

# HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

## MINUTES OF MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 2006

### PARK HOTEL, FALKIRK

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

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

1. Council welcomed two new members, Evelyn Silber and James Simpson. Apologies were received from Peter Burman.

#### **Minutes of the meeting of 8 June 2006**

2. The minutes of the meeting were approved.

#### **Matters arising**

##### HEACS Conference

3. Council considered that the conference held the previous day had been very successful. The Conference speeches would be placed on the HEACS website. It was agreed in principle to hold a conference in 2007. Planning of the conference was remitted to the Chair's Group.

##### Annual Report 2005-06

4. Disappointment was expressed over the appearance and layout of Council's Annual Report.

##### HEACS reports

5. Council noted the distribution arrangements for the four reports which had been submitted to the Minister. The possibility of inviting comments on the reports was discussed. It was noted that BEFS was planning a seminar on the local authority and legislation reports.

### Meeting with Historic Scotland 14 September

6. Council noted the meeting which had been held with Historic Scotland the previous day to discuss the Local Authority and Legislation Reports. It was likely that HEACS would receive an initial response from the Minister before the end of the year. A fuller response would probably not be issued until after the General Election in 2007. The question of the evidence base in relation to the Legislation Report had also been considered during the meeting.

### **Working Group reports**

#### Economic Significance Working Group

7. Council noted that the Working Group intended to have completed a first draft of the report on the economic significance of the historic environment by December.

#### Infrastructure Working Group

8. Council noted the executive summary of the mapping survey of the historic and contemporary built environment by Jura Consultants which had been tabled. Council agreed that the Working Group might reconvene and also seek new members.

### **The Minister's letter and taking forward HEACS tasks**

9. Council considered the Minister's letter of 3 April setting out areas on which she would welcome Council's advice. Council agreed that work of the Economic Significance and Infrastructure Working Groups should be taken forward as already decided. Progress reports on these topics would be received at the next Council meeting.

10. Council agreed that James Simpson would take the lead on the third task on ecclesiastical heritage and introduce a general discussion of the issue at the next Council meeting in December. Council agreed that Evelyn Silber would take the lead on the fourth task on young people and introduce a general discussion of the issue at the Council meeting in March 2007. The Chair would seek permission from the Minister to have the wording of the fourth topic amended by the removal of the phrase "in the 14-25 age group".

11. Council considered the paper setting out draft guidelines for Working Groups. It was agreed that the last sentence of paragraph 12 should be amended to read "The Secretary will provide notes of meetings, and draft papers and reports as required."

12. The importance of logging evidence and formalising the appointment of external members to Working Groups was noted.

## **Consultation papers**

### SHEPs 1 and 3

13. Council noted its responses to the consultations on the two SHEPs.

### Cairngorm National Park Historic Environment Audit

14. Council noted its response to the consultation.

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

15. Council noted its response to the consultation. Council thanked Eleanor McAllister who had co-ordinated Council's response.

### Historic Scotland Review of Support for the Voluntary Sector

16. Council agreed that the Chair would draft a response.

### Draft PAN on Community Engagement

17. Council considered the response to the PAN on community engagement drafted by Ian Johnson: members were invited to submit comments.

## **Chair's Group**

18. Council noted the record of the meeting of the Chair's Group.

19. James Simpson agreed to serve as the ordinary member on the Group for the following year.

## **Budget Paper**

20. Council noted the budget paper.

## **Meetings with other organisations**

21. Council noted the paper listing the organisations which the Chair's Group had suggested Council should meet with. The importance of engaging with the private sector and universities was raised. Council agreed that meetings should also be sought with organisations in the home countries: DCMS, English Heritage, Cadw and Northern Ireland Department of the Environment.

## **Dates and venues for 2007**

22. Council agreed that the dates and venues for its quarterly meetings in 2007 would be as follows:

March 16	Banff
June 21-23	Study Tour to Clydeside
September 25-26	Stirling (conference on 25 September)
December 7	Aberdeen

## **A O B**

### Scottish Centre for Heritage Research

23. Council noted progress with the proposed Scottish Centre for Heritage Research.

### Archaeology and agriculture and forestry

24. Council noted the briefing papers from Historic Scotland and CSA which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### Charles McKean

25. Council thanked Charles McKean, who was to resign as a member of HEACS, for his contribution to the work of HEACS and wished him every success as Chair of Edinburgh World Heritage.

## **Date of next meeting**

26. The next Council meeting would be held on 8 December in Paisley

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