



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EDINBURGH ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION

HELD IN: GLM, 58 North Castle Street, Edinburgh
DATE: 13 December 2016

1.0 PRESENT

Julie Wilson (JW) (chair)
Donald Canavan (DC)
Ben Rainger (BR)
Ian Stewart (IS)
Neil McAllister (NM)
Rob Goodburn (RG)
Andrew Macpherson (AM)
Fiona Macdonald (FM)
Craig Tait (CT)
Irene Barkley (IB)
Rod Binns (RB)
Charles Strang (CS)
Crighton Wood (CW)
Amy Redman (AR)

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Leslie Howson (LH)
Charlie Girdler (CG)
Stuart Bryce (SB)
Ken Lochrie (KL)

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Previous minutes approved.

3.2 JW reported that DC would arrive later to the meeting and therefore JW will chair this month's meeting.

4.0 ASSOCIATION

4.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1.1 DC delivered the President's Report.

4.1.2 DC reported that he had attended a meeting with CG (ECAN) and a representative from the City of Edinburgh Council to discuss current issues with Building Control procedure. He reported that approx. 9 new staff members are to be employed in the new year giving an increase of 20% in staff across the board to help deal with the slow processing and back log of applications.

4.1.3 It was discussed that the cost of Building Warrant applications, currently assessed on the value of warrantable works, should require more thought and process to achieve a more accurate and realistic cost.

4.2 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

- 4.2.1** KL is absent and therefore the Honorary Treasure's report will not be delivered this month.
- 4.2.2** DC is to contact KL to request an update at the next meeting in January regarding the transfer and investment of EAA funds. **DC, KL**
- 5.0 EUDP**
- 5.1** RG and IS attended the recent EUDP on 30th November 2016.
- 5.2** RG and IS reported on the proposal by Richard Murphy Architects for the Royal High School, Calton Hill, as a concert venue and a new home for St Mary's Music School. The main building is to be restored with additional accommodation to the east. This scheme has secured funding and planning permission, however the rights to develop the site still belong to the Council and Duddingston House Properties.
- 5.3** RG and IS reported on the proposal for the reuse of residential flats in the Chesser area. The development has been popular, with properties already sold out 3-4 months ago. It was commented that the approach to the gables and the streetscape would be important to the success of the development. With little objection or issue, this proposal is likely to go ahead.
- 5.4** RB confirmed that he is to attend the Design Panel's yearly review on 14th December. **RB**
- 5.5** RG, RB and JW are to attend the next EUDP meeting on 25th January.
- 6.0 CPD**
- 6.1** JW reported that the next 'Vision for Edinburgh' lecture and workshop with Malcolm Fraser will be held on the 18th January 2017. Time and location to be confirmed by GL. **GL**
- 6.2** GL to confirm event details before advertising to the public and through local media. **GL**
- 6.3** BR commented on the lateness of advertising for the previous CPD event and that a time period of one month for advertising of the event would be ideal to boost awareness and attendance.
- 6.4** FM commented on the timing of the event as being problematic for getting suitable time off work to attend mid-afternoon CPD events and proposed that the event could start later around 4pm. It was agreed that a later time may encourage more attendance, especially from students. JW to discuss and confirm with GL. **JW/GL**
- 6.5** AM agreed to contact Peter Robinson at ESALA to circulate event details to students. **AM**
- 6.6** GL to advise on future CPD events. **GL**
- 7.0 EAA AWARDS**
- 7.1** JW reported that the EAA awards have now been launched. The call for entries is to close on the 25th January 2017. This will be the first year of the new format for the awards which now includes the additional large project category, allows all entries to be eligible for Building of the Year and allows entries from practices out with the chapter with projects built within the chapter area.
- 7.2** BR reported distribution of advertising for the award through RIAS bulletins,

the AJ and RIBA publications as well as through other councils in the chapter.

- 7.3** JW confirmed that she would be one of four judges for the EAA awards and called for names and interest to fill the other three places: one from within the EAA and two external judges. The judging takes place in February/March 2017 over two days, often non-consecutive, and involves building visits to shortlisted entries. BR, DC and the judges are to decide on the shortlist. SB to arrange building visits.
- 7.4** Expressions of interest were received from NM, RB and RG for a further EAA member judge.
- 7.5** Suggestions for the external judges were wide and varied including: Mark Douglas, Borders Council; David Leslie, City of Edinburgh Council; David Inverarity, City of Edinburgh Council; Paul Curren, MD of Quartermile Ventures; James