

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

MINUTES OF MEETING 23 JUNE 2007

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, GLASGOW

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

In attendance: Olwyn Owen, Secretary Designate

Welcome and apologies

1. The Chair welcomed Olwyn Owen, Secretary Designate, to the meeting. Ms Owen would commence on 2 July. Council acknowledged the generosity of Historic Scotland in making additional staff and financial resources available to HEACS.
2. Council congratulated Eleanor McAllister and James Simpson on being awarded the OBE in the Birthday Honours.
3. There were no apologies.

Minutes of the meeting of 16 March

4. The minutes of the meeting were approved, subject to the deletion of the word 'significant' in paragraph 24.

Matters arising

Appointments

5. Council noted progress in filling vacancies on HEACS.

Meetings with other agencies

6. Council noted that the Chair had met with Mark Adderley, the new Chief Executive of the National Trust for Scotland. The Chair had also, on behalf of the Infrastructure Working Group, met with representatives of BEFS. Council Members

had taken part in a number of the seminars and workshops organised by BEFS. It was agreed that a meeting should be sought with Architecture and Design Scotland.

The four HEACS reports

7. Council noted the report of the meeting between Council and Historic Scotland to discuss the consultation process on the four HEACS reports. Council also noted the positive response which the reports had met with from the historic environment sector since they had been submitted to the Minister.

8. Council noted the responses to the four reports compiled by APT Scotland.

Current work

Economic significance

9. Council noted that the Fraser of Allander Institute had commenced work on a scoping study on the economic significance of the historic environment. The report would be submitted to Council on or before 10 August. Council agreed that Ian Johnson would present the report to the September meeting.

Infrastructure

10. Council noted the progress made by the Infrastructure Working Group and, in particular, the recent meeting with BEFS.

Ecclesiastical Heritage

11. Council noted the progress made by the Ecclesiastical Heritage Working Group.

Young Adults

12. Council considered the work plan of the Young Adults Working Group. The possibility of inviting a young person to join the Group was discussed. It was agreed that the Working Group might proceed as proposed.

Consultation papers

Culture Bill

13. Council noted its response to the consultation. Evelyn Silber was thanked for her work on the response.

Scottish Historic Environment Policy papers

14. Council considered the draft Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP) papers on Scheduled Monument Consent, Properties in Care, Listing and Listed Building Consent. Concern was expressed at the manner in which one of the recommendations in Council's report on Properties in Care had been summarised in

the SHEP. The relationship between the SHEPs and Council's own reports to the Minister appeared to be unclear. It was felt that there was some confusion in the SHEPs between strategic policy and operational policy. Council agreed that a generic response should be submitted to Historic Scotland.

Investment Review: Archaeology Funding Programmes

15. Council noted that James Simpson would consider the Historic Scotland consultation paper on the Archaeology Funding Programmes.

Chair's Group

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

Conference

17. Council considered the arrangements for the annual conference which would take place on 25 September in Stirling. Council agreed with the proposal of the Chair's Group that the theme should be climate change rather the historic environment as part of culture. The Chair's Group would take the arrangements forward.

Draft Annual Report 2006-2007

18. Council noted the draft Annual Report.

Budget paper

19. Council noted the budget paper. Council agreed in principle that the sum of £30,000 should be set aside for research into the economic significance of the historic environment.

Seminar at Holyroodhouse

20. Council noted the report provided by Andrew Wright of the seminar held at Holyroodhouse on 30 May.

Rural issues

21. The Secretary reported that discussions on support for the Historic Environment in the Scottish Rural Development Programme were taking place at a senior level between Historic Scotland and the Rural Directorate of the Scottish Executive. Council noted the position.

AOB

Historic Environment Audit

22. Council thanked Neil Galbraith for serving as the HEACS representative on the Heritage Audit Steering Group. Council agreed that Ian Johnson should attend

the next meeting of the Steering Group. The representation of Council on the Steering Group would then be reviewed.

Meeting with the First Minister

23. James Simpson reported meeting with the First Minister in connection with Bute House.

24. Council noted the SNP Manifesto commitment in relation to Historic Scotland and the RCAHMS (Mark Hopton declared an interest as a Commissioner of RCAHMS).

Training for members of HEACS

25. Council agreed that the provision of training for Council members should be considered by Chair's Group.

Study Tour

26. Council thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the Study Tour. It was acknowledged that the Tour had included a number of flagship repair and regeneration projects which probably would not have gone ahead under the current funding regime.

Neil Galbraith and Eleanor McAllister

27. Council thanked Neil Galbraith and Eleanor McAllister who were attending their last meeting for their contribution to the work of Council.

Date of next meeting

28. The next meeting would take place in Stirling on 26 September.

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