**BATTLE OF PESTONPANS [1745] HERITAGE TRUST**

**MINUTES OF THE 83/17 MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES HELD ON JANUARY19th 2017 IN THE JAMES PARK BISTRO at THE PRESTOUNGRANGE GOTHENBURG, 227/ 229 HIGH STREEET, PRESTONPANS EH32 9BE**

**PRESENT:**

Herbert Coutts [Joint Chairman in the chair]

Sharon Beck

Brett Fletcher

Arran Johnston

Gordon Prestoungrange

Avril Wills

Sean Wood

**APOLOGIES:**

Gareth Bryn-Jones

Sylvia Burgess

John Curtis

Sharon Dabell

Mark Jardine

Richard Mackenzie

Baron of Dolphinstoun

Baron of Prestoungrange [Treasurer]

Pauline Jaffray

Pat O’Brien

**1 MINUTES of 82/16 Meeting** of the Trustees **& 10th AGM** of the Members both held on November 24th 2016 had been circulated by the Secretary and were certified correct/ noted save with the need of correction since Arran Johnston was not present but conducting a Waverley Walk of the Battlefield.

**2 SCOTTISH POWER/ CONSULTATION & HARGREAVES RE BLINDWELLS & REPSOL/INCHCAPE**

1. That there have been no reported developments in respect of Blindwells/ Charlestoun but that detailed Planning Applications are shortly to be tabled and a meeting should be sought asap.
2. The draft conclusions of the Consultants for the Master Plan re the former lands of Cockenzie Power Station were to be presented to all parties on February 1st and Arran Johnston would be attending.
3. That Inchcape sale of their interest in the offshore windfarm and hence the putative SubStation is still unresolved, but the CRA has launched a second CRtB application although with InchCape’s 3 Year Planning Consent in Principle due to expire September 2017, a revised application and prior Consultation is going forward and all have been urged to register their views.
4. That Wessex Archaeology had shared its findings at the site with Arran Johnston which carried the debate no further forward except in identifying that the lands in question had not been disturbed since 1745 save by agriculture.
5. Agreed that a letter be sent to Barba Cummins, Head of Heritage at Historic Environment Scotland, asking them to reinstate their original Objection to InchCape’s proposal on the grounds of adequate brownfield lands being available to the north of the battlefield; and to consult officially with the Trust before making any determination on the revised Application by InchCape.

**3** **WORKING** **WITH ELC @ PRESTONGRANGE MUSEUM & HLF APPLICATION**

1. That BarkerLangham LLP had tabled the Trust’s Round 1 application to HLF for £3.7m before the deadline of December 8th 2016.
2. That concerns had been expressed at Prestonpans Community Council [PCC] that it had not had the opportunity to comment on the Round 1 submission, for which Gordon Prestoungrange had apologized and immediately convened an Open Meeting on even date to address their concerns, advertised in the *East Lothian Courier*.
3. That the Open Meeting had been well attended and Community Councillors agreed to ensure that to maintain a good balance at the Industrial Heritage Museum, ELC should ensure suitable development of all aspects outwith the BathHouse. Trustees were invited to attend the next meeting of the PCC to explore this issue.

**4 VIRIDOR PROJECT/ PATHS FOR ALL**

.01 That the chains installed still await replacement by Strawberry Corner Landscapes.

.02 That a final tranche of work including an additional bench is now scheduled to complete the Viridor Project using Strawberry Corner as contractors later this month.

.03 Eric Rosoman and colleagues at Atom Coding are scheduled to have one update of the GPS APP **Prestonpans 1745** in Spring 2017 when additional details are to hand for the Waggonway, including a commissioned artwork from Alan Braby/ Ed Bethune, and corrections/ emendments for the other two elements.

.04 That meetings continue with ELC’s Landscapes & Countryside Team to see how the new APP’d Walks can be integrated into the county’s existing provision and the guides thereto and a second meeting has been held with Sandra King, Manager of the Preston, Seton & Gosford [PSG] Partnership prior to their creation of a new Walkers’ / Cyclists’ Guide for PSG.

.05 That ELC’s Keith Scott had agreed to the addition of the Apple/ Android APP logo to all signage and Eric Roseman was advising on design. The Leaflet dispenser at The Gothenburg car park will be replaced with similar guidance re the APPs later in the year together with an Interpretation Board.

.06 That Arran Johnston is working with Ed Bethune and Alan Braby to design three 1722 Waggonway Interpretation Boards asap and the Trust has also been asked by Sandra King [PSG Area Partnership] to restore the Morrisons Haven Interpretation Board for the sum of £1,000.

.07 That Gardner Molloy has completed the two Memorial Tables carved with all Regimental details and these are now instore with him pending determination of their temporary location; but confirmed that their ceremonial ‘unveiling’ shall take place in 2018 when the triennial battle cycle takes place in The Pans.

.08 That once all is complete save .07 above, application to VisitScotland to become a registered venue shall be made – hopefully early in 2017 and a formal Opening with a senior HES officer in attendance.

