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

**MINUTES OF 97th MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES HELD ON July 5th 2018 IN THE JAMES PARK BISTRO AT THE PRESTOUNGRANGE GOTHENBURG, PRESTONPANS EH32 9BE**

**PRESENT:**

Herbert Coutts [Joint Chairman in the chair]

Sharon Beck

Kenneth Cameron

Arran Johnston

Gordon Prestoungrange of Lochnaw

Sean Wood

**APOLOGIES:**

Gareth Bryn-Jones

Sylvia Burgess

John Curtis

Sharon Dabell

Brett Fletcher

Pauline Jaffray

Mark Jardine

Richard Mackenzie

Pat O’Brien

Avril Wills of Lochnaw

Julian Wills of Dolphinstoun

Mathew Wills of Prestoungrange

1. **MINUTES of 96/18 Meeting** of the Trustees held on May 18th 2018, which had been circulated by the Secretary, were proposed/ seconded and confirmed as a correct record.

**2 COCKENZIE ‘FUTURES’ MASTER PLAN/ LIVING HISTORY CENTRE LOCATION/ ELC PLANNING CONSENT RE MEMORIAL TABLES**

1. Noted with the greatest disappointment that Ray Montgomery, newly appointed Project Leader responsible with ELC for future developments at the old Cockenzie Power station, had indicated planning blight at the entire site for at least two years whilst search for an ‘overall developer’ was undertaken.
2. That the implications of such an approach for the installation of the Memorial Tables and the resumption of agriculture were dire and that immediate steps must be taken to seek action [a] to carry forward to MasterPlan and [b] to install the Tables – preferably in time for the September 15th/ 16th Commemorations when all Clan Chiefs and Representers are attending.
3. That an onsite meeting with Ray Montgomery should be convened including Gardener Molloy and Gareth Bryn-Jones.
4. Reported that the emendments to the Clan Table had now been made and the legs prepared; all are ready for immediate installation.
5. If no satisfactory outcome arises the Trust should request ELC to store the Memorial Tables until planning blight is vitiated.

**3. HLF RESILIENCE SUPPORT + RESTRICTIVE FUNDING + DONATION**

1. Reported that the HLF Application for £36,600 had been successful and steps should now be taken to commence Elements [i] and [ii].
2. That DC Research, Mike Taylor and Stephen Connolley be approached with details of the specification to explore whether they might fulfil the roles of External Auditor or External Mentor in the project design.
3. That preliminary discussions should be completed by the next meeting on August 8th so that decisions can ideally be made then.
4. That HLF had been advised that targeted Completion Date for the ‘Agreed Manifesto’ should be July 2019 rather than the originally envisaged May 2019.
5. That Sessional Staff be invited to undertake Element [ii] with all services required and the appropriate remuneration determined by the Trustees without the attendance of any involved.
6. That the Project Taskforce be formally established on August 8th as provided for in the Project design.

**4. THE JACOBITE TRAIL**

1. That details of potential independent partners in the proposed Trail had not yet been approached.
2. That in the context of the range of other projects currently progress on this should issue should be slowed with the aim of convening a Symposium of the interested parties at the beginning of 2019.

03. That Gail Williamson from HES will be followed up.

04. That collaboration with HES/ NTS must be a key vector in the future development and that open exploratory debate should be held howsoever at SBT’s 6th Biennial Symposium in October 2018.

05. That the putative design of the Trail was deemed a good basis to open discussion with changes as the participating members made their views apparent.

06. That Arran Johnston continue the identification of ‘other’ key supportive partners [regardless of funding issues at this juncture] and report to the Trust’s 98th meeting on August 8th 2018.

07. That application to HES for support would necessarily follow on from the feedback from Gail Williamson and Arran Johnston and once an emergent list of participants emerges.

08. That Gordon Prestoungrange had met with Jean Cevaer and Hubert in St Nazaire and together they have identified the key elements there for inclusion in the Trail from 1688 onwards as well as the earlier presence of Irish Jacobites since Cromwell’s time.

**5 PRESTONPANS SEPTEMBER 14/ 15/16 2018**

.01 That the major SBT re-enactment in Prestonpans in September 2018 planned for Greenhills will be preceded by the BPHT’s focus on the *‘Clans who Came Out with The Prince in 1745’,* as previously targeted in 2009 for Scotland’s 1st Year of Homecoming; and with representation from the British Army.

.02 The two week’s straddling the re-enactment will see the Prestonpans Tapestry on display at Cockenzie House and a Paper Soldiers exhibition of 2500 combatants on each side in the Thomas Nelson Suite at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg.

.03 Martha Bryce is already leading PR/ and Marketing Contact for the Parade phase which is being kept discrete from the SBT re-enactment per se [where she has also been appointed to a similar role by SBT.]

