

# HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

## MINUTES OF MEETING 17 MAY 2006

### MENZIES BELFORD HOTEL, EDINBURGH

**Present:** Liz Burns (Chair)  
Peter Burman  
Mark Hopton  
Martin Hulse  
Ian Johnson  
Finlay Lockie  
Eleanor McAllister  
Charles McKean  
Clare Meredith  
Ross Noble  
Andrew Wright  
Malcolm Bangor-Jones (Secretary)

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

1. Apologies were received from Neil Galbraith.
2. The Chair thanked the departing members, Martin Hulse, Finlay Lockie and Clare Meredith, for their contribution to the work of Council during its first term, and also the remaining members for agreeing to stay on for a second term. Members thanked the Chair for her contribution.

#### **Minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2006**

3. The minutes of the meeting were approved.

#### **Matters arising**

##### Historic Environment Audit

4. Council welcomed the positive report on progress with the Historic Environment Audit. Neil Galbraith was thanked for his report.

##### HEACS Reports

5. Council considered whether it should have a strategy for monitoring or following-up on its reports. It was agreed that the matter should be considered at the September Council meeting. Council also considered the possibility of putting written material created by its Working Groups in the public domain. Council agreed that this should be considered by the Chair's Group.

## **Deferred business from Council meeting on 18 March**

### Tall Buildings

6. Council agreed that the impact of tall buildings on the historic environment was an important national issue on which Raymond Young, Chair of A+DS, might be invited to make a presentation to Council at its September meeting.

Consultation papers: Historic Scotland Volunteering Policy; DCMS consultation on Lottery Share and HLF consultation on its Strategic Plan; Review of Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992

7. Council noted its responses to the above consultations and thanked those Council members who had undertaken the work.

### Chair's Group Meeting 7 February and meeting with Historic Scotland

8. Council noted the record of the two meetings. The Chair reported a subsequent exchange of correspondence with John Graham acknowledging that HEACS needed to be aware of when its views did not coincide with those of Historic Scotland.

### Working Groups

9. Infrastructure: Council noted progress with the tripartite mapping project in which HEACS was a partner.

10. Economic Significance: Council noted that the Working Group intended to resume consideration of the issue shortly.

11. Funding: Council noted that the Minister had not included funding amongst the new tasks for Council's second term. It was agreed that Council should at its next meeting reconsider whether the issue should be included in its work programme for its second term.

## **Working Group Reports**

### Legislation

12. Council noted progress on the report on the need to review the legislation. The draft report would be considered at the next Council meeting.

### Local Authorities

13. Council gave careful consideration to the draft report on the role of local authorities. Council agreed that, subject to various amendments, the report might be signed off by the Chair and the Chair of the Working Group.

### Skills and Materials

14. Council gave careful consideration to the draft report on traditional materials and craft skills. Council agreed that, subject to various amendments, the report might be signed off by the Chair and the Chair of the Working Group.

### Properties in Care

15. Council gave careful consideration to the draft report on the criteria for taking properties into care. Council agreed that, subject to various amendments, the report might be signed off by the Chair and the Chair of the Working Group.

### **Correspondence with Minister over new tasks for second term**

16. Council considered the exchange of correspondence between the Minister and the Chair in relation to the new tasks for Council's second term. It was agreed that clarification should be sought, particularly on the fourth task.

### **Chair's Group meeting 9 May**

17. Council noted the record of the meeting of the Chair's Group. The Chair thanked Neil Galbraith and Andrew Wright for serving as vice-chairs during Council's first term. Council noted that Mark Hopton and Ian Johnson had agreed to act as vice-chairs for Council's second term.

### **Consultation papers**

#### National Scenic Areas

18. Council noted that a standard response had been issued.

#### Scottish Forestry Strategy

19. Members were invited to send any comments on a draft response by Ian Johnson to the Secretary.

#### Scottish Executive Ageing Population Strategy

20. The Chair undertook to circulate a draft response.

#### SHEPs 1 and 3

21. Council noted that Historic Scotland would provide a presentation on the SHEPs at the next Council meeting.

### **A O B**

22. There was no other business.

**Date of next meeting**

23. The next Council meeting would be held on 8 June in Stornoway.

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