

**GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GLASGOW CITY HERITAGE TRUST, Thursday 10th AUGUST AT 6PM.**

Author:	JR	Date:	10/08/23
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<b>Present</b>		
Jonathan Potter	President	JP
Justine Ramage	Hon. Secretary	JR
Karen Kalkreuter	Senior Vice President	KK
Fiona Sinclair		FS
Karen Nugent		KN
James Robb		JRo
Natasha Lucic		NL
Phil Zoechbauer		PZ
Felicity Parsons		FP
Conor Graham		CG
Andrew MacCluskey		AM

<b>Apologies</b>	
Romain Charlet	
Robin Webster	
Graeme Davidson	

1.0 Previous Minutes	Action
1.1 Previous Minutes agreed and taken as read	Note
<b>2.0 Chair's Comments</b>	
2.1 JP noted that the RIAS convention date has been changed to the 16th of November. PZ suggested that holding the proposed walking tour in the winter would require a time change from early morning. JP in communication with RIAS contacts to arrange GIA events in parallel with the convention.	JP
<b>3.0 Treasurer's Report</b>	
3.1 Report not tabled.	Note
3.2 JP reported on banking issues which are affecting the GIA accounts. GD to arrange access rights as a matter of urgency as the bank are refusing to cash cheques or accept funds into the account.	GD
3.3 JP awaiting copies of the '-ism architecture magazine' for GIA record from AR	JP, AR
3.4 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 reported that the application for the new account was submitted at the start of August.	JP, GD
3.5 JP noted that the Student awards prize cheques will be required in September. RC paid a deposit for Civic House. PZ noted that sponsor Ibstock had previously paid the venue directly. KK to check that deposit for Cottiers has been accepted amidst banking issues. Web designers now require payment, with funding note to be appended to minutes.	JP, KK, JR
<b>4.0 Communications Committee</b>	
4.1 Report tabled and taken as read	Note
4.2 KK reported on arrangements for the Design Awards, Cottiers has been secured for the Design Awards on Thursday 16th November to offer a larger capacity for guests. KK confirmed that entry criteria and sustainability requirements have been added to the website. JP confirmed Gavin Miller as guest judge with 30 supporting judges for the shortlist process. NL queried if there would be a guidance document for the judging process. PZ noted that the collation of scoring was most successful when judges utilised the full range of numbers.	KK,
4.3 KK to add Cumbernauld competition extension to newsletter	KK
4.4 FP raised the visibility of the design award entries on the website and discussed the possible public perception of the categories - as an example, there were only 2 commercial entries last year. KK to review the categories when entries are received. NL queried the possibility of a pinterest style mixed page, without categories. PZ noted that this was constrained by the current airtable settings.	Note

- 4.6 JP suggested that KK would require some assistance with the awards preparations. FP noted that the brochure process was especially time consuming. PZ explained that the extensive brochure was a remnant of the covid event, and previously there were smaller pamphlets for the table at in person events. JP
- 4.7. KK noted that a physical award had been requested on multiple occasions. PZ suggested checking the quality of laser cut options, Dundee and Stirling had sourced more substantial timber pieces. 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. RC confirmed tie-in with student awards, showcasing work and inviting Y5 winners. Note
- 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 JP reported that the student awards venue had been booked and paid for, with confirming sponsorship a priority. JP confirmed that the student awards certificates and prize payments had been arranged. Note
- 5.3 Education committee will be running an instagram campaign to highlight the student award entries. RC
- 5.4 JP highlighted that the report raised a lack of awareness of the GIA at student level. FS queried the status of the part time architecture course at the GSA as the GIA had a historic agreement to support part time students. JP, RC
- 5.5 JP raised the possibility of cross discipline exercises for students or talks from contractors/ site managers/ clerk of works for exposure to the wider context of the profession. PZ noted that a similar event had been arranged before Covid, and it would be worthwhile to reattempt. FS suggested links with City Building. Note
- 6.0 Practice Committee**
- 6.1 Report not tabled - committee hiatus. Note
- 6.2 KK noted that the RIAS CPD recorded content is running successfully as a comprehensive resource. 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 on new development and small projects.

6.5 JW reported on the active small practice basecamp group and current topics of discussion including difficulties with domestic clients and rising contract litigation.

## **7.0 Conservation Committee**

- 7.1 Report tabled and taken as read. Note
- 7.2 FS confirmed that the Cumbernauld competition was successfully launched with 33 entries received and judges selected. The deadline is to be extended to September 1st and promoted in the newsletter. FS, KN
- 7.3 FS raised the possibility of a new exhibition, focused on design award entries from the 60s & 70s. The intention would be to raise funds for a curated and designed exhibition, with some supporting material from the GIA archive and wider context included, to be held in an appropriate 1960s venue. FS, KN
- 7.4 FS highlighted SPAB lunchtime online CPD events. Note
- 7.5 Alexander Greek Thomson Society to hold a competition for the design of a monument - potentially that of ex GIA John Honeyman.
- 7.6 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 JRo highlighted the visit to Glasgow Wood with 20 attendees - emphasising an imaginative reuse of material and the aspiration to produce more than furniture. Note
- 8.3 JRo noted the upcoming visit to the Kenoteq brick factory on the 20th of September with the resultant recycled construction waste product to be commercially available at the end of the year. Note
- 8.4 JRo following up on COP26 landscape events, with two separate tours running in October. Note
- 8.5 Jro noted the intention to relaunch the Anthropocene Architecture School workshops for students with the education committee KN suggested contacting Arch Tech at the Mac, with a relevant embodied carbon skillset. JRo, RC

## **9.0 Architecture People and Places Committee**

- 9.1 Report tabled and taken as read Note
- 9.2 NL reported on the GUDP meeting in June, with the August panel now cancelled. NL will be organising panellists for the next event in September. NL
- 9.3 NL suggested a Queens Quay masterplan walk, focused on the district heating energy centre drawing from the clyde, to run alongside the RIAS forum. Note
- 9.4 NL raised a possible competition concerning land for community in Govan and will seek funds to allow the GIA to cover an ideas competition. NL

- 9.5 James Wright will be holding a daytime book launch event on the 18th of October, to be added to the newsletter. JP noted this would be a suitable prize for the raffle. KK, NL
- 9.6 JP raised the separate tall buildings event involving Paul Stallan, queried the outcomes of the event. JP
- 9.7 NL reported that Nick Walker has joined the APP committee. Note

#### **10.0 AOB**

- 10.1 KK noted that there had been no feedback for the suggested new members event and that the RIAS forum would be a great opportunity to engage with possible interested parties. Note
- 10.2 JR previously noted that the master membership status list is password protected and currently inaccessible for reference. JR
- 10.3 SP previously noted that he may still be named as the GIA data protection handler and this should be investigated. JP, JR
- 10.4 Glasgow City Council has taken ownership of the Cities4Forests competition, RIAS team also struggled to handle the scope of the project with available resources.
- 10.5 FS queried the location of the GIA golf trophies.
- 10.6 KN noted that the Govanhill Baths Trust UpHub has launched a plastic press which creates recycled plastic sheets.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 10th October, online via zoom.