.04 The initial PR has commenced with the primary schools’ project creating banners/ flags to be carried in the Parade from 9.30am September 15th from Meadowmill/ Greenhills with reports from Aberdeen and in the *East Lothian Courier –* the first already received.

.05 Residents in all eponymous street names after Clans along with Johnnie Cope Road and Gardiner Road & Crescent will receive a formal invitation to Clan Nights during August/ September.

.06 The publicity in *East Lothian Life* Summer 2018 Edition included an 8pp insert that will have a run-on of 9,500 copies for distribution by the Post Office across The Pans immediately preceding the re-enactment.

.07 Aadam Mohammed has been invited by SBT to take responsibility for the enhanced food/ drinks provision with a major marquee and beer ‘festival’ provision by The Prestoungrange Gothenburg/ Archerfield under consideration.

.08 Appropriate arrangements will be made for the attendance of the Lord Lieutenant and Clan Chiefs/ Representers and all are being encouraged to bring attired Clan members and banners as possible.

**6** **TAPESTRY EXHIBITIONS/ BATTLE BOARD WAR GAMING**

.01 Diaspora Tapestry exhibitions continue, currently en route for three months in the summer at Garioch Heritage Centre in Inverurie. Plans for 2019 already include New Lanark Mills and Glasgow’s Episcopalian Cathedral during the West End Festival throughout June.

.02 That the possibility for a *stitcher-driven* Hong Kong Exhibition is being explored although a much broader plan for the USA/ Caribbean/ South America and Southern Asia is probably more appropriate for 2019/ 2020 visiting the stitchers there.

.03 That Arran Johnston has completed a slim-line version of the Diaspora Tapestry Tale drawing on his PhD thesis to be published in the summer entitled ***What Wouldn’t We Do for Scotland.***

.04 That Brett Fletcher is proceeding well with the carry-easy Battle Game Boards for all three locations in partnership with SBT and HES Interpretation Fund support; the large scale Prestonpans Board will be used for major exhibition and play purposes – e.g. the 2018 Re-enactment.

**7 TAPESTRY CONSERVATION & ONLINE ACCESS**

.01 That Herbert Coutts had approached Hopetoun’s Scottish Conservation Studio and Tuula Pardoe, Textiles Conservator there, is willing to make an initial assessment of the likely requirements for such work; carrying such work forward is to be part of the HLF Resilience/ Agreed Manifesto project. Such initial observation will be arranged by Herbert Coutts as appropriate during the September exhibition at Cockenzie House.

.02 That Dorrie Wilkie, Lead Stitcher for the Tapestry in 2009/ 2010, has volunteered to bring together a team of stitchers from the community as early as Autumn/ Winter 2018 to undertake such cleaning/ restoration/ mending as *might* be required before being placed in appropriate storage.

.03 Efforts are still in hand to restore the full online access to the tapestry which was lost when Raeltech replaced their main server. The PowerPoint access there *is* still functional.

.04 Final stitchers’ detailing at the Scottish Diaspora website is in hand.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

.01 **1745 Association Gathering’s Visit to Prestonpans September 8th – full day:** two short articles for the Jacobite magazine in Spring and Winter issues are to be prepared, the first has now appeared. The Members will be hosted by the Trust throughout the day with sustenance at The Gothenburg.

.02 Agree that the update of the **Asset Register** will be completed for the 12th AGM in November which is most important to ensure full insurance cover and adequate re-ordering of merchandise and Official Guides.

.03 That the sum of £470 for the commemorative plaque for **Colonel Gardiner** at Tranent Churchyard has now been paid and delivery is due shortly. That for **Captain Stewart** at Prestongrange Church is also approved but not yet commissioned.

.04 That following the Trust’s invitation issued to **Tom Shearer MBE**, retiring Head of Communities with ELC, an informal meeting has been held and his decision is awaited.

.05 That the invitation to **Gilbert, Clan Chief of the Robertsons of Struan,** to join the Trust’s Committee of High Sponsors, has been graciously accepted.

.06 Discussions are exploring options with Wonderfools for a 21st century SongDrama ‘**Spirit of the Tartan’.**

**9. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

.01 That the 99/18 Meeting of the Trustees will be held on Thursday **October 4th 2018**

.02 That the 100/18 Meeting of the Trustees followed by the 12th AGM of the Members both be held on **November 15th 2018**

.03 That the **1745 Association will visit Prestonpans on September 8th 2018** to tour the battlefield and tapestry taking lunch at The Prestoungrange Gothenburg.

.04 That the Trust’s **Parade & Commemoration** **will take place on September 15th 2018** – 9AM/ 10.45AM