmed willingness to sell the interest in the baronial title of Dolphinstoun for £ 20 000, and would do so when we are able to demonstrate ownership of some lands within the Barony as identified in the Countess' 1796 maps.

3.2 That the draft of the proposed legislation now laid before the first Session of the Scottish Parliament since 1707 in respect of feudalism in Scotland has quite specifically provided for the continuation of baronial titles just as the Act of Union in 1707 had so provided.

Agreed: 3.1 That Roy Shearer be asked to make an offer to acquire and restore the Dooct at Dolphinstoun Farm forthwith to secure such requisite lands.

4. Prestoungrange Tartan

Reported: 4.1 (Minute 99/4/4) That Keith Lumsden was still being necessarily chased for the tartan to appear on the Register of Scottish Tartans at <http://www.tartans.scotland.net> but that their computer difficulties apparently continued.

4.2 That DC Dalgleish had now manufactured and delivered 4 ladies' sashes and 24 ties made from the tartan for use by Members of the Household and possible sale at the Industrial Heritage Museum and Royal Musselburgh in due course.

5. Development of the Court's Website

Reported: 5.1 (Minute 99/4/5) That the Baron Sergeand had now completed discussions with the Director of East Lothian Museums and his Education Officer, Annette McTavish, and a firm contract has been offered to accomplish the following:

- 12 Prestoungrange Resources for School use with linked Visits to the Museum to be published with open access on the Internet and as paper based guides for sale.
- A general brochure on the Museum to appear on the Internet and for sale on paper
- Winter employment for Ms Jane Banner to co-ordinate the Resources
- The sponsorship of an Annual Graffiti Contest at the Seawall.

Confirmed: 5.1 That the contents proposal as listed in Minute 99/3/6 remained valid for the Prestoungrange Barony site structure and that the new resources would be linked from that as well as from the East Lothian Council site.

5.2 That the Baron Sergeand would visit the barony again in mid July to agree further details of the Contract.

6. Burke's Peerage 2000 edition of Scottish Landed Gentry

Reported: 6.1 (Minute 99/4/6) That the Baron Bailie was continuing to progress as agreed with Peter Dewar and Baron Bombie and had prepared the Prospectus/ flyer to raise funding.

6.2 That the Baron would be meeting Harold Brooks-Baker in London in the coming weeks to discuss the production support to be offered and the creation of the Website for continuous updating.

6.3 That Baron Bombie had suggested that he would be interested in investing in the publication.

7. Commissioning of Pictures to Celebrate the Millennium

Reported: 7.1 That Janice McNab had visited Prestoungrange and viewed the 1591 Ceiling at Napier University and accepted a commission to create three paintings on the theme of *CyberFeudalism* at a total expense of £ 6250.

Agreed: 7.1 That it was desirable for the pictures to be ready in time for the opening at Oxford in September, and that a 24pp brochure including the developmental sketches should be published.

7.2 That the Baron Sergeand should progress the paintings with an initial advance of expenses once draft guidelines for each of the three is received and agreed with the artist.

7.3 That as appropriate it would be in order for the paintings to be absent at exhibitions from time to time at the request of Janice McNab and that copies should be made to enable this with a minimum of inconvenience.

8. St Giles Cathedral

Reported: 8.1 That following admission as Guardians of St Giles Cathedral, each Member of the Court had received an engraved quaich.

8.2 That the Baron had also now become a Founding Member of the Cathedral's 1124 Society with a carved chair placed in the Cathedral to signify and commemorate that membership.

8.3 Details of a possible invitation to attend the St Andrews' service in the Cathedral this year were still awaited.

9. Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 9.1 That the next meeting would be held at Bankton Steadings on July 15th 1999, convened by the Baron Sergeand.