



**MINUTES OF THE 149th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
HELD AT CCA, SAUCHIEHALL STREET, GLASGOW, G2 3JD
ON THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017 AT 6PM.**

PRESENT:

Tim Gray (President), James Spence Watson, Fiona Sinclair, John MacLean, Gillian Holmes (Secretary), Sue Evans, Sam Patterson, Elspeth McNeill, Karen Parry, Andrew Hadden, Phil Zoechbauer, Emma Wood, Julie Benson, Sinead McGhee, Clara Garriga, Elaine Keenan, Michael Dougall (Past President), Isabel Garriga (Vice-President), Greg McCallum (Honorary Treasurer), Tony Halbert, Jaroslaw Kania, Karen

1.0 WELCOME

The President welcomed members to the 149th Annual General Meeting of the Institute

2.0 APOLOGIES:

Gordon Carswell, Jim Webster

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

Minutes of 148th AGM held on 31 March 2016 were agreed.

4.0 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

The Honorary Treasurer, Greg McCallum reported on the GIA accounts for 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016.

The accounts are generally in a healthy condition.

At the end of our accounting year we had a surplus of £16,693 this is due to the 2016 Festival presenting a greater turnover of money for GIA throughout this financial year. The Architects Ales was in part responsible for this. The surplus from 2016 festival is still to be returned to RIAS but the exact amount is still to be confirmed so this will not factor into this year's accounts.

The first 4 pages of the account report represents general accounting information and required statements from accountants regarding institutes objectives, make up of council during the year and the accountants statements advising our accounts are in order.

The presentation of accounts and statements therein comply with Charity Regulation Authority.

Overall the income and expenditure account for this year shows an operating surplus of £11,563. In general net assets have increased in line with the statement of financial activities.

The funds in WB Whitie Benevolent fund are £28,151 and have not had any calls on it this year but if you are aware of any suitable candidates please contact either Tim Gray or Gillian Holmes who would be happy to help.

The Alexander Thomson account stands at £3008 and the Student Awards fund £5169. A further breakdown is included in the Treasurers annual report.

The Annual accounts were proposed by Fiona Sinclair and seconded by Isabel Garriga.

5.0 PRESIDENT STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT:

All of the committees have had a really productive year but last year many of the activities I undertook were associated with the festival of Architecture. This included being involved in the IPA Launch and getting to experience Chris Leslie's short film (Re)Imagining Glasgow in the major studio of Screen One of the GFT.

I finally got to see the Eolas travelling at the festival finale in Dundee (where the tyres had to be let down to get it into the printworks space) but before that it had travelled over land and sea to the furthest reaches of our chapter area Also at the Dundee finale was the 37 Years' pop-up exhibition celebrating 37 years of the GIA's Architecture and Design Awards which had been displayed for a week in the centre of Glasgow as part of the Merchant City Festival. a second batch of the Architect IPA was brewed and sold from Dress for the Weather's bespoke bar at the Holmwood House garden party. Alexander Thomson's finest domestic.

At the start of August I visited Ayr to help launch Doors Open Day in Ayrshire where there are around 60 sites to visit on the first weekend in September. And

on Bute I was one of a small crowd who came to meet the finish of the RIAS Rowand Anderson Centenary 100 mile Cycle to Bute to mark the 100 years of the Incorporation. 18 cyclists set off early in the morning from the Rowand Anderson designed Glasgow Central Station and set off on a mammoth 100 mile cycle cross country and water to the Rowand Anderson designed Mount Stewart on the isle But unfortunately I could not attend a joined networking drink organised by the GIA, RICS and Chartered Institute of Highways and Transport (CIHT) at Drygate Brewery which was seen as a great success by the organisers and sponsors.

In the autumn of 2016 The Student Awards took place at The House for an Art Lover, in Belahouston Park. The work of students from both Strathclyde and the Mack were celebrated with an award for each year.

