

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND

MINUTES OF MEETING 19 MAY 2009

MACDONALD HOLYROOD HOTEL, EDINBURGH

Present: Liz Burns (Chair)
Mark Hopton
Ian Johnson
Colin McLean
Eila Macqueen
Ross Noble
Richard Oram
Evelyn Silber
James Simpson
Olwyn Owen (Secretary)
Malcolm Bangor-Jones (Senior Administrator)

Welcome and apologies

1. The Chair welcomed members to the final meeting of HEACS. There were apologies from Peter Burman and Andrew Wright.

Minutes of the meeting of 13 March 2009

2. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were approved.

Matters arising

Scotland's Historic Environment Audit (SHEA)

3. Council noted an email from Karen Robertson about the recent publication on the SHEA website of a series of baseline data about Scotland's historic environment. The Secretary reported that data from the HEACS-commissioned Volunteering Study and Economic Impact Study has been added.

Current work

Infrastructure

4. Council discussed a tabled letter from the Minister responding to the report which HEACS had submitted on the infrastructure of the historic environment.

Economic Significance

5. Council discussed a tabled letter from the Minister responding to the report which HEACS had submitted on the economic significance of the historic environment. Council noted the news release issued by Historic Scotland in which

the Minister welcomed the results of the research commissioned by HEACS, and the subsequent article in the Sunday Herald.

Young Adults

6. Council noted that the Young Adults report had been produced and would be submitted to the Minister shortly, together with the case studies research. Council thanked Evelyn Silber and the Secretary for their work on the report.

Ecclesiastical Heritage

7. Council discussed a further draft of the report on the ecclesiastical heritage. Council agreed that the report might be signed off in due course by the Chair and James Simpson, the Chair of the Working Group.

Chair's Group

Minutes of the meeting of 7 April 2009

8. Council noted the minutes of the Chair's Group meeting of 7 April.

Minutes of the meeting of 28 April 2009

9. Council noted the minutes of the Chair's Group meeting of 28 April.

Communication with Historic Scotland

10. Council noted that the proposed meeting between Chair's Group with Historic Scotland had been cancelled. However, a meeting involving the Chair and Secretary with John Graham, Lucy Blackburn and Gordon Barclay of Historic Scotland had provided the opportunity for a useful exchange of information.

Closing conference and report

11. Council noted that there had been a very good response to the conference, both from potential attendees and exhibitors. Council considered a tabled news release about the conference. Council thanked the Secretary and all those involved with planning and arranging the conference and also with the production of the Closing Report.

Budget 2009/10

12. Council noted the financial position as reported by the Secretary.

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HEACS members with continuing appointments

13. Council considered an email from Matthew Bird of Historic Scotland to the Secretary about the appointments of three Members whose term of appointment did not expire until after 31 May. The Chair invited the three Members to offer their resignations to the Minister before the end of the month.

Proposed Ministerial drinks event

14. Council noted that a proposed Ministerial drinks event for members of HEACS might take place in either June or September.

The Chair

15. Council thanked the Chair for her great contribution to the work of HEACS since its establishment. The Chair thanked Members and Secretariat staff for their contribution.

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