

Landscape Institute Scotland

Draft Minute of Annual General Meeting 2015 – Wednesday 29th April 2015

Held at the Teachers Building, St. Enoch's Square, Glasgow

1. Introduction and Welcome

Chairman Mark Turnbull welcomed approximately 40 members to the AGM, including:-

James Spence Watson
(Events)

Alan Cameron (Vice Chair)

Hamish Neilson (Secretary)

Rachel Tennant (Council Rep)

Clare Winsch (Treasurer))

Andrew Smith (Committee)

In attendance:

Dr. Carol McKenzie
(Administrator)

Rebecca Hughes (Policy and
Development Officer)

2. Apologies: Keith Horner, Mark Van Grieken, Bill Cairns.

3. Minutes of the AGM 2014

The Chairman, Mark Turnbull summarised the minutes of the 2014 AGM, held on Wednesday 30th April 2014 at Architecture & Design Scotland, Edinburgh.

Acceptance of the AGM Minutes of 2014 was proposed by Rebecca Hughes and seconded by Sue Evans.

4. Report

Mark Turnbull spoke to his report, which had been previously circulated. The essence was that we continued to make sure LIS was noticed, heard and involved. Mark highlighted the extent of support given by LIS members to the Committee and the range of work undertaken by the Committee. The major advance made during the year had been the agreement with the LI Board to give LI Scotland a block grant of £37,860, out of the total of £70,000 Branch funding allocation.

Vice-Chairman Alan Cameron spoke about the success of the LIS Placemaking Competition, the exceptional number and quality of the entries, and the Prizes awarded.

Committee member Andrew Smith spoke about the Public Sector event held in Edinburgh, the quality of contribution by the three speakers, and the positive feedback from the 44 members who attended.

Mark Turnbull thanked all those who took part in arranging and organising these events.

5. Business Plan 2015-16

Mark outlined the proposed Programme of Events and Activities, which was designed to co-ordinate with other programmes, such as those of Scottish Natural Heritage.

Mark also spoke about the changes in Governance and structure being mooted within the LI, especially changes to the divisions, and eligibility to vote. He urged members to spread the word and take part in the consultation and democratic voting process to prevent unwise changes being approved. In particular, he stressed the need to vote for Marc Van Grieken LIS member, who was standing for an Advisory Council place and for Peter Hutchinson LINI co-chair standing for the Board.

Mark outlined Key Items to be tackled in the year ahead such as the development of the Policy and Development Officer's role, the development of a thorough Public Relations Strategy, the Rethinking the Urban Landscape Exhibition, and the LIS Events Programme. Danny McKendry mentioned the "Adopt an Intern" scheme, which might assist with developing the PR Strategy.

The Programme was unanimously approved by the Members present.

6. Treasurer's Report

Clare Wunsch read her report on expenditure and income in the year to 31st March 2015, and she outlined the financial implications of the 2015/16 programme.

7. Future Events

Nicola Garmory reviewed past events and their success, and then went on to outline proposed events in 2015 and 2016. Andrew Smith spoke about action to follow up the Public Sector event.

8. Policy and Development Officer

Rebecca Hughes, our LIS PDO, outlined the extent of her role, but stressed that it is limited without support from the members. Besides developing links with other bodies and agencies in Scotland, her role covers liaison with the Policy Officers in Wales, Northern Ireland and England.

9. Elections Office Bearers/Committee

Mark Turnbull spoke about the scope for members to join the Committee and work with others. Nick Bowen and Sonia Jackett both volunteered for Committee places. Ross White confirmed that he would be willing to join the Committee having been the co-student rep for a year. Mark thanked retiring members, Hamish Neilson, Andrew Smith, and Mike Harrison for their positive contribution over recent years.

The Committee was elected en-bloc, proposed by Danny McKendry and seconded by Cathy Johnston:

Alan Cameron
Nicola Garmory
Rebecca Heatlie (Student Rep)
James Spence Watson
Rachel Tennant

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Inspiring great places

Mark Turnbull
Clare Wunsch
Steven Wheatley
Dan Walker
Ross White
Nick Bowen
Sonia Jackett

Hamish Neilson
Secretary
May 2015

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