The new session of the CPD series also started with a series of presentations from award winners took place at the first 2 sessions of the GIA CPD series. And the GIA awards were unveiled and presented at our Annual Dinner which took place in the magnificent auditorium of Oran Mor in Glasgow's West End with its fantastic mural ceiling by Alasdair Gray. Over 170 chapter members, sponsors and guests gathered together for this evening of celebration, entertainment and socializing that went on into the wee hours. Full details of all the winners are again on our website.

An intrepid band of judges ranged the country from Dumfries to the highlands and even to Ballymena in Northern Ireland to visit the shortlisted properties in the seven categories, along with considering three additional awards. The supreme winner was The New House of Auchengree by Ann Nisbet Studio, a beautiful, crisp, incredibly well detailed dwelling in the stunning setting of the Ayrshire countryside. This year also saw the return of the GIA's small practice portfolio award where, every four years, practices in the chapter with 5 or fewer qualified Architects have an opportunity to submit a portfolio and gain recognition for a body of work rather than a single building. The award went to ARPL with commendations to Dress for the Weather and Roots Architecture

And we were still celebrating the Festival of Architecture 2016 with an exhibit on one of our founding members, Alexander Greek Thomson, at the Royal Glasgow Institute of Fine Arts exhibition at the Mitchell Gallery

The GIA Council finished off 2016 with our last meeting being held in an award winning building. The Saunders Centre at the Glasgow Academy not only won a GIA Education Award, the GIA 'Wood for Good' Award but also the Doolan Prize.

So what for this year well....

We are now in to the bicentenary year of the birth of one of the GIA's founders Alexander Thomson. I am privileged to be part of the judging panel for the Alexander Thomson Society's Double Villa Competition which is one of many events that the society has planned for this year (see <http://www.alexanderthomsonsociety.org.uk> for more details). The GIA ConSus and Education Committees are also currently formulating events to complement those run by the ATS

One thing that looks to be certain is the brewing of the third batch of the GIA IPA.

My thanks go to all the committee members and especially the conveners and to Past President Michael Dougall, Vice President - Isabel Garriga, Secretary Gillian Holmes and the Treasurer Greg McCallum for keeping me on the straight and narrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comms

Once again the communications committee's main focus will be organising the annual member's dinner and awards to take place on Friday 10th November, last year we had over 180 attendees. The tasks of the organising committee include coordinating the awards submissions, liaising with judges and planning the awards night itself at Oran Mor. We also plan to work with web developer to revamp the GIA website this year to make it more visual and easier to navigate. We welcome any new members who would like to get involved.

We would like to thank Emma for her work on the committee on the past year and welcome the new convenor Isabel Garriga who is keen to look at the logo and visual identity of the GIA

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CPD AND PRACTICE

Committee Members: Elspeth McNeill (Convenor), Karen Parry, Hannah MacFarlane, Deborah Kirk. Alan Dunsmore.

Last CPD Presentation Event:

- GIA Event 6 was held in the Lighthouse on 22 February 2017, Professor Tim Sharpe and Jonathan McQuillan of MEARU presented 'Building tight-ventilating right. 'An excellent, relevant, interesting riveting presentation, delivered eloquently. 36 attendees.

Next CPD Presentation Event:

- GIA Event 7 will take place in the Lighthouse on 26 April 2017, Asbestos awareness training. Presenter will be Roger Willey of ACS. He will issue ACS attendance certificates. Event previously arranged for 22 March postponed at the last minute by the presenter. Lighthouse have kindly accommodated this change.

CPD Presentation Event Venue:

- 2016/17 Season presentation events were held, as usual, in the Lighthouse. The 3rd floor Conference Suite is an excellent and suitable venue and the service we received including catering are likewise, with one disastrous exception when we were moved to Gallery 4 and the Awards Winners Part 2 Event was totally disrupted (we have not been charged for this event). Regardless, this forthcoming season, in support of Alexander Greek Thomson Bicentenary, we are proposing to hold our presentation events behind one of his famous facades, Glasgow's CCA.

