

GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE,
Thursday 9th February AT 6PM.**

Author:	JR	Date:	09/08/23
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Present		
Jonathan Potter	President	JP
Justine Ramage	Hon. Secretary	JR
Karen Kalkreuter	Senior Vice President	KK
Chris Stewart	RIAS President	CS
Fiona Sinclair		BM
Karen Nugent		KN
James Robb		JRo
Natasha Lucic		NL
Romain Charlet		RC
Robin Webster		RW
James Watson		JW

Apologies	
Robbie Low	
Phil Zoechbauer	
Andrew Hadden	
Felicity Parsons	
Graeme Davidson	
Bryan McGhie	

1.0	Previous Minutes	Action
1.1	Previous Minutes agreed and taken as read	Note
2.0	Chair's Comments	
2.1	<p>JP introduced CS who outlined preparations for the RIAS forum. The first in person event of the convention will be held in the Briggait. The Friday evening debate on the theme of emerging Scottish architecture (working title: "beyond the bothy") is intended to be an informal, relaxed event with an affordable £10 ticket reservation fee for members. Five "provocateurs" will put forth perspectives to initiate group discussions which will inform published outcomes from the convention. There is a possibility for smaller supporting exhibitions within the Briggait, and RIAS are requesting help from the GIA and local practices to contribute to this wider context. FS suggested that the Cumbernauld competition entries could form an exhibition. CS also proposed a Sunday walk event meeting at Glasgow Green, with route options which could be based on GIA maps from the previous COP26 event. CS will schedule a proposed programme and establish lines of communication to facilitate the GIA supporting roles. JP to form a dedicated sub committee for regular meetings.</p>	CS, JP
3.0	Treasurer's Report	
3.1	Report not tabled.	Note
3.2	JP noted that GD has been voted in as the new secretary with BM assisting	BM
3.3	JP noted that the accounts were approved at the AGM	Note
3.4	JP awaiting copies of the 'ism architecture magazine' for GIA record from AR	JP, AR
3.5	JP explained that the monthly renewals are currently paid for by his practice as a temporary measure while waiting for the new bank account, with the treasurer writing cheques for disbursement. PZ to finalise information required for the account.	PZ, JP
3.6	KK queried the format for the student awards prizes (cheques or transfers) as there were delays last year. JP noted that there is a chequebook available and the process should be faster.	Note
3.7	JP raised funding limitations for committees as an item of note. JP to provide summary from PZ for the record.	JP
4.0	Communications Committee	
4.1	Report tabled and taken as read	Note
4.2	KK queried the proposed June newsletter content from Sustainability committee. JRo to send further details on the Glasgow Wood visit for inclusion.	KK, JRo

- 4.3 KK noted that the AGM recording is available online and was highlighted in the previous newsletter. Note
- 4.4 KK confirmed that Cottiers has been secured for the Design Awards on Thursday 16th November to offer a larger capacity for guests. Note
- 4.6 KK raised potential venues for the next council meeting on the 10th of August. FS suggested the Glasgow Heritage Trust as this was used regularly in the past. JP
- 4.7. NL suggested starting awards early, if GIA will be involved in RIAS forum. in September. JP agreed that advertising could begin in July and rules should be highlighted at entry including a firm deadline date and general social media etiquette. Note
- 4.8 Design award points for ongoing consideration: targeted procedural guidance for shortlisting and visits, a general review of award categories (to include an emerging practice award every two years, FS noted previous portfolio requirement), drafting of suitable sustainability criteria and options for a revision of the physical award. Discussion on the eligibility period to be revisited closer to the awards. RC suggested tie-in with student awards, showcasing work and inviting Y5 winners.
- 4.9 JP to compile timetable and guidance notes for the Student and Design Awards for GIA record and to assist with future handovers. JP

5.0 Education

- 5.1 Report tabled and taken as read. Note
- 5.2 RC reported on the judging progress, currently underway, and intent to provide feedback to universities upon completion. RC highlighted the wealth of student work considered and noted that more prescriptive guidance for organising the showcase could help with interpretation and shortlisting prospects. Note
- 5.3 JP noted the previous agreement that the awards dinner would ideally be held before the end of term and proposed that the preparation notes remain minuted. There are several time sensitive actions (receiving information from the universities, venue selection and confirming sponsorship) which ultimately determine the date of the event.
- 5.4 RC noted the requirement for new committee members to enable regular activity.
- 5.5 RC raised the possibility of cross discipline exercises for students or talks from contactors/ site managers/ clerk of works for exposure to the wider context of the profession. FS suggested engaging with the engine shed or historic environment scotland. KN noted that the mac previously hosted similar events.
- 5.6 RC highlighted the intention for ongoing communication and engagement with the universities.

