



GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 05 OF SESSION 2010/11
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF GLASGOW CITY HERITAGE TRUST, 54
BELL STREET, GLASGOW G1 1LQ ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2011 AT
5.30 P.M.**

PRESENT

President Fiona J Sinclair (Chair), Martin McKay (Past President), Sandy McMillan, Ian Hamilton, John Dey, Martin Docherty, Callum Houston, Stuart Gray, David Ross, Steven Innes, Jim Cuthbertson, Victoria Batters, Tom Warren (Student Representative), Gordon Reid (Honorary Treasurer) and Elizabeth Reid (Honorary Secretary), Sarah-Jane Stewart (Arup Scotland), Jude Barber (Glasgow Urban Design Panel)

1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 Matt Bridgestock, Kerry Boyle, Tim Gray, Gordon Gibbons, Martin Flett and Jon-Marc Creaney

2.0 PREVIOUS MINUTE

2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting on 13 January 2011 were agreed.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The President stated that most of the matters arising would be covered in the Convenors' reports.

3.2 (4.9) The President has still to provide the Honorary Treasurer with contact details for Angus Kerr.

3.3 (4.9) GIA has provided sponsorship to MacMag and Paper Space, the magazines of both Glasgow Schools of Architecture.



4.0 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

- 4.1 The Honorary Treasurer advised that there had not been much balance movement since the last Council meeting. He reminded Council that the £26.5K transferred into stocks is not now shown as cash and this will be highlighted in his report at the AGM. The main income was the RIAS first quarter grant. The main outgoings were late submissions of Past President expenses and the deposit for the 2011 Members' Dinner.
- 4.2 The Honorary Treasurer advised that the books had been audited by Robb Ferguson. He advised that a report on the audit was available and left on the table for information.

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Architecture, People and Places

- 5.1.1 David Ross advised that the committee had had further discussions with Kilcreggan Community Council, who are very keen for the competition to proceed. The committee have been developing the scope and programme for the competition, and proposed to meet after the Council meeting to continue work on the competition.
- 5.1.2 David Ross advised that the committee intended to launch the competition at the AGM with submissions of interest closing in May. The committee and the Community Council were keen to run a community workshop as part of the competition and it was hoped that this would happen in June and the judging and prize giving carried out in July.
- 5.1.3 The President asked if the committee had managed to involve any local architects. Martin McKay advised that they had not managed to contact local architects but the Community Council was very keen for local artists to be involved and efforts would be made to achieve this. The President asked what the likely venue would be for the workshop and David Ross advised that it would be Cove Burgh Hall.
- 5.1.4 David Ross advised that the Community Council need formal approval from their board to match GIA's contribution of £1000 and that the Community Council has confirmed that all costs associated with hosting the workshop and prize-giving events would be met by them.
- 5.1.5 David Ross asked if the Chair of the Kilcreggan Community Council could be invited to participate at the AGM. It was agreed that his would be worthwhile.

ACTION: AP&P Committee to continue to develop the Kilcreggan Competition with a view to launching at the AGM.



5.2 Communications

- 5.2.1 Callum Houston advised that the Communications Committee had received tenders and met with four website designers, being Graphical House, After the News, D8 and Root Creative. The consensus of the committee was that Graphic House and After the News should be short listed and the committee had arranged to meet with both on 16 March to seek further information, firm up on budget and determine that the GIA can work with the individuals involved. Following these meetings a recommendation would be made to Council for consideration and approval.
- 5.2.2 Martin McKay reminded Council that when the budget for the website upgrade was set at £5k it was anticipated that part of this would be met by the GIA drawing on the general fund held by the RIAS and he considered that this should still be the approach. The President advised that she was not certain that the money was still available and she would check with RIAS. Callum Houston asked that if the money was not available could the GIA make the full funds available. The President and the Honorary Treasurer confirmed that GIA funds were available.
- 5.2.3 Callum Houston confirmed that Oran Mor had been booked for the Annual Member's Dinner on Friday 11 November 2011.
- 5.2.4 Callum Houston advised that the GIA Awards Exhibition is currently on display at the Renfrew Health and Social Work Centre. The committee is aiming for the exhibition to be on display at Scottish Ballet/Tramway and Shettleston Housing Association's offices also.
- 5.2.5 Callum Houston updated Council on the committee's proposals for sponsorship. Four areas which need support have been identified as the website, dinner, awards/exhibition and student awards. Council discussed whether the sponsorship proposal should be for high value sponsorship or a range of smaller sponsorship opportunities and who the GIA should approach for sponsorship. The consensus was that high value sponsorship offered to around half a dozen organisations should be attempted first and that smaller sponsorship opportunities could be the fall back position. Council also agreed that all large organisations including contractors, public utilities and renewables should be among those approached.