- We have visited the CCA and consider the Clubroom to be a suitable venue. It is located at the rear on the second floor overlooking the GSA. Lift available. No loop system. The main room can accommodate 60 and the adjoining breakout area is available for the Small Practice Group pre CPD Event meetings.. Costs to be confirmed by the CCA but likely to be less than £360 per event, including refreshments (Lighthouse was £500). In the meantime, we have provisionally booked the Clubroom for 6 of 7 events, as listed below. All on a Wednesday, 17:00 with presentation 18:00 to c.19:30.

CPD Season 2017/18 proposed dates:

CCA provisionally booked for all except April date

1. 30 August 2017.
2. 20 September 2017 (September Weekend is 22-25).
3. 25 October 2017 (Schools holiday is 16-20).
4. 22 November 2017. 15 November also available, if the speaker prefers. .
5. 17 January 2018.
February 2018. CCA not available.
6. 28 March 2018. 21 March also available, if the speaker prefers. (Good Friday is 30)
7. April 2018. Date tba and with the CCA

CPD topics: All to be agreed including speakers.

- GIA 2016 Awards Winners presentations. Two events.
- Legal's, Contracts. To take place prior to 21-22 November Part 3 Exam. Suggested speaker is Rob Campbell.
- Building Standards. Planning Updates.
- ARB presentation 'Keeping out of trouble' presentation on the Code and common areas of complaint, and then followed by a Q&A session. Possibly by Simon Howard, ARB Head of Professional Standards.
- MEARU case studies.
- Construction Defects and related legal matters. Urban design matters. Access for all. Presentation skills. Wood for Good. Others?

CPD Events Generally:

- Season ticket to be advertised asap, before summer holiday season. Aiming to publish by mid May 2017.
- Booking system to be agreed. Eventbrite?
- Season ticket price was £65 increase to £70 suggested. President to agree.
- Single tickets as previously £10 for Awards Event and £20 for all other presentations.
- GIA CPD events count towards RIAS CPD points as agreed with the President.
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Building visits

- GSA Mackintosh building tour 1of2 was on 28 February – all came out smiling. Tour 2of2 is on 31 March and fully booked. Karen will lead this tour.
- Glasgow Art Club. Possibly late April 2017. Hopefully with a guided tour by Matthew Holloway.
- Kier's Marr College site visit. Possibly May 2017.
- Laing O`Rourke, Scottish Power building at Charing Cross. Gone quiet.
- Auchengree? Richard Murphy's RIBA award winning house? Others?

Other events

- Joint event will be arranged with RICS Matrics once again supported again by MMS. Likely date is October/November 2017. GIA to suggest topics.
- RICS networking event. To be discussed and arranged.

Small Practices Group

- Continues to be very popular. Meeting take place, an hour before the CPD Event and the group in turn supports the CPD events. Next cpd season the group will meet in CCA Clubroom adjoining Break-out-room at 17:00.

Other Matters

- Dumfries and Galloway GIA members including Sophia Anderson remain keen to take part in GIA events but distance and time continue to be an issue. Note we are not charging them a booking fee.

SMALL PRACTICE GROUP

Established in January 2016 as sub group of CPD & Practice Committee to focus on needs of sole practitioners and smaller practices in GIA area. All GIA members are welcome to attend.

Meets for an hour before each formal CPD event to discuss issues relevant to smaller practices, and to have less formal CPD either provided by external speaker or led by a member. Usually has around 12 attendees.

Topics covered this session have included REVIT, fees, marketing, cost estimating on smaller projects, alternative forms of construction and CDM.

Rotating chair leads session and circulates notes etc.

Organise social events in addition to more formal sessions and provide mutual support and assistance to each other by email. Helps build professional networks and means members don't have to work in isolation but can share information.

Education Committee

Phil Zochbauer (Convenor), Will Gunn, Gus Young, Dele Adeyemo
Sinead McGhee

In May our team of judges headed down to Strathclyde University and the Glasgow School of Art for the yearly architecture exhibitions. The standard of both exhibitions was impressive, with a high standard seen across all years of both schools.