**5 RELATIONSHIP WITH SCOTTISH BATTLEFIELDS TRUST – 2017 & 2018 LIVING HISTORY**

.01 That in **2017** the Prestonpans Commemorations, after discussions with Andrew Robertson at ELC, will be linked to the County’s Archaeology Week as Pinkie Cleugh has traditionally been and additionally with digs at Cockenzie Harbour re the 1722 Waggonway. Activity at Prestongrange Museum is also to be expected.

.02 Thus far, further plans for **Prestonpans 2017** are emergent but with the anticipated publication of a new book on the battle from Arran Johnston thought might be given to ‘Literary Cameos’ building on the Waverley initiative, Cadell’s defense of Cope and the Gaelic connections. The putative Commemorative Plaque for Colonel Gardiner in Tranent Churchyard might also be unveiled and the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the Alan Breck Regiment by The Prince’s Warrant at The Palace of Holyroodhouse will be celebrated.

.03 That when the major re-enactment event returns to **Prestonpans in 2018** great focus will be on the *‘Clans who Came Out with The Prince in 1745’*, as previously targeted in 2008 for the 1st Year of Homecoming, with the Trust’s Committee of High Sponsors invited to assist in the occasion.

.04 That the outcome of the Scottish Battlefields Trust’s applications to LEADER for £185,000 + would now hopefully be known by March and if successful will have a significant impact on many of the Trust’s activities.

.05 ELC and EventScotland have already given SBT’s East Lothian County Battle Cycle support as a National Event and HES is promising ‘Organisational Support’ for extensive Interpretation.

**6** **SCHOOL VISITS/ BATTLE GAME BOARD/ WAR GAMES/ EXHIBITIONS**

.01 Arran Johnston reported that School Visits were proceeding with support from East Lothian Council and directly.

.02 That Brett Fletcher, in association with Warwick Louth and the Prestoungrange Gothenburg, was working in the Scottish Battlefields Trust to take further initiatives in the playing of War Games.

.03 Plans are afoot for a 10+ day exhibition in Lorient, Brittany, in August/ September 2017 as part of the Scottish contribution to their *Festival InterCeltic Lorient [FIL]*; it attracts over 500,000 visitors and local support there is once again forthcoming from Jean Cevaer and Hubert of St Nazaire/ Pornichet. Discussions continue with Tom Johnstone who is the Scottish Government’s Representative.

.04 The Alan Brecks have been invited to participate during October 2017 at the National Museum in its ‘Jacobite Festival’ and the Trust’s own plans are being made to exhibit the Prestonpans Tapestry at the same time.

**7** **TAPESTRY/ FRIENDS GROUP**

.01 The Friends are preparing to undertake an immediate check in March before the Diaspora Tapestry travels to Westminster Hall, and to staff exhibitions across Scotland during 2017. A meeting of the Friends is scheduled for January 20th to advance these initiatives.

.02 CreativeScotland had once again declined to support the Diaspora Exhibition cycle which means there must be severe restraints on what can be accomplished in Westminster although Glenkinchie have agreed to donate their whisky for the receptions for High Commissioners and Ambassadors from the 34 countries + Iceland.

.03 The Renfrewshire Tapestry Team has asked for a small exhibition from the Prestonpans Tapestry in Glasgow during the first week of March.

.04 Confirmed that as agreed with Barons Courts and the Prestoungrange Arts Festival, the 1745 Battle Trust has now formally acquired the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry for an agreed consideration of £100 to each of those companies.

.05 That with the election of Donald Trump as the sixth US President with Scottish ancestors, an additional panel detailing all six is being created to the design already used for No. 10 Downing Street and Scottish Prime Ministers but with the White House in its place.

.06 That venues for the grand Homecoming to Edinburgh of the Scottish Diaspora tapestry, for the first time compleat, are still being evaluated; the occasion will include the dedicated Schools Panels undertaken in partnership with EducationScotland.

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

.01 **Phonetic Lexicon for ‘Gaelic’ speaking Highlanders** is now, with its phonetic translation, being used in training sessions by the Alan Brecks.

.02 **Colonel Gardiner’s Plaque @ Tranent Churchyard** still requiresformalconsent from ELC which is responsible for the churchyard; funds are available to proceed, with details to be included on the APP. Arran Johnston is progressing the matter and agreeing appropriate wording.

.03 ‘**The** **Spirit of the Tartan ‘**,the *Song-Drama of The Gael* by Dr Arthur Geddes, son of Sir Patrick Geddes [himself remembered in The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry], is finding additional supporters with Ian Green of Greentrax, the Sangstream Choir and the Kinloch Anderson family whose uncle Ronald composed The Overture in 1932.

.04 **The Jacobite Trail** suggestion has been included as an SBT initiative in the Trust’s Round 1 Application to HLF, as being hubbed from Prestonpans and is arousing interest. Developments at Falkirk are also proceeding.

**9 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

.01 The Trustees will hold their 84/ 17 Meeting on Thursday **March 2nd 2017.**

.03 The Trustees will hold their 85/17 Meeting on Thursday **April 6th 2017** or earlier on the Call of the Chair.