6.0 Practice Committee

- 6.1 Report not tabled - committee hiatus. Note

- 6.2 JP noted that the RIAS CPD content is running successfully. However, if there are ideas for additional events which would benefit members then these should be raised for discussion.
- 6.3 Other committees are organising relevant content such as sustainability visits and other upcoming events which are highlighted in the newsletter.
- 6.4 JP reported on ongoing discussions with RIAS and membership regarding lengthy and delayed planning responses, and the serious implications on the process. If an application is not determined within 2 months, there is only a 3 month window for appeal to the Scottish ministers. If this is missed then the options are to wait for it to be determined, or to withdraw and resubmit with a new planning fee. NL noted the increase to fees for engaging in the pre-app consultation process. JP highlighted the recent Glasgow City Council charges for discharge of conditions and the impact on small projects, and the general increase in monetisation without improvement to the service.
- 6.5 JW reported on the active small practice basecamp group. KK to promote in the newsletter.

7.0 Conservation Committee

- 7.1 Report tabled and taken as read. Note
- 7.2 FS confirmed that the Cumbernauld competition will be launched on the 13th of June. The website is set up and Scott Abercrombie will be managing the airtable. FS noted that site visits may be difficult as the council have been restricting access to amateur photographers. FS and KN highlighted that the local authority has requested information regarding the competition results, although the building demolition has already been approved with funding allocated. FS, KN
- 7.3 FS reported that BDP are donating drawings of St Andrews Hall for the archive. Note
- 7.4 FS noted that the owners of the Atrium building in Kilmacolm had requested information from the archive to support the Listed Designation application.
- 7.5 FS outlined the activity of the RIAS conservation committee and concern regarding the ongoing disposal of churches by the Church of Scotland. The current strategy could risk ongoing damage to Scotland's built heritage.
- 7.6 Alexander Greek Thomson Society to hold a competition for the design of a monument - potentially that of ex GIA John Honeyman.
- 7.7 FS requested note of attendees for the GIA record book, JR to provide. JR

8.0 Sustainability Committee

- 8.1 Report tabled and taken as read Note
- 8.2 JP noted the increased scope of the Cities4Forests Competition in collaboration with Glasgow City Council and recent involvement from RIAS in a leadership role, with official launch expected in the next few months. Note

8.3 JP highlighted the upcoming visit to the wood for good prizewinner. NL suggested “save the date” feature in the newsletter to advertise events early.

9.0 Architecture People and Places Committee

9.1 Report tabled and taken as read Note

9.2 NL noted the Design Conversations event organisational difficulty which resulted in cancellation. This had been a sensitive topic concerning the repeating issue of tall buildings in the city and the lack of guidance from planners, despite overall support. NL explained that it had raised discussion at the council and they will now hold their own debate. KN noted that Paul Stallan had previously driven the issue and reimagining the planning process was intended to be positive - the delay to event may provide opportunity to reflect and reengage with the council on the matter. NL noted that James Wright will be promoting his book on tall buildings in Glasgow which could be a strong tie in with the proposed debate. JP explained that the RIAS approach to the issue is more multifaceted, with additional parties (eg. chamber of commerce, developers) involved. NL

11.0 AOB

11.1 KK noted that there had been no feedback for the suggested new members event and that the RIAS convention would be a great opportunity to engage with possible interested parties. Note

11.2 JR previously noted that the master membership status list is password protected and currently inaccessible for reference. JR

11.3 SP previously noted that he may still be named as the GIA data protection handler and this should be investigated. JP, JR

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th of August, Glasgow City Heritage Trust