



GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 04 OF SESSION 2012/13
HELD AT THE HOUSE FOR AN ART LOVER BELLAHOUSTON PARK,
GLASGOW G41 5BW 11th OCTOBER 2012 AT 4.00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Stuart Gray (Chair), Michael Dougall, Victoria Batters, Elaine Keenan, Catherine Cosgrove, John Dey, Tim Gray, Chris Stewart, Nick Walker, Steven Inness, Gordon Reid (Honorary Treasurer) and Elizabeth Reid (Secretary)

1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 Rob Campbell, David Maciver, Michael Jarvis, Fiona Sinclair and David Millar.

2.0 PREVIOUS MINUTE

2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting on 09th August 2012 were agreed.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 The Past President has not yet signed a revised mandate with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

3.2 Treasurer has not yet transferred agreed funds to the fixed rate account.

3.3 Architecture People and Place committee have launched %Conversations+.

3.4 Communications committee have arranged speaker for annual dinner.

3.5 Committee Convenors to submit committee reports to Council a week before the date of the Council meeting.



4.0 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

- 4.1** The Honorary Treasurer advised that there was not too much to report. The accounts were very healthy although it was coming up to a busy period with the expenses associated with the Annual Members Dinner and Awards.
- 4.2** The Honorary Treasurer reported that on the income side the RIAS grant had been received and that monies for the dinner, awards and photographic competition were steadily coming in.
- 4.3** The Honorary Treasurer advised that on the expense side the main items of expenditure were Student Award Prizes and the awarding of the Alexander Thomson Scholarship.
- 4.4** Stuart Gary asked that as the annual dinner always ran at a loss should an increase in ticket prices for the dinner or the fee for award entries be increased. Steven Innes agreed that the entry fee was low for a design competition. After discussion Council agreed that much had been done this year to reduce the cost of running the dinner including sponsorship and reviewing the use and cost of audio visual equipment. Council further agree to revisit ticket prices and award fees once the costs of this year's activity had been finalised.

ACTION: The Past President to sign revised mandate with the Royal Bank of Scotland

Honorary Treasurer to transfer £5K to fixed rate account.

Short P & L report to be produced in respect of the dinner to facilitate discussion of prices.

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Architecture, People and Places

- 5.1.1** Michael Dougall provided an update on the progress of conversations. An event involving students from both schools will be kicking off the first conversation. Great Canopies on the 13th and 14th October 2012.



5.1.2 Michael advised that following the initial kick-off event it is hoped to engage with the wider membership in the New Year for all three %Conversations+. It is envisaged that a design competition will be developed and run in the summer. %Conversations+ will have a dedicated web page and be promoted through social media.

5.2 Communications

5.2.1 Victoria Batters confirmed that all work to the website is now complete. Discussions are taking place with the AP&P committee regarding setting up a %Conversations+ page.

5.2.2 Victoria Batters advised the judging process had started for the awards and that the final meeting will take place on Monday 29th October with winners being announced at the annual dinner on 9th November 2012.

5.2.3 Victoria Batters confirmed that comedian Bruce Morton had been booked as the after dinner speaker and that tickets are starting to sell but Council members were asked to both promote and support the dinner by buying tickets as soon as possible.

5.2.4 Victoria Batters updated Council that raffle prizes had been donated by the architectural illustrator Anna Gibb, architect and architectural photographer John Barr and surface designers Clo Collective.

5.2.5 Victoria Batters confirmed that entries to the JMC photography competition will close on 12th October 2012. A shortlist will be prepared and the winner will be announced at the annual dinner.

5.2.6 Victoria Batters advised that the Communications committee needed a Council Member to volunteer to take photographs of the award winners receiving their awards. These photographs will be published on the website. Michael Dougall volunteered.

5.2.7 Stuart Gray advised Council that he has had discussions with Landsdowne regarding this year's Awards Publication which included suggested improvements in the format and the publication date with January 2013 being the preferred date.



5.3 Education

- 5.3.1 Nick Walker updated that the main focus of the committee work had been judging the Alexander Thomson Scholarship in conjunction with Bryan Dickson, Head of Building Services for the National Trust, Jo Anthony Interpretation Project Manager for the National Trust, Andrew Gregg owner of Thomson's Home in Strathbungo and Alan Hooper of the Mackintosh School of Architecture. The winner will be presented with the scholarship monies at the Student Awards which take place after this Council Meeting.
- 5.3.2 Nick Walker advised that the Education committee would now concentrate on how to build connections with the schools of architecture.
- 5.3.3 Council discussed a variety of ideas in respect of more involvement with the schools including more collaboration, reviewing of student work, buddy/mentoring pairings to provide advice to students, giving office space to students as a base for doing their own work and arranging office visits.

5.4 Practice/CPD

- 5.4.1 Steven Inness advised that the committee needed more people and that two people had been co-opted on the committee bringing the total membership to four.
- 5.4.2 Steven Innes reported that the committee has developed six events to form the Practice Series for 2102/13. Attendance at each event costs £25 plus vat or a season ticket can be purchased for all six events for £75 plus vat. Uptake has been relatively slow with only ten season tickets and one individual event ticket being sold to date. Steven advised that 25-30 attendees were required to make each event viable and encourage all members of Council to support this series of CPD events. Steven Innes reminded those present that if the season ticket is purchased in the name of a practice then the practice is free to send different staff to different events.



5.4.3 Chris Stewart asked if students who wanted to attend these events would get a discount. Steven Innes advised that there was currently only the full price individual ticket and the full price season ticket advertised on the website booking system. Stuart Gray advised that it would be possible for a student price to be added to the website. Victoria Batters suggested that perhaps the events would need to be more relevant to students covering subjects such as interview skills. Elaine Keenan suggested that Facebook and Twitter should be used to advertise the events. Chris Stewart and Nick Walker agreed to arrange for email promoting the series to be sent in both schools of architecture.

5.4.4 Steven Innes updated that the all-day CPD event the Construction Game had to be cancelled as only two tickets had been sold despite the event being well advertised.

5.4.5 Steven Innes advised that the committee are trying to arrange building visits. It is hoped that a visit to the Scottish Hydro Arena could take place before the end of the year and a visit to the Commonwealth Sports Arena is being planned for March 2013.

5.4.6 Steven Innes update that the committee is trying to identify the correct vehicle for events targeted at small practice/new graduates/young architects. Steven stated that he felt that this could tie in with council's earlier discussion on how the Education Committee could increase its interaction with students.

5.4.7 Steven Innes advised that the last event planned for the Practice Series is entitled Conservation & Sustainability and that the planning of this event would require input from the Con/Sus Committee.

5.5 Conservation and Sustainability

5.5.1 Catherine Cosgrove apologised for the lack of a Con/Sus report but this was due to the fact that nothing had happened in this committee over the last few months.

6.0 ADDITIONAL REPORTS

6.1 RIAS Update

Chris Stewart updated Council on the last RIAS meeting. This included a discussion on the benefits of membership of ARB/RIBA/RIAS; Festival of Architecture planned for 2018 to celebrate 100 years of the RIAS and the development of a buddy network involving RIAS members and elected officials which could facilitate lobbying on architectural related issues.

7.0 AOCB

7.1 There was no other business.



8.0 NEXT MEETING

- 8.1** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th January at 5:30 p.m. the offices of the Glasgow City Heritage Trust 54 Bell Street, Glasgow G1 1LQ

Elizabeth Reid
Secretary GIA

15th October 2012

