



GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GLASGOW CITY HERITAGE TRUST, 54 BELL STREET ON THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2015 AT 6PM.

PRESENT

President & Chair Michael Dougall, Victoria Batters (Convenor), Michael Jarvis (Past President), Catherine Cosgrove, Isabel Garriga, Clara Garriga, Sam Patterson, Chris Stewart, Will Gunn, Douglas Taylor, Nick Roberts

1.0 Apologies

1.1 Gordon Reid (Treasurer), David Millar, Karen Parry, Iveta Smidtaite, Dele Adeyemo, Gordon Carswell, Darren MacDonald, Emma Morton, Andrew Paul, Elaine Keenan, Fiona Sinclair, Hannah MacFarlane, Rob Campbell

2.0 Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes agreed as read. Committee reports issued by email prior to meeting.

3.0 Treasurers Report

3.1 No Report. Books are with auditors.

4.0 Education Committee

4.1 The RGI Exhibition has now been cancelled, this is due to GSA needing the space for students. The work that has already been done for this exhibition will now be used for 2016 Festival with students designing exhibition '35 years of Award Winning GIA projects'

4.2 We have started discussions with GTS regarding the brief for the Alexander Greek Thompson competition to design a Double Villa. It is at very early stages so currently no more to report.

4.3 Isa has suggested that Alexander Greek Thomson Society contact Rosneath Peninsula regarding a joint venture for 2016. Rosneath Peninsula is planning open days to the various 'Greek Thomson' villas during the festival.

- 4.4 The Student Awards will be held May/June this year and we are looking for volunteers for judging. Please contact Education committee if you are interested.
- 4.5 It has been noted that last year's judging of 5th year thesis projects was quite complex. Michael Dougall has suggested that this year we could ask the schools to put forward 4/5 projects that are of a high standard and ask the students to present.
- 4.6 This year it would be better if we could get judges to commit to a full day per school as appose to ½ days. Once dates have been confirmed we will issue an email with advance warning in order for this to be possible.
- 4.7 Will Gunn's practice has been working with City of Glasgow College, who are currently running an apprenticeship scheme in Architectural Technology. As of this year the college will be running fully funded Architectural Technology Apprenticeships. These courses will run for 4 years and at the end they will have a degree. Will would like to raise awareness of this scheme and the benefits it can bring to a practice. GIA would be interested in promoting this. Will Gunn will draft a short brief regarding this and it will be added to the website and newsletter.
- 4.8 Will Gunn's practice are hoping to run a training class in Revit from their office. He will be drafting a small proposal to include on the website to check if it would be something people are interested in before he confirms dates, times and cost.

ACTION:

Organise judges for Student Awards

Progression on Greek Thomson Scholarship.

Will Gunn to draft brief on the Apprenticeship scheme to be included in newsletter

Will Gunn to draft information to be added to web on Revit training.

5.0 Communications Committee

- 5.1 We have received quotes from the web designer for the updates that are needed to the website. These have now been categorised for council approval. We have the operational improvements for example the speed of the page, social media sharing buttons, links to latest newsletters, formatting newsletter to include images and the resizing of images. This has been quoted at £500.

The bigger issues of making the website more mobile user friendly, setting up new pages for UDP and sponsorship links, new logos etc. would be at a cost of £3000. These works will be spread over a longer period of time and as much of the work done in-house that can be. The council members present voted and all agreed to go-ahead with the operational works at a cost of £500 as it is a necessary benefit. It was mentioned that some of the money made from CPD ticket sales could be used towards this.

- 5.2 Prior to the AGM in April, communications will be circulating an email to all council members regarding committees. This will be to confirm who is on each committee, who will be leaving and who would like to swap committees. People will need to confirm this before the AGM on 16th April. Conveners will be charged with confirming who is on their committee. The mailing list will be updated by Gillian Holmes shortly after the AGM.
- 5.3 If you know anyone who is interested in joining council please confirm their name to Communications. This will allow them to be voted on at the AGM.
- 5.4 Council voted and agreed for £300 extra to be spent on AV for this year's dinner. This will be at a cost of £2,100 as oppose to £1,800.
- 5.5 Can you please email all events along with a small blurb to VB to allow them to be included to the newsletter

ACTION:

Emails to be issued to previous sponsors.
Add events calendar to the website
Operational updates to Website
Proposal for new categories in Awards
Confirm members in committees and add new members

6.0 Conservation and Sustainability Committee

- 6.1 The Exhibition at the Lighthouse is up and running. It will now run until 16th April, 2 weeks longer than first thought. The models will be moved to GSA for the AGM. The models will be displayed on the red shelf on top of a table.
- 6.2 Council approval has been asked by Catherine for her to sign the Lighthouse forms on behalf of GIA. It is a disclaimer that states GIA will meet the Lighthouse's exhibition rules. For example, The Lighthouse will not accept responsibility for any damage to models etc.
- 6.3 We are looking for volunteers to assist with taking the exhibition down from the Lighthouse and moving it to GSA on the 16th April. Please contact Catherine if you are able to help.

