

LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE SCOTLAND

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday 26 April 2012

MINUTE OF MEETING

1.0 **Introduction and Welcome**

We had continued to support the Urban Design Panels in the major cities, recruiting members to represent the views of landscape architects on these consultative bodies.

Chairman Mark Turnbull took over from HN in October 2011. He presented his report, noting that there had been useful input from members such as those who took part in a review of Government Renewable Energy Policy, chaired by Lindsay Guthrie, to whom thanks were due. There had also been work among members to initiate a proposal for a major conference in 2012, to follow on one held in 1962, focused on Landscape Policy for Scotland in the next 50 Years. The support shown by group members and chairman Bill Cairns was much appreciated.

Towards the end of 2011 Committee members John Stuart Murray and Liz Thomas resigned from the Committee. They were thanked for their contributions. New member Nicola Garmory was co-opted onto the Committee in March 2012. Mark concluded his report by noting that the LIS was included in consultation about Scottish Government Architecture Policy, and a seminar was being held the following day 27th April.

The President Jo Watkins was again visiting Scotland this year, and Mark welcomed him to the meeting.

The Report was approved unanimously.

4.0 **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report prepared by Clare Wunsch was read by Hamish Neilson. The balance had changed from £2,983.48 at the start of the year to £2,152.22 at 31st March 2012. Net expenditure over the year was £831.26. Approval of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Lindsay Guthrie, seconded by James Spence-Watson.

5.0 **Election of office bearers**

Two nominations were received in advance of the AGM; they were Alan Cameron and Rachel Tennant. Co-opted members Mark Turnbull and Nicola Garmory were willing to stand for election, and existing Committee members Hamish Neilson, Clare Wunsch, and James Spence Watson were willing to stand again. There is space on the LIS committee for the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Branch Representative and eight other places. Rachel Howlett volunteered; she was welcomed and was co-opted with the meeting's approval. It was noted that members in remote locations could function as non-voting Corresponding Members; Maggie Gilvray, Sandra Hanlon and Danny McKendry had volunteered.

It was suggested that Mark Turnbull should be elected as Chairman, Hamish Neilson as Secretary, and Clare Wunsch as Treasurer; these were approved unanimously. (Rachel Tennant had been nominated by three other members for the Branch Representative post – this was not reported to the AGM in error).

6.0 **Motions**

None received.

7.0 **Any Other Business**

Several members reported that they had not received proper notice of the AGM by email. This was noted with concern. HN pointed out that address lists were prepared by the LI, but this would be investigated.

8.0 **Date, time and place of the first meeting of the new Branch Committee.**

Meeting set for Monday 7th May. The Chairman Mark Turnbull thanked the LIS committee of the past year for their contributions during his time in office and formally closed the AGM.