

GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM,
Tuesday 10th October AT 6PM.**

Author:	JR	Date:	10/10/23
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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		FS
Romain Charlet		RC
Natasha Lucic		NL
James Watson		JW
Conor Gray		CG
Andrew Frame		AF
Nick Walker		NW
Caragh McCallum		CM

Apologies	
Graeme Davidson	
Robin Webster	
Felicity Parsons	

1.0 Previous Minutes	Action
1.1 Previous Minutes agreed and taken as read	Note
2.0 Chair's Comments	
2.1 CS delivered update on RIAS convention date of 10th November, seeking GIA support for fringe supporting events. JP to coordinate.	JP
3.0 Treasurer's Report	
3.1 Report not tabled.	Note
3.2 JP confirmed that the new bank account has been approved and will be functional shortly, with a number of actions to be cleared. Funds will have to be transferred from the old account, outstanding RIAS grants and Design Awards sponsorship funds accepted. RC confirmed student details have been taken in anticipation of bank transfers. JP noted possible expenses due in relation to the Student Awards.	GD
3.3 JP to move monthly renewals (which are currently paid for by his practice as a temporary measure) over to the new account	JP, GD
3.4 JP awaiting copies of the '-ism architecture magazine' for GIA record from AR	JP, AR
3.5 Web designers now require payment, with funding note to be appended to minutes.	JP, GD
4.0 Communications Committee	
4.1 Report tabled and taken as read	Note
4.2 KK noted that the newsletter had been issued, to the updated membership list which was received from RIAS	Note
4.3 KK reported on Design Awards progress - menu and photographer arranged.	Note
4.4. KK requested assistance with Design awards preparation - finalising the awards trophy design & quality, brochure, presentation, social media and raffle.	KK, JR, FS
4.5 Design award points for ongoing consideration: the possibility of publishing a shortlist in future, 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. Tie-in with student awards, showcasing work and inviting Y5 winners.	Note
4.6 JP to compile timetable and guidance notes for the Student and Design Awards procedures/ timetable for GIA record and to assist with future handover.	JP

5.0 Education

- 5.1 Report tabled and taken as read. Note
- 5.2 RC confirmed that the student awards event was a success, with positive student feedback regarding the opportunity to present their work. Note
- 5.3 RC noted that the scope of the student awards was too large, and more guidance was required for the judging criteria - allowing for transparency and for the universities to shortlist more effectively. RC also suggested that it would be beneficial to raise awareness of the GIA and judging panel in advance, via the GIA website or social media. RC
- 5.4 RC requested information on previous years of the Alexander Thomson prize scholarship for the next council meeting, in order to assist the education committee in preparing for the 2024 edition. FS to send information on the scholarship. RC, FS
- 5.5 CG reported on what the GIA could do for students outwith the awards process. Using Instagram as a means of promoting talks, interviews etc core themes around subjects relevant for students. GIA could be a Glasgow specific industry resource, supporting study through a real world professional lens. JP noted the historic links between universities and architecture practice which used to supplement the year out. Note
- 5.6 Previous minutes discussed cross discipline exercises for students or talks from contractors/ site managers/ clerk of works for exposure to the wider context of the profession.

6.0 Practice Committee

- 6.1 Report not tabled - committee hiatus. Note
- 6.2 KK previously 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. Note
- 6.4 JP involved with planning responses, and the serious implications on the process on new development and small projects. Note
- 6.5 Ongoing active small practice basecamp group and current topics of discussion including difficulties with domestic clients and rising contract litigation. Note

7.0 Conservation Committee

- 7.1 Report not tabled. Note
- 7.2 FS reported that the Cumbernauld competition has 14 entries on the shortlist. FS noted that many of the entries are students who were encouraged to enter by one of the judges, causing a possible conflict of interest to be addressed. FS, KN
- 7.3 FS confirmed that an exhibition is planned for next year, focused on design award entries from the 60s & 70s to be held in the pyramid at Anderston. Glasgow city heritage trust have expressed interest in part funding. The intention would be to raise funds for a curated and designed FS, KN

exhibition, with some supporting material from the GIA archive and wider context included.

- 7.6 FS requested note of attendees for the GIA record book, JR to provide. JR
- 7.7 JP highlighted the new scaffolding at the Greek Thomson church on St Vincent street and will discuss the current condition of building with council. JP
- 7.8 The GIA signed a letter of support from Save Britain's Heritage after the Ayr Station fire, which was widely covered in the media. Note

8.0 Sustainability Committee

- 8.1 Report tabled and taken as read Note
- 8.3 FS noted the Kenoteq brick factory on the 20th of September and the visit to Cuningar Loop on the 6th October. JRo to write up for the GIA website. Note
- 8.4 JRo following up on COP26 landscape events, with two separate tours running (University of Glasgow on the 27th October, Claypits on the 10th November) Note
- 8.5 JP noted that the GIA has helped to fund an upcoming Anthropocene Architecture workshop in 2024, and will receive outcomes from the event. JRo, RC
- 8.6 FS highlighted the Glasgow material hub concept, if anyone is interested please get in touch with sustainability committee.
- 8.7 FS noted that tenements were not included in the the RIAS Retrofit initiative categories outlined by CS. JP to query. JP

9.0 Architecture People and Places Committee

- 9.1 Report tabled and taken as read Note
- 9.2 NL reported on the GUDP and will be organising panellists for the next event in October NL
- 9.3 NL highlighted architectural group Glasgow 2050 and suggested offering them a platform via the GIA. Note
- 9.4 NL noted that the competition concerning land for community in Govan did not receive funding. NL suggested that a Queens Quay masterplan walk, focused on the district heating energy centre drawing from the clyde, could be held next year. Note
- 9.5 JP highlighted a Hugh Anderson paper, from an urban renewal group keen to see Glasgow city centre improvement. JP to upload document to basecamp. JP

10.0 AOB

- 10.1 KK noted that the RIAS forum negroni event would be a great opportunity to engage with possible new members. 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 the role of GIA data protection handler is tbc JP, JR
- 10.5 FS queried the location of the GIA golf trophies. Note