



## GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 03 OF SESSION 2012/13  
HELD AT 16-18 BLACKFRIARS STREET, GLASGOW, G1 1PE ON  
THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012 at 5.30 P.M.**

### **PRESENT**

President Michael Jarvis (Chair), Fiona Sinclair (Past President), Michael Dougall, Victoria Batters, David Maciver, Elaine Keenan, Stuart Gray, Stephen Miles, Gordon Reid (Honorary Treasurer) and Elizabeth Reid (Secretary)

### **1.0 APOLOGIES**

1.1 Rob Campbell, Maggie Barlow, Steven Innes, Tim Gray, Nick Walker, Chris Stewart and David Millar.

### **2.0 PREVIOUS MINUTE**

2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 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 Past President provided copies of previous GIA publications to Stuart Gray.
- 3.3 Council Members have been encouraged to tweet.
- 3.4 Rob Campbell has agreed terms with the Lighthouse for hosting the 2012/13 CPD Sessions.
- 3.5 Council Members discussed after dinner speaker for Annual Dinner
- 3.6 Unattached Council Member to consider joining Practice/CPD Committee.
- 3.7 Con/Sus Committee hit list of goals produced.



- 3.8 There has been no contact with Murdo MacDonald for Kilcreggan update.

#### **4.0 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

- 4.1 The Honorary Treasurer reported that since the last meeting there had been income of approximately £2.3k which was made up predominately of the RIAS Second Quarter Grant. Expenditure of £1.7K was predominately against website costs.
- 4.2 The Honorary Treasurer reported that the Good for Wood sponsorship monies of £1K have been received from RIAS. The President advised that £500 of this amount was to be used to fund an award.
- 4.3 The Honorary Treasurer recommended that £5k from the reserve balance should be reinvested in a fixed rate account which will accrue better interest rates but will have restricted access. Council supported this recommendation

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

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

#### **5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **5.1 Architecture, People and Places**

- 5.1.1 Michael Dougall provided an update on the work of AP&P which had focused on ideas for a design competition. The committee felt that whilst the previous two design competitions had been successful the committee felt that this element of the GIA's work needs to be refreshed. In addition it had become apparent that some of the ideas which had been considered for this year's competition had been picked up by other agencies or would have had limited stakeholder support.



5.1.2 As an alternative to the design competition, the AP&P Committee presented a proposal on a series of initiatives created to address and re-imagine urban issues through a process of documenting, presenting and recording. The committee has decided to call these initiatives “Conversations”.

Each “conversation” will;

- Include an element of community engagement, structured workshops, exhibition and presentation and is expected to be delivered over a period of 2 months.
- Be designed to inspire and encourage creative solutions for the betterment of place.
- Bring together communities, architects, artists, and delivery partners.

Three “conversations” have been proposed:

Glasgow’s great canopies - The legacy of motorway construction across Glasgow

Schools out- The future for Glasgow’s Victorian School Buildings

Oh I don’t like to be beside the seaside -Re imagining the seaside towns within the GIA chapter

5.1.3 Council fully supported the concept of the “conversation”.

5.1.4 The President suggested that it may be worthwhile to get a group of students involved and that consideration could be given to the GIA underwriting events and workshops, He further stated that this may become very resource intensive and assistance from other bodies and interested parties could be sought.

5.1.5 Stephen Miles reported that the AP&P committee continues its work with the Glasgow Urban Design Panel. Stephen further commented that as previously advised to Council efforts continue to refresh and update the structures and remit of the GUDP. It is acknowledged that this is likely to be a slow process but that the legacy membership and interaction with GIA committees needs to be resolved at the same time.



5.1.6 Stephen Miles commented that as part of this process the GUDP 's influence will hopefully evolve into a lobbying function as opposed to a passive, Planning consultee.

**ACTION:** AP&P Committee to proceed with launch of “Conversations”

## 5.2 Communications

5.2.1 Stuart Gray confirmed that all work to the website is now complete. Email correspondence promoting the employment section is due to go out to members soon.

5.2.2 Stuart Gray confirmed that four more Con/Sus publications have been uploaded onto the website. Stuart encouraged all committees to consider upload PDFs of any previous publications in order to bulk up the content of this section of the site.

5.2.3 Stuart Gary advised that training for Council Members on how to update the website was almost complete.

5.2.4 Stuart Gray updated Council that some work had begun with the AP&P committee on the development the website element of the “Conversations” initiative.

