

# HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

## MINUTES OF MEETING 8 JUNE 2006

### CABARFEIDH HOTEL, STORNOWAY

**Present:** Liz Burns (Chair)  
Peter Burman  
Neil Galbraith  
Mark Hopton  
Ian Johnson  
Eleanor McAllister  
Charles McKean  
Ross Noble  
Andrew Wright  
Malcolm Bangor-Jones (Secretary)

In attendance: Susan Williamson, Head of International Policy, Historic Scotland

#### **Apologies and introductory remarks**

1. Apologies were received from Lucy Blackburn, Director of Heritage Policy, Historic Scotland.
2. Susan Williamson explained the process for the appointment of new Council Members.

[Susan Williamson left the meeting]

#### **Minutes of the meeting of 17 May 2006**

3. The minutes of the meeting were approved.

#### **Matters arising**

##### Tasks for Council's second term

4. Council agreed to postpone discussion of the new tasks for its second term until the September meeting when the new Members would have been appointed.

#### **Working Group Reports**

##### Legislation

5. Council gave careful consideration to the draft report on whether the heritage protection legislation needed to be reviewed. Council agreed that, subject to various amendments, the report might be signed off by the Chair and Chair of the Working Group.

## **Consultation papers**

### SHEPs 1 and 3

[Susan Williamson rejoined the meeting.]

6. Susan Williamson gave a short presentation on the background to the SHEPs.

[Susan Williamson left the meeting]

7. It was agreed that the Chair would draft and circulate a response to SHEP 1 and that Charles McKean would draft and circulate a response to SHEP 3.

### Second Consultation on the Review of the Scottish Forestry Strategy

8. Council noted its response to the consultation. Council thanked Ian Johnson for his work on the response.

### Scottish Executive: Ageing Population Strategy

9. Council noted its response to the consultation. Council thanked the Chair for her work on the response.

### Scottish Executive: A Policy on Architecture for Scotland: Review of Policy

10. Council considered the consultation on the Architecture Policy. A number of members agreed to consider the various questions and forward draft responses to Eleanor McAllister who would act as co-ordinator.

## **Conference**

11. Council noted that the arrangements for the forthcoming conference would be considered by the Chair's Group.

## **Annual Report 2005-06**

12. Council considered the draft Annual Report. It was agreed that Members should pass any comments to the Chair and Secretary.

## **Budget Paper**

13. Council noted the budget paper. It was suggested that the headings should be reviewed.

## **Meetings with other agencies**

### Meeting with Lucy Blackburn, Historic Scotland

14. Council noted the letter from Lucy Blackburn summarising the issues which had been discussed at a meeting with the Chair. The issues covered included: the relationship between Council and Historic Scotland; the role of the sponsoring branch; follow-up action to Council reports; and clarification of the fourth task set for Council's second term.

### Review of Environmental Governance Arrangements in Northern Ireland

15. The Chair reported on the meeting at which HEACS had given evidence to the independent review panel which was addressing the environmental governance arrangements in Northern Ireland. The possibility of Council meeting with relevant bodies in the UK was discussed. It was agreed that the Chair's Group would revisit the list of bodies which Council should meet with.

## **A O B**

### National Heritage Training Group (NHTG)

16. Council noted that Ross Noble would be attending the forthcoming seminar of the NHTG.

### Tasks for Council's Second Term

17. Council agreed that Members should feel free to pass to the Secretary briefing material relating to the new tasks set by the Minister.

### BEFs Annual Report

18. Council's attention was drawn to the BEFs Annual Report.

## **Date of next meeting**

19. The next Council meeting would be held on 15 September in Falkirk.

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