- 6.4 A decision has not yet been made on whether to hold a SWG public launch event. If we do go ahead it would be a good idea to run it alongside the next CPD which is scheduled for 25th March.
- 6.5 STV have approached us advising that if we do hold a launch event they would be interested in doing some filming and interviews as they have been following the progress of Springburn Winter Gardens from the beginning. The launch would consist of a small speech done by GIA, another by SWG alongside the running of videos.
- 6.6 Communications will assist with the advertising and publicity of the Launch and emails will be issued nearer the time confirming dates and times. As the winners of SWG Competition work in London we would need to give them as much advance warning as possible if we would like them to attend. This will not be funded by GIA.
- 6.7 Springburn Winter Gardens Trust are hosting their own event at the end of April, it has been agreed that they will be able to use all of the boards for this.
- 6.8 Patricia Ferguson, local MSP has advised us that she has arranged for all the boards to be put on show at the Scottish Parliament Building.
- 6.9 Catherine advised that she has photographs of the models and exhibition that will now be added to the website.
- 6.10 Springburn Winter Gardens Trust have advised us that they are delighted with all the work GIA has done for them and they would be happy in the future to supply us with any testimonials/feedback for our website and general publicity.
- 6.11 After discussions with other Conservation Architects regarding the removal of the Conservation category from the Awards it has been noted that people are not very keen on this happening. It has now been decided to leave it in at the moment.
- 6.12 Sam has now confirmed the colour for the new GIA logo, it will be issued by email shortly.
- 6.13 Catherine has advised that she is willing to stay on at GIA for another year but after that she will be stepping down.

ACTION:

Organise the Launch alongside CPD
Volunteers for moving exhibition from Lighthouse to GSA
Blurb for web from Sam on exhibition

7.0 CPD Committee

- 7.1 No committee members present.
Minutes from previous committee meeting appended.

ACTION: (repeated from previous)

Get Buddying system pilot up and running
Arrange disclaimers for Buddying system
Arrange Conservation CPD
Information to IOSH re BIM speaker

8.0 2016

- 8.1 A meeting was held with RIAS and we are now starting to pull all of our ideas together.
- 8.2 MD has had a meeting with Tom Turley, Director at DRS. They have advised that they would like to assist with some of our ideas, for example they may be able to assist in a venue for the Architects Salon. He also advised that they will be able to help us make other contacts.
- 8.3 Isa has recently had a meeting with The Rosneath Peninsula re planning some events. They have recently applied for Creative Places Funding so joint ideas would not be solely relying on RIAS or Government Funding.
- 8.4 The RIAS funding has not yet been finalised. We have submitted a budget to them but this will just be a rough guide until we have a better idea of which projects we will be putting forward. We will be trying to secure sponsorship as well as funding for some of the projects.
- 8.5 Isa has submitted a budget proposal (attached with reports) to RIAS in order for the Scottish Government to provide some of the funding required. They have not yet committed to anything.
- 8.6 The projects that we will be going ahead with should be decided by the AGM. It has been suggested that we hold an internal council vote. Council members would be presented with all the ideas and they then place a vote to decide which ones we run with.
- 8.7 A trailer has been purchased for £1000. This will be used for the 2016 info trailer. This trailer will be passed around each chapter for their calendar month.
- 8.8 We are planning to have a 1 day design competition with students to design the trailer. The winning design would tour with the trailer. We will need to draft maps for what locations the trailer would be at and what information it would

have for that area. A venue in Dumfries has already shown an interest in this. We have a meeting set up to discuss.