5.2.5 Stuart Gary confirmed that this year’s awards have been launched and to date their have been 14 entries. The closing date for entries is 14<sup>th</sup> September.

5.2.6 Stuart advised that a publication timetable has been agreed with Landsdown for this year’s awards.

5.2.7 The President asked if we would have more say in this year’s layout and publication turnaround times. Stuart confirmed that this should be the case.

5.2.8 Stuart Gray updated that the committee had identified some cost savings for the Annual Members’ Dinner on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. The main saving identified was in relation to the audio visual equipment hire.

5.2.9 Stuart Gray reported that the committee were looking at ways of obtaining some different raffle prizes as opposed to the usual bottle of whisky. Council discussed suggestions for prizes such as a piece of art work by a local artist such as Anna Gibb. Council supported the idea of improving the raffle prize.

5.2.10 Stuart Gray confirmed that a speaker had not yet been booked. Council briefly discussed ideas and the President asked that suggestions for a speaker be urgently sent to Stuart.



5.2.11 The President advised that the launch of the Jon-Marc Creaney photography competition was imminent. The competition will be based on an architectural theme and is limited to non professional photographers and unpublished work. The winner will be announced at the Annual Members' Dinner on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012

**ACTION:** Committee to continue to plan the annual awards and dinner.

All council members to consider possible guest speakers and advise Communication Committee.

### 5.3 **Education**

5.3.1 The Past President advised that 35 expression of interest in the Alexander Thomson Scholarship based on work to Holmwood House had been received. 18 entries had been received through the website. It is intended to shortlist these to six by online judging in mid August and the final judging meeting will take place in early September.

5.3.2 The Past President suggested that the winner will be announced at the Student Awards.

**ACTION:** Education Committee to continue work on the Alexander Thomson Scholarship.

### 5.4 **Practice/CPD**

5.4.1 No members of the Practice/CPD Committee were present at the meeting to update Council. In lieu a copy of Practice/CPD report is appended to this minute.

### 5.5 **Conservation and Sustainability**

5.5.1 No members of the Conservation and Sustainability Committee were present at the meeting to update Council. In lieu a copy of Con/Sus report is appended to this minute.

## 6.0 **ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

6.1 The President advised that the GIA still needs to boost its representation on the RIAS as there were still vacancies.

## 7.0 **AOCB**

7.1 The President requested that all committee conveners submit their committee reports to Council a week before the date of the Council Meeting. This should allow for a more informed discussion and streamlining of meetings.



## 8.0 **NEXT MEETING**

8.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th October 4.00 p.m. in the Music Room of the House for an Art Lover , Bellahouston Park, Glasgow G41 5BW

Elizabeth Reid  
Secretary GIA

13<sup>th</sup> September 2012



## Practice / CPD Committee Report to 9th August 2012 GIA Council:

The Practice / CPD Committee has not had another committee meeting since Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012, although a further committee meeting has been arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012 to finalise the next sessions CPD programme.:

- While Elspeth McNeill of Aedas has been co-opted onto the Practice CPD Committee, the committee still urgently require additional GIA Council members to join the Practice / CPD to assist Steven Innes and Rob Campbell and we would urge any interested GIA council members to get in touch with Steven Innes to note their interest. If you are interested then please contact Steven Innes – [steven.innes@mclarchitects.co.uk](mailto:steven.innes@mclarchitects.co.uk)
- The final event of last year's session (The Design Manager – “How we operate”) which was supposed to take place at the Lighthouse on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012 had to be postponed as the speaker could not attend. Rob Campbell has identified Joe Lunardi (Design Manager for new Glasgow School of Art) as a possible speaker for this event and Steven is in the process of re-arranging a suitable date with both the speaker and the Lighthouse. Hopeful that this event will take place either on 30<sup>th</sup> August or 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- The use of the Lighthouse for the CPD events was discussed and it was agreed that this had been a success and the committee intends to continue this relationship into the next session. Rob Campbell has already held discussions with Ian Elder at the Lighthouse and agreed costs for a number of events for next session.
- The Practice and CPD Committee propose that in close liaison with the other GIA Committees we develop the below list of events to form the Practice Series for 2012-2013 and these will be charged either as individual evening events (£25 + VAT per event) or a Season Ticket for all six events (£75 + VAT). We may also look to introduce feedback / suggestions forms for the CPD events.
- The following is the draft programme of event dates:

