

**GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM, DATE AT 6PM.**

Author:	JRa	Date:	09/06/22
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<b>Present</b>		
Jonathan Potter	(President)	JP
Justine Ramage	(Hon. Secretary)	JRa
Phil Zoechbauer	(Past President)	PZ
Andrew Hadden		AH
Alissar Riachi		AR
Chris Stewart		CS
James Robb		JR
Karen Kalkreuter		KK
James Watson		JW
Felicity Parsons		FP
Siobhan McGale		SMc

<b>Apologies</b>	
Bryan McGhie (BM)	
Shona MacVicar (SM)	
Robbie Lowe	
Romain Charlet	
Fiona Sinclair	
Andrew Frame	

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	
1.1	Previous Minutes agreed and taken as read	Note
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Chair's Comments</b>	
2.1	No council member has indicated interest in the role of Vice president. JP will propose a potential candidate by the next council meeting.	JP
2.2	JP queried progress on COP26 expenses and budget. PZ noted that this is still to be resolved and will be progressed on basecamp.	PZ
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
3.1	Report tabled and taken as read.	Note
3.2	AR noted that there are cheques outstanding and due to student award winners	BM
3.3	Due to the incorporation of the GIA as a SCIO it will be required to set up a new bank account. JP noted this as an opportunity to improve functionality. JR has undertaken an initial review of options but further discussion regarding GIA requirements and selection of the provider to be arranged.	BM+JP+JR
3.4	Expenditure approved for GIA contribution to joint networking event	Note
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Communications Committee</b>	
4.1	Report tabled and taken as read.	Note
4.2	Past Presidents Medals to be replenished - SM received funds for deposit with Blair and Sherridan although the responsibility for this process will require handover.	SM+JP
4.3	JP noted that SM is standing down as convenor. JP highlighted the importance of this role and finding a suitable successor.	Note
4.4	CS asked that the Cumbernauld Survey be included in the bulletin to raise awareness and maximise response before June 12th deadline.	SM
4.5	JP queried the upcoming events list. AH raised that another Design Conversations event is proposed for the summer. JW suggested the Skills Scotland Event in November would be worth highlighting to membership. JR noted the sustainability committee have several potential events upcoming.	Note
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Education</b>	
5.1	Report tabled and taken as read	Note
5.2	AR explained that the date for student award judging will be changed to June 22nd. More judges are required and any interested member can indicate their availability on basecamp.	Note
5.3	AR noted that RL is organising the award ceremony event, with sponsorship to be resolved. PZ noted that the usual partner for the event is Ibstock.	RL+AR

- 5.4 AR noted that submissions for the Glasgow Doors Open Day have closed and raised the possibility of arranging the 'Behind the Prize' event separately in September. AR
- 5.5 AR raised a potential future architectural history and theory workshop for students at GSA and Strathclyde. Note

## 6.0 Practice Committee

- 6.1 Report tabled and taken as read. Note
- 6.2 KK noted that the CPD session coordination is ongoing, with the intent to continue with the successful and accessible online format. KK raised that this approach has potential for more collaboration across chapters and institutions - to maximise resources and reduce duplication. KK
- 6.3 KK noted that the Scotland Street School visit is fully booked and will continue with reduced numbers, with the possibility of running a second visit in the future. Note
- 6.4 KK raised that new members would be valuable to the committee and fulfilling future aims. JP noted that a member also linked to the RIAS Practice committee would be beneficial. KK+JP
- 6.5 JP raised the future increased ARB involvement in monitoring CPD and competency for architects. JP noted that the GIA online library is a valuable resource and it could be utilised to help address these increased requirements. KK raised that the practice of handing out CPD certificates is no longer a requirement as members record via the RIBA portal. CS noted the mandatory competencies for fire safety and climate literacy, with increased scrutiny across the industry and the importance of CPD as proof of competency. Note
- 6.6 JP queried progress on the networking event at the Willow from the discussion at last meeting. KK noted that no further arrangements have been made and no date set. Note
- 6.7 JP noted that councils are set to charge high fees for discharging conditions which will have implications for practices and projects. May lead to future debate with planning departments regarding the necessity of certain conditions. CS raised that Glasgow City Council also intends to charge for pre application advice. JP noted that this may cause further pressure on planning department resourcing. Note

## 7.0 Conservation Committee

- 7.1 Report tabled and taken as read. Note
- 7.2 JP noted Hamilton mausoleum competition was completed. KK raised that the exhibition will run until the end of July, and with advance notice a tour of the mausoleum may also be possible. JP noted that the entries have also been published on the GIA Instagram. Note
- 7.3 JP noted that the committee intends to launch an Ideas Competition for the retention and imaginative reuse of Cumbernauld Town Centre. JP noted that the report indicates significant progress with a draft brief and a separate campaign which has been formed to save the buildings. CS Note

- noted interest and intent to discuss this further with the committee and queried if North Lanarkshire council had been informed.
- 7.4 JP noted that the digitisation of the GIA archives is ongoing. Note

## **8.0 Sustainability Committee**

- 8.1 Report tabled and taken as read Note
- 8.2 JR noted several new members have joined the committee. Note
- 8.3 JR noted successful visit to James McCune Smith building and visit to Kinning Park scheduled for June 14th. JR also indicated intention to arrange more building visits and agreed that some (e.g Jedburgh hemp insulation factory) could form joint events with other Chapters. JR
- 8.4 JR noted the intention to continue with Anthropocene Architecture School and potential workshops over the next few months. Note
- 8.5 JR raised Legislating Embodied Carbon in Scotland and the possibility of a cross industry lobby group. CS noted the importance of a coordinated industry response to the Scottish Government Note

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

- 9.1 Report tabled and taken as read
- 9.2 AH raised that the design panel would benefit from more contributors and suggested an advertisement to raise awareness. JP noted interest in future panel involvement. Note
- 9.3 AH raised "Does Glasgow need any new buildings?" as a prospective topic for a future Design Conversation event, in line with the climate crisis context. CS noted this idea is applicable across the GIA and beyond. Note
- 9.4 AH raised "Space in the City" concept and proposal document which has been uploaded to basecamp. AH noted ongoing correspondence with GCC and intention to progress over the next few months. AH
- 9.5 AH noted that COP shop keys are due to be handed back to the council and the majority of items have now been cleared. JP volunteered to collect stray items upon reminder. JP
- 9.6 AH noted outstanding finances to be resolved as part of budget for COP26 including waste collection invoice (£360), and anticipated invoice for lease and associated admin fee (£750). Remaining COP26 budget has been given to Springfield community garden for spring planting and planter maintenance. AH remains hopeful of remaining planter adoption by GCC. Note
- 9.7 AH noted that 2022 Design Panel dates and reports will be added to the GIA website. AH

## **10. RIAS Strategy Committee**

- 10.1 No report tabled. Note
- 10.2 RIAS Strategy Committee was noted as a quarterly members forum which is separate to the GIA committee list and will not have a dedicated section in future council meeting minutes. Note

**11.0 AOB**

- 11.1 JP noted that list of current committee members on basecamp is outdated. JRa will investigate and update. JRa
- 11.2 JP raised the RIAS governance reforms. CS noted logistical difficulty of organisation, thematic planning and encouraging participation. Note  
Highlighted importance of coordination between and contribution from chapters for raising awareness and involvement.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday August 11th at 6pm via Zoom