- 8.9 The other project that has been confirmed is the Architects Ales. This will be a 6 pack of architect/2016 related ales for example Greek Thomson/McIntosh/William Leiper etc. This project will run with Drygate Brewery who will provide us with costs for this.
- 8.10 The Ales bottle label will be run as a design competition with the winners being announced at the November Dinner. Brewing of the ales will begin in January.
- 8.11 Will Gunn has advised that he may be able to connect the GIA with The Beer Halle in Glasgow as a distributor of the Ales. He advised that as they also hold a licence for outdoor sales so the trailer could be used for advertising.
- 8.12 We will have to be careful if the project becomes national that we do not need to hold any licences for the creation/storage of the ales. VB father may be able to give advice on this.
- 8.13 Isa advised that she has also been approached by a Whiskey company looking to do a similar project. If this project goes ahead we will have to make sure the projects do not overlap.
- 8.14 RIAS have identified some of our projects that are similar to other sectors so it may be that we collaborate and run these ideas nationally.
- 8.15 Michael would like Gerry Gramms to attend one of our council meetings to discuss the importance of the festival. He is hoping to organise a meeting with him in the next few weeks to identify which projects we are planning on promoting for funding.

ACTION:

Finalise Projects we would like to run for 2016
Finalise Funding and try to get sponsorship
Launch Design Comp for Ales labels

9.0 RIAS

- 9.1 The last RIAS meeting was held on 11th March and no pressing issues were raised at this meeting.
- 9.2 There was lots of discussions in regard to changes to Standards and CDM regulations.

- 9.3 We have been advised that there will be big changes in Education. A presentation by Dave McLean, the head at Aberdeen University was given. This was very complex. One of the topics raised was about the elimination of Pt 1's in Scottish Architecture. This has not been set in stone but it may come in to force as early as September this year. Students would therefore do a full 5 years in education. Points were raised both for and against this.
- 9.4 Building regulations review is planned and the Building Review Committee will be looking at and making changes to Section 3 Ventilation.
- 9.5 Joslyn, Head of Preservation is continuing the campaign to prevent the demolition of Perth City Hall.
- 9.6 RIAS subscriptions were discussed and will be changing.
- 9.7 Third party rights of appeal in Scottish Planning system were discussed and contested. We have now received a letter back from Alex Neil advising that it will not be happening.
- 9.8 Copyright issues are going to be pushed, due to the new eplanning process it has made it easier for people to steal and re-use information and drawings.
- 9.9 RIAS are trying to encourage architects to get involved and take on important positions within Local Authorities.
- 9.10 After the elections to RIAS, 3 seats become available. Can you please email Michael Dougall if you are interested?

ACTION:

10.0 Other Business

- 10.1 The AGM is 16th April in the Reid Building 5.30pm – 6pm
- 10.2 We have been asked that people offer some time to represent GIA at upcoming events. Will has offered to attend a training seminar but we are still looking for 2 volunteers to attend labs discussions. If you are interested can you please email Michael Dougall?
- 10.3 The Royston Competition launch will be held on 25th March 2015. This is a competition to light the Royston Spire. The competition will be open to everyone.

The Royston Spire is owned by Rosemount Trust and they would like for the local community to be heavily involved in the competition. On 25th March the competition will be launched and a simple brief released. £2,500 has been

donated by Rosemount Trust. We will be issuing £500, £250 and £100 prizes to the winners.

This Project will be running in conjunction with Community Light Scotland. On 25th April we will be holding an open day at Rosehall (next to Royston Spire) this will run from 2pm – 5pm. A representative from Vocal History will be doing a presentation on the importance of this project.

The Budget has been set at £30,000 for the works to be completed. As part of the competition we will require 1 A1 board, A4 description and A4 costs. Royston Spire is an A-listed building.

Funding has been confirmed as £30,000 with donations as follows:

Rosemount Trust - £10,000
Glasgow City Council - £10,000
GHA - £10,000

Calendar for Royston Spire competition as follows:

25th March – Launch
25th April – Oral History & Open Day
11th May – Submission of Boards
18th May – Shortlist announced
1st June - Promotions

Thereafter we will have an open night where the selected entries will do a presentation. Michael Jarvis has asked Glasgow Preservation Trust if they would like to be involved in the judging for the competition. We are looking for volunteers for the open day on 25th April. Please email communications if you are able to help. We will need to start advertising the launch etc. on the website. Communications will be doing this.

As it is the Year of Light in Glasgow, a festival will be held at the end of the summer

- 10.4 MJ feels it would be a good idea to invite the new RIAS President to a future GIA Council Meeting. This was noted and MD to arrange invite.

ACTION:

Organisation for AGM
Advertising for Royston Launch
Extend Invitation to RIAS President to meeting
Find Volunteers for Royston Launch

11.0 Chair's Comments

11.1 Next Council meeting: 21st May 2015, 6pm at Glasgow City Heritage Trust. The AGM will be at the Reid Building on 16th April at 5.30pm – 6.30pm

11.2 The Next CPD event will be held at the Lighthouse on 22nd April at 6pm