

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Lighthouse, Glasgow
28th March 2012**

Present: Mark Turnbull (Chair), Hamish Neilson, Clare Winsch, James Spence Watson, Nicola Garmory.

- 1.0 Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of 27th February approved, subject to correction of names of 3 members added to Edinburgh Urban Design Panel to make total 6. (M Van Grieken, M. Turnbull, & P.McGowan already members).
- ACTION**
- 2.0 Matters Arising:**
- MT still to contact Liz Thomas (ex member of Committee) **MT**
 - HN still to contact John Stuart Murray re. continuing contact **HN**
 - HN reported that Marianne Robson (former Admin. @ ECA), thanking the Committee for the gift of vouchers (£35).
 - CW reported that she had emailed student Award winner of 2011, who had no Promotional cards left, but she would send a digital copy. **CW**
 - Corresponding Members – HN reported positive feedback only from Sandra Hanlon. It was agreed that contact with others should not be continued. **HN**
 - Events – CW still to pursue the Hardy Plants Society, and HN to pursue OPENspace for Edinburgh but early May date was considered too soon. (End of May or June preferred) **HN**
 - Honorary Membership – MT to pursue. **MT**
 - NG reported that she and R.Roscher are members of Home Panel for Architecture and Design Scotland. Question: who are A+DS Review Panel members? HN to ask. **HN**
 - CD Rom Update: NG reported that she works with the team that produced the original She would confirm original cost, and assess content. Agreed that budget will be needed. Agreed to produce new version before November Conference. MT suggested that Scottish Book Trust could be asked to distribute to schools. **NG**
CW
 - Letter to Members re. AGM: NG offered to help with any re-writing. Agreed that a return postcard might be useful. **CW**
NG
 - Survey of Licentiate Members. Forms had been sent to JSW for distribution – he would seek clarification. **JSW**
 - Committee Members: It was agreed to co-opt NG to the Committee. She was thanked for volunteering.
 - Agreement with (BODY): The date for production of the revised Agreement document was queried. HN to seek information. It was also suggested that LIS should be written in, rather than LI, even though it was agreed that A. McCapra should be consulted for comment and approval. **HN**
 - Support from Practices: MT intended to contact practices to request help and take part in the AGM.
- 3.0 Correspondence:**
- MT reported email from James Welch regarding views of younger members; particular interest in off-shore windpower. Submission of the Working Group's comments on the Government's Renewable Energy Targets had prompted a letter of praise from John McKay. MT also reported correspondence with Jo Watkins PLI about progress of LIS.
- 4.0 AGM:**
- Agreed to start at 6.30pm on 26th April 2012, with a talk by Karen Anderson (A+DS), then the AGM, and then Jo tackling the question of "what the LI is doing for the devolved nations?" HN agreed to check on date for (BODY) Board meeting which will consider the Agreement (Later clarified as 16th April). A buffet meal would be needed - HN to check whether (BODY) have a caterer (Scot. Book Trust has one). **HN**

It was agreed that there would be space for:-

- Covering Letter.....**HN**
- Motions from Members
- Nominations for Officers' posts/Committee (to be issued by 5th April).....**HN**
- Return Slip for catering purposes.
- Chair's Annual Report.....**MT**
- Minutes of Last AGM.....**CW**
- Treasurer's Report.....**CW**
- "Improving the Image of the LIS" – MT agreed to convert it to bullet points.....**MT**

A number of members had indicated their willingness to stand:

Marc van Grieken
 Sam Oxley
 James Welch's nominee
 Carol Anderson.....MT to contact
 Caroline Read.....HN to contact
 Joanne Brindley.....NG to contact
 Steve Nelson)
 Paul Hogarth)
 Julian Farrar).....MT to contact
 Laura Campbell)

5.0 Conference – "50 years on"

W. Cairns and P. Daniel had been asked to evaluate what has changed in the last 50 years.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

CW stated that the balance remained unchanged.
 It was agreed that the AGM would be free to members.
 HN would pass information to CW about catering costs.

7.0 Advisory Council/Branch Forums

JSW reported that there were no scheduled meetings for several months (2-3).

8.0 Website and Emails

These would hopefully be sorted out at the workshop session on the next day at the Scottish Book Trust building in Edinburgh.

9.0 Branch Events Programme

It was agreed that a member of the new Committee should be identified to coordinate.

10.0 JCLI

No progress reported. The re-write is due out soon, but includes the Homeowner's Contract, which would not apply in Scotland. NG offered to co-ordinate comments on the draft when it is produced by Colin Moore.

11.0 Green Infrastructure

HN reported on the successful event run by the LI on the previous day at Motherwell. MT had asked LI to let us know before such events are organised in Scotland. It was reported that SNH has a staff member based at Victoria Quay in connection with Central Scotland Green Network. MT commented on lack of consultation about the government's Green Infrastructure Guide, which was apparently produced by the Built Environment Directorate.

12.0 Consultations

None received lately.

13.0 Other Related Bodies

MT suggested that all members representing LIS on other bodies should be asked to come and report from time to time – Agreed. JSW reported that Dr. Susan McFadyen, Sarah Hutchen, and Veronica Ross were on the Aberdeen Urban Design Panel. Their concerns were the lack of time to comment, and the use of US architects.

SUDS: HN reported that Jo Glennie had been to a recent meeting of the SEPA Working Group, and he would circulate the report. **HN**

14.0 Any Other Competent Business

NG voiced her concerns about the lack of prominence for landscape architects. There was also a lack of involvement in “Glasgow Vision” which includes a strategy for derelict sites, for treatment by 2025. NG proposes a design competition. **NG**

NG also reported that TGP staff are keen to take the message to Architecture schools to raise the profile of the profession. **NG**

NG also suggested that landscape firms could open offices on Doors Open Day, for which a flier might be useful. **NG**

JSW suggested talking to Construction Skills **JSW**

MT reported on activities of Edinburgh Greenspace Trust activities re. derelict land and would distribute documentation. Could Chris Lewis of EGT speak to members? **MT**
HN would seek an update re. Glasgow area greenspace projects. **HN**

It was suggested that Charles Jencks could be asked to speak about the Fife opencast art project. **HN**

NG reported that TGP staff are involved in mentoring, as well as AEDAS staff, and suggested that other offices could follow suit. **NG**

MT added the topic “Improving the Image” to the list. **MT**

15.0 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 11th April at the Lighthouse at 1pm