Date	Event	Time	Cost	Speaker
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2012	Contract Game	9am-6pm	£75 + VAT One off event	Gordon Gibb (confirmed)
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2012	Practice Series 1 Case Law/Contracts	5pm-8pm	£25 + VAT or Season Ticket	Neil Kelly-MacRoberts (Confirmed)
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2012 (tbc)	Practice Series 2 Business Management Coaching	5pm-8pm	£25 + VAT or Season Ticket	Robin Thng-Shirlaws (tbc - RC)
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 (tbc)	Practice Series 3 Negotiating Skills	5pm-8pm	£25 + VAT or Season Ticket	Hugh O'Neill (tbc – EM)
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2013 (tbc)	Practice Series 4 Technology Energy	5pm-8pm	£25 + VAT or Season Ticket	Discuss with Con/Sus committee
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2013 (tbc)	Practice Series 5 Being Safe – H&S	5pm-8pm	£25 + VAT or Season Ticket	David Wilson (tbc - SI)
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 (tbc)	Practice Series 6 Communities/Urban Design	5pm-8pm	£25 + VAT or Season Ticket	Discuss with APP committee

Expected income/expenditure information is provided below:

The above series of events should generate a modest income dependant on numbers as set out below:

Anticipated Numbers	Attendees	Income
All day event	20	£1500 + VAT
Season tickets	25	£1875 + VAT
One off tickets	20	£500 + VAT
Total income		£3875 + VAT
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>
Lighthouse		£2500 + VAT
The Construction Game		£500 + VAT
GIA Expenses		£300 + VAT
Total Expenditure		£3300 + VAT
<b>Balance to GIA</b>		<b>£575 + VAT</b>

- The committee felt it would be beneficial if we could upload or create a page or links on the GIA website to relevant practice matters. Rob Campbell has spoken with Maryse Richardson and RIAS are willing to provide relevant practice information. This would allow some direct contact with the membership, and could possible allow GIA members to submit written requests for information relating to Practice matters and written requests for specific CPD topics to be introduced to the Practice Series events.
- We are also trying to establish some relevant Building Visits for the 2012-2013 session and to date we have established a link (through Stuart Gray) for a visit to the Scottish Hydro arena which we hope will take place in September. The committee members also agreed to explore the possibility of a visit to the the Commonwealth Sports Arena. It was thought these may have to be restricted to 20-25 attendees on a first come basis.
- We are still attempting to identify the correct vehicle for events targeted at Small Practice / New Graduates + Young Architects – **Networking events / Site Visits / Buddy System** have been suggested – any thoughts?

The Practice / CPD Committee have arranged further meetings on the following dates through 2012:

- 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 5:30pm – venue to be confirmed
- 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 5:30pm – venue to be confirmed



## **GIA Conservation and Sustainability Committee**

### **Report for the GIA Council Meeting of 09.08.12**

We held a further meeting this year on 6<sup>th</sup> August and as ever had a considerable amount of interest from people willing to attend but then had several call offs and the usual 6 turned up. The following short report covers the main issues we discussed and the objectives that we feel are realistic that this committee can achieve as it finds its true direction and focus as part of the GIA work.

1. We continue to re-iterate the first statement of the original manifesto aims – “To promote good practice in conservation architecture and in sustainable design and to represent the chapter members to the RIAS in these specialist fields...” We again all felt the main way of achieving these aims would be through CPD, mini seminars and using the GIA website to promote heritage related activities and events and to discuss topics with fellow architects and other professionals.
2. Catherine Cosgrove and Chris Stewart had not found sufficient time to agree the series of principal initiatives that the committee wished to develop. As a result further discussion centred on what could be considered as we move ahead. These were the following targets:
  - CPD event with Maggie Barlow / Catherine Cosgrove to be developed to discuss the Green Deal initiative.
  - Get basic information about the group onto the website.
  - Investigate the need for a Twitter feed to be able to re-tweet such events being broadcast by other heritage bodies such as the AHSS.
  - Provide information about the accreditation process for conservation and sustainability on the GIA site for interested users.
  - Mark and Stewart organising a CPD seminar event with SEDA.

The committee group will meet again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

David Millar, Joint Convenor