



GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING No. 05 OF SESSION 2012/13
HELD AT GLASGOW CITY HERITAGE TRUST, 54 BELL STREET,
GLASGOW G1 1LQ ON 14th MARCH 2013 AT 5.30P.M.

PRESENT

President Michael Jarvis (Chair), Fiona Sinclair(Past President) Catherine Cosgrove, Victoria Batters, Rob Campbell, Stephen Innes, Stuart Gray, Chris Stewart, Gordon Reid (Honorary Treasurer) and Elizabeth Reid (Secretary)

1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 John Dey, Michael Dougall, David Millar and Elaine Keenan

2.0 PREVIOUS MINUTE

2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting on 13th January 2013 were agreed.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 The President confirmed that he had met with the majority of Committee Convenors and reports had been distributed to Council Members well in advance of this meeting. Only issues arising from the reports will be discussed by council. Reports sent to Council will then be taken as read and only relevant issues will be discussed at Council.
- 3.2 The Past President has not yet signed a revised mandate with the Royal Bank of Scotland.
- 3.3 Honorary Treasurer has not transferred £5K to fixed rate account as needs the bank signatures changed.
- 3.4 P & L for the Members dinner not yet prepared as all invoices and expense claims not yet received President to pass information to the Honorary Treasurer.



- 3.5 House For An Art Lover was confirmed as the venue for the Student Awards. Fiona Sinclair advised that sponsorship for the event had been sourced.

ACTION: Past President to sign revised RBS Mandate.

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

Honorary Treasurer to prepare P& L for Members Dinner

4.0 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

- 4.1 The Honorary Treasurer did not provide a report as books are with the Auditor as is required prior to the AGM in April. Honorary Treasurer stated that Council finances are in a healthy position,

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Architecture, People and Places

No Issues

5.2 Communications

- 5.2.1 Stuart Gary confirmed that Lansdowne would not be producing a GIA Awards brochure due to a limited uptake in sponsorship. The Communication Committee propose to produce an A5 Booklet which would be issued with the RIAS quarterly in December.

- 5.2.2 Rob Campbell asked if a printed booklet was necessary and suggested that an electronic version would suffice. Council agreed that a paper copy was required.

ACTION: Communications Committee to present proof of concept and indicative costs to next meeting of Council.

5.3 Education

- 5.3.1 Dress for the Weather is continuing to work on the design for Holmwood House.

5.4 Practice/CPD

- 5.4.1 Steven Innes advised that 20 season tickets had now been purchased and that the format of the final session on Conservation had been agreed with Catherine Cosgrove.



5.4.2 Rob Campbell asked if Council felt prices had been too high and this had contributed to the disappointing attendances. Council felt that the pricing was fine but commented that there was a general apathy towards CPD in Glasgow.

5.4.3 Chris Stewart advised that he had received comments that finding the events on the website was not easy. It was agreed that in conjunction with the Communications Committee ways of improving the website promotion of event would be looked at.

5.4.4 Steven Innes stated that he felt not enough had been done to emphasise event contribution to CPD requirements.

5.5 **Conservation and Sustainability**

5.5.1 Catherine Cosgrove advised that the first two sample case studies were available for comment and that it was hoped to use these as a template for all further case studies to be published on the website. Catherine asked that comments be provided on the samples to her.

ACTION: Council members to provide feedback to Catherine Cosgrove regarding format of case studies.

6.0 **ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

6.1 There was no formal report from the RIAS meeting.

7.0 **AOCB**

7.1 The President advised that that he would be involved with Micheal Holliday of the Roots Design Workshop and the team involved in the live build summer school 2013.

7.2 The President advised that the date of the AGM was 17th April 2013 and that the meeting would take place in the Glasgow Art Club. The President further advised that there would not be one guest lecturer but that he had invited five practices to talk about their work.

7.3 A brief discussion followed regarding the need to sustain and increase Council membership for the next session. The President is to discuss new session council set up with current office bearers.

7.4 Past President advised that notification of the AGM has to be sent to GIA members. Stuart Gray advised that he would organise and update the website.

7.5 The President stated that he was very disappointed in the number of attendees at this meeting particularly in view of the fact that guest



speakers had been arranged. He requested that the Secretary notify all Council members of his disappointment in writing.

- 7.6 Chris Stewart advised that there had not been much progress with the Pairing Scheme. Council discussed issues around strategy, consistency of message and how this can be monitored. Rob Campbell volunteered to help develop an approach for this.
- 7.7 The President updated that he received a request from the Glasgow Evening Times for the GIA to regularly comment on the treatment of older buildings in Glasgow. The President suggested that this was an area in which the Con/Sus Committee would have the necessary expertise. Chris Stewart agreed and Catherine Cosgrove expressed the view that others outside Council may be best placed to comment depending on the building. Council agreed to support this initiative.
- 7.8 The President advised further consideration had been given to a summer exhibition in a venue such as the Lighthouse promoting the work of the GIA. Ideas for the Exhibition include displaying the work of the Student and Member Awards winners and other initiatives such as the work done as part of AP&P Conversations.
- 7.9 The President advised that 3rd year students from the Mackintosh School had requested assistance in acquiring transportable display boards for an exhibition of their work in London. Council agreed to financially support this initiative.

ACTION: Rob Campbell and Chris Stewart to work up an approach to the strategy supporting the pairing scheme.

8.0 HUB WEST PRESENTATION

- 8.1 Debbie McNamara and Martin Joyce presented to council on the set up and working of Hub West which was followed by a question and answer session.
- 8.2 Once the guest speakers left council discussed how both organisations could work together. Council agreed that the views of practices who have worked with Hub West would be useful and Rob Campbell agreed to contact Austin Smith Lord, Holmes Miller and JM in this regard.

ACTION: Rob Campbell to feedback on findings.



9.0 **NEXT MEETING**

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 17th April 2013
Glasgow Art Club 185 Bath Street Glasgow G2 4HU.
5:30pm for 6pm.

Elizabeth Reid
Secretary GIA

18th March 2013