Speaking at our student awards ceremony in October were Daniel Smith and Phil Zochbauer, who were the winners of the Devil's Elbow site in the Scenic Routes 2015 competition. Their talk was focussed on the design and construction process of their entry.

Following the successful execution of the Triennial Alexander Greek Thompson Scholarship in the early months of 2016, an exhibition of the winning entries was held during April of that year at the

Lighthouse, with exhibition space provided courtesy of Architecture and Design Scotland.

During 2017, the bicentenary of Alexander Thomson's birth, the Education Committee will be looking to launch a 'one-off' competition to commemorate the Architect. And finally with this year's Degree Shows around the corner the committee's attention will turn again towards the judging and organisation of the annual student awards.

AP+P

"The newly reformed Architecture People and Place committee, previously the 2016 committee, had its first committee meeting in March. Convened by Sam Patterson the committee members include Clara Garriga, Michael Dougal, Isabel Garriga and in March they welcomed Andrew Hadden.

The committee has recently launched an Ideas Competition for the Midsteeple Quarter of Dumfries high street in collaboration with The Stove Network. The competition seeks concepts to support the Stove Networks ambitions to repopulate and energise the town centre. Full brief is available on our website and the deadline for submissions is 15 May.

The committee is scoping out its plans for the coming year, initial ideas are to create more screenings of the Reimagining Glasgow film project from 2016, creating a regular GIA social meet up in a similar format as to how the Velvet and Silk nights used to run and prospecting for more partners to run competitions with. If any of this sounds interesting or if you have an idea or your own around debate and engagement speak to Sam as they are seeking new members."

Consus

As you will know I have been mulling over the future of the con-sus committee and with Dougie's retirement we now have a vacancy for the convenor of this committee. I would like to see if someone could come forward to help drive this and build on the fantastic work carried out by past convenors such as Catherine Cosgrove and Fiona Sinclair. If no one comes forward in the short term we will look to 'co-opt' the

committee to help support Alexander Thomson events happening this year with a review of its future at the next AGM.

GUDP

This element of the GIA's work is gaining more and more relevance and respect in terms of the recognition of what it seeks to achieve. Sitting approximately every 6 weeks at the Council Chambers around 3 projects are reviewed in each sitting with a panel of amenity groups, GIA chapter members and guests making comment to help improve and encourage design work within the city

On the left we see schemes that were presented with the comments of the panel and on the right the revised developments and note of the comments which were addressed

We are always looking for new GIA panel members to sit at sessions and so please contact Jim Webster if you are interested

GIA Annual lecture

As you may be aware we are looking to co-host this year's lecture with Strathclyde university and as such help their promotion of women in Architecture. Due to academic timetables and the wish to get a speaker of international note we have had to delay this until the autumn.

The GIA Awards dinner

Please note for your diary that this year the dinner will be on 10th November.

So it just goes to me to thank all of the council members for their fantastic work this last year and welcome you to the 150th Year of the Glasgow Institute of Architects.

6.0 RETIRING MEMBERS:

The President intimated that the following members were due to retire from Council and were to be thanked for their hard work and contributions to the GIA:

Gordon Carswell (Education), Emma Wood (Communications), Caroline Dearden (Comms), Jessica Noel Smith (break), Andrew Paul, Douglas Taylor (Con sus) , Iveta Smidtaite

7.0 NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The motion that the following members be welcomed onto Council was proposed by Tim Gray:

Tony Halbert, Sinead Mcghee, Andrew Hadden

8.0 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Tim Gray will continue as President for his 2nd term.

9.0 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

Isabel Garriga has agreed to continue in the role of Vice President for the next year. This was proposed and seconded.

10.0 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Gillian Holmes has agreed and the motion seconded to continue in the role of Secretary for the next year.

11.0 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY TREASURER

Greg will continue as GIA Treasurer.

12.0 NEXT MEETING

Details of the 150th AGM will be circulated to all members in advance of the agreed date.