ACTION: Communications Committee to progress website proposals with short listed suppliers.

ACTION: Communications Committee to continue to work on sponsorship proposals.



ACTION: The President to check with RIAS on the availability of website funding.

5.3 Education

5.3.1 There was no report from the Education Committee

5.4 Practice/CPD

5.4.1 Sandy McMillan reported that there had been no further meetings or events since the last Council meeting on 10 January 2011.

5.4.2 Sandy McMillan advised that following the last Council meeting he had issued an email to Council to test interest in arranging a meeting/steering group for Sole-Practitioners. He received only two responses and felt that this was very disappointing.

5.4.3 Sandy McMillan advised that events planned now include a presentation on the Glasgow House on March 24th, and a visit to Hillhead Primary School pre-completion in April. An update from JM Architects on the GSA had been considered for April/May although this may need to be reconsidered if JM Architects present at the AGM. A visit post-completion to Maggies Centre at Gartnavel is planned for August. The committee is also considering arranging a visit to Arup's sustainable South Queensferry Office.

5.4.4 Sarah-Jane Stewart from Arup Scotland had been asked to give Council an overview of Arup's South Queensferry Office. Sarah-Jane circulated a booklet about Scotstoun House and advised Council that the HAA Design building had achieved an excellent BREEAM rating and that due to the many sustainability features incorporated into the building is not obviously a refurbishment project. Sarah-Jane advised Council that the building is well worth a visit and that she would be more than happy to show people round.

5.4.5 Ian Hamilton suggested that perhaps a visit should be organised for Council: the transport arrangements were briefly discussed however no firm plans to visit South Queensferry were made.



5.4.6 Jim Cuthbertson asked if the visit to the Transport Museum had been cancelled. Sandy advised that it had been due to the adverse weather at the time. Jim Cuthbertson asked if another visit was being arranged. Martin Docherty advised that Clark Contracts were looking to show people around during the second-third week in March.

ACTION: Practice/CPD Committee to continue to firm up on proposed CPD events.

5.5 Conservation and Sustainability

5.5.1 Ian Hamilton advised that the committee had secured a stand at the Home Building and Renovation Show on May 21 and 22 as a result of joint funding between GIA and Historic Scotland. The stand is 18 sqm and will accommodate an “Advice Centre” possibly made up of representatives from GIA, Historic Scotland, Glasgow City Heritage Trust, Glasgow City Council, Construction Skills, Changeworks, National Federation of Roofing Contractors, the Stone Federation and the Lead Contractors Association.

5.5.2 Ian Hamilton stated that the purpose of taking the stand is to promote good practice in repairs to traditional properties and construction in historic buildings as well as sustainability strategies in relation to properties in general. It is intended that all contributors on the stand present a joined-up view of best practice to the public. Two masterclasses will be given each day, by Historic Scotland on Fire Safety Management, and by GIA on ten quick ways to make traditional dwellings and new build houses sustainable.

5.5.3 Ian Hamilton advised that the graphics of the GIA presentation had still to be worked out. Callum Houston noted that Douglas Jack of his practice had just presented using webinar on tenement flat refurbishments that included interviews with tenants and suggested that this may be of help for the Homebuilding and Renovation Show.

5.5.4 Ian Hamilton advised Council it is estimated that over the weekend of the show that 12 volunteers would be needed to do a stint of 4 hours to staff the stand and make presentations. It was suggested that GIA conservation and sustainability-accredited architects would be useful for this.



