



**MINUTES of the 4th Meeting of the Baron Court of
Prestoungrange held at The Prestoungrange Industrial
Museum, Prestonpans, East Lothian Scotland on
May 17th 1999**

Present: Much Honoured Baron of Prestoungrange
Baron Sergeand & Secretary
In attendance: Lady Prestoungrange
Bryan Wills
Apologies: Baron Bailie & Procurator Fiscal

*Noted with pleasure that a unicameral Scottish Parliament had
been recalled from its 1707 adjournment and that HM The
Queen had at Holyrood Palace this day appointed her First
Minister for Scotland and Keeper of the Great Seal*

**1. Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Court of Members held on
February 11th 1999 at The Royal Musselburgh Golf Club,
Prestoungrange, Prestonpans, East Lothian**

Confirmed: 1.1 That these were a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Ceremonial Regalia

Reported: 2.1 (Minute 99/3/2.2) That 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.

Agreed: 2.1 That the Court should approach 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

Grant of Arms

Reported: 2.2(a) (Minute 99/3/2.3) That the Lord Lyon had now issued his Warrant for the Grant of Arms to Gordon Prestoungrange as Baron and that the details of Letters Patent were now awaited by end May from the Lyon Clerk.

2.2(b) That the completed vellum was anticipated by the beginning of September with full illumination of the badge and standard.

2.2(c) That a fees invoice would be received from the Lyon Clerk with the Letters Patent.

Repairs to the Foreshore

2.3 (Minute 99/3/2.6) That a further visit to the foreshore lands had confirmed that the concrete pathway would benefit from repairs and that marker plates should be placed at each end.

Agreed: 2.3 To ask Roy Shearer of Lindsays WS to approach the East Lothian Council to establish the legal position of the Right of Way, and to indicate the Court's intention to repair the steps and add a railing opposite Redburn Road, to clean the graffiti from the sea wall and to add marker plates at each end.

Prestoungrange Household

Reported: 2.4 (Minute 99/3/3) That no progress had been made on the research re Clan Chieftainship but that it would be addressed as soon as possible and that further nominations to the Household would be made at subsequent meetings.

Registered Office for the Baron Court of Prestoungrange

2.5 (Minute 99/3/8) That the Management Committee of the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club had declined to proceed with the Court's proposal to restore the East Wing of Prestoungrange and have subsequent use thereof as its Registered Office.

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Agreed: 2.5 That further thought should be given to the best location on the former baronial lands for the Registered Office, two of the possibilities being Bankton Steading and the Industrial Museum.

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

Agreed: 2.6 (Minute 99/3/2.4) That Roy Shearer of Lindsays WS should invite an Edinburgh cartographer to create a facsimile copy of the Countess Hyndford's 1796 maps of her lands in Prestoungrange and Dolphinstoun since the Grant Suttie family are not willing to sell the originals.

3. Access to Dolphinstoun

Reported: 3.1 (Minute 99/3/2.4) That discussions continued with Sir James Grant Suttie's solicitors with a view to gaining access to the baronial title of Dolphinstoun and that a two part Offer of £ 7 500 + £ 17 500 had been made by the Baron.

3.2 That if access could be swiftly achieved it would be included in the Letters Patent for the Grant of Arms to Gordon Prestoungrange.

3.3 That it was likely that the lands at Northfield Mains and the Bankton 'Manor' House occupied by Colonel Gardiner at the time of the Battle of Prestonpans in 1745 and its Steadings were all on the baronial lands at the time of its original grant as Coulthrople; and if this is the case an offer would be made to acquire the Steadings with its existing buildings and land for the development of a jointly Registered Office for both Baron Courts and as dwellings.

3.4 That alternately, caput could be established on lands near the Dolphinstoun Farms or Doocot.

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4. Prestoungrange Tartan

Reported: 4.1 (Minute 99/3/5) That the new tartan still does not appear on the Register of Scottish Tartans at <http://www.tartans.scotland.net> but that Keith Lumsden of the Scottish Tartans Society reported this was due to computer difficulties and it would soon be remedied.

4.2 That the official Certificate numbered 99002 with the full count at pivots and colour legend included had been received from the Society.

Agreed: 4.3 That the Court should consider popularising the tartan items at the Industrial Museum, the Golf PRO shop at Prestoungrange and in shops in Prestonpans itself once it is on the Register online as a potential income source.

5. Development of the Court's Website

Reported: 5.1 (Minute 99/3/6) That the Baron Sergeand was continuing discussions with the Director of Museums of East Lothian so that the Website can be linked to his site and that an offer to expand that site for the benefit of the recently appointed Education Office had been made.

Confirmed: 5.1 That a formal contract had been concluded with IRDC Limited to create and manage the baronial Website and that the Baron Sergeand and Baron would create a work schedule linking to the cc site already registered by end June.

5.2 That the contents proposal as listed in Minute 99/3/6 remained valid for the site structure.

5.3 That the Baron Sergeand would visit the barony again in mid June to finalise the contribution of copy from the Industrial Museum and how it will link with the educational activities.

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

Reported: 6.1 (Minute 99/3/7) That the Baron Bailie was progressing as agreed with Peter Dewar and Baron Bombi to prepare the Prospectus/ flyer to raise funding.

7. Commissioning of Pictures to Celebrate the Millennium

Reported: 7.1 That paintings at the Waverley Gallery had been reviewed and Janice McNab of Glasgow identified as a suitable artist.

Agreed: 7.1 That the Baron Sergeand should hold discussions with Janice McNab to commission a series that reflects CyberFeudalism and captures the essence of the old/ the present/ the future in her own representational idiom, to be ready if possible for the middle of September.

7.2 That copies would hang in the Prestoungrange Suite at 21 Beaumont Street in Oxford along with the tartan, but the originals would be displayed at The Manor House in Milton Malsor.

8. Guardians of St Giles Cathedral

Agreed: 8.1 That a donation in the sum of £ 850 be made to the St Giles Cathedral Renewal Fund on behalf of the Court, and that details of the November 30th St Andrews' Day service in the Cathedral be established.

9. Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed: 9.1 That the next meeting would be held in Haddington in mid June convened by the Baron Sergeand.