5.5.5 Gordon Reid asked if it was intended to have handouts to give to the public and if a budget had been set. The President responded that it was and it was suggested that a list of RIAS Conservation and Sustainability Accredited Architects should be included. The President also advised that it was intended to re-use the old display stands, cannibalise the GIA Exhibition and use as much generic material from the RIAS as possible in order to keep the costs within the £815 which is available from the Glasgow Buildings Guardians Committee funds that are at the GIA's disposal.

5.5.6 Stuart Gray volunteered to help the Con-Sus Committee with the development of handouts for the show.

5.5.7 Ian Hamilton advised that there was a meeting taking place the following day with the other contributors to the stand to continue planning the event.

5.5.8 Jim Cuthbertson asked if it was true that Historic Scotland no longer recognised RIAS conservation accreditation. The President advised that as far as she was aware this had not happened and the RIAS was in discussions with Historic Scotland.

ACTION: Con-Sus Committee to continue to firm up on plans for the Home Building and Renovation Show.

ACTION: Stuart Gray to help with the development of handouts.

6.0 ADDITIONAL REPORTS

6.1 RIAS Update

The President provided the following update:

- The RIAS meets the following Wednesday March 16th 2011
- 87% of Part Three students passed the 2010/11 APEAS examination which is a record.
- RIAS still working towards a resolution with the on-going concerns with the Scottish Futures Trust Strategy.



7.0 AOCB

- 7.1 The President introduced Jude Barber who gave an update of the Glasgow Urban Design Panel (GUDP). Jude stated that she was pleased to come along to update Council as since joining the GUDP she has had some concerns as to its role representing the GIA and linkages to GIA Council.
- 7.2 Jude Barber stated that the Glasgow Urban Design Panel meets every six weeks to review projects submitted to Glasgow City Council. The current GIA representatives on the panel are Angus Kerr, Murray Russell, Jim Dick, David Hasson, Barry Coogan and Jude Barber. Jude advised that the panel had the opportunity to sway planning officers but often decisions had to be made up against strict predetermined programmes. The panel is not part of the statutory planning process and the projects presented are at the discretion of the Council. The panel is chaired by the council; the GIA representatives are responsible for writing panel reports, and Strathclyde Police minute the meetings.
- Jude advised that the reports used to be available on the GIA website but they are not currently being uploaded. Callum Houston suggested that hopefully the new website will have user friendly access which will enable the reports to be easily uploaded. Callum also suggested it would be useful if images relating to the projects under review could be included in the uploaded reports. Jude agreed to be the contact for uploading the GUDP reports to the GIA website.
- 7.3 Martin McKay thanked Jude for her attendance and the update on the panel. He also stated that the services of the GIA representatives on the panel should be commended for the length of their service. However he felt that there needed to be closer links between Council and the panel and suggested that one or two Council members rotate into the meetings. The President suggested she felt the responsibility for this lay with the Architecture, People and Places Committee and the members of the committee agreed. David Ross asked that the dates of future meetings be supplied.
- 7.4 The President advised that subject to ratification at the AGM Ian Hamilton would serve as the GIA President for the next two years.
- 7.5 The AGM will take place at the Mackintosh Lecture Theatre at the GSA on Thursday 21 April 2011.



- 7.6 The President advised that the following members of Council are due to retire at the end of the session: Jim Cuthbertson, Michael Jarvis, David Ross, Sandy McMillan and Callum Houston. Kerry Boyle has resigned from Council. Due to the number of Committee convenors coming off Council it was agreed that Sandy McMillan and Callum Houston should remain as convenors for another year on a co-opted basis which means that they will not have any voting rights (Note: this was discussed post-Council Meeting). David Ross is happy to remain on the Architecture, People and Places Committee for the duration of the Kilcreggan Community Competition.
- 7.7 The President asked if anyone was aware of GIA members who would like to come onto Council. David Millar and Richard Blair were mentioned.
- 7.8 The Honorary Secretary reminded Council Members that OSCR rules meant the GIA Registered Scottish Charity details should be included on all external correspondence.
- 7.9 John Dey mentioned that Council members may be interested in the Sense of Place Exhibition currently being run at the Lighthouse.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 21 April at 6.00 for 6.30 p.m. in the Mackintosh Lecture Theatre, Glasgow School of Art, 167 Renfrew Street, Glasgow G3 6RQ.

Elizabeth Reid
Secretary GIA

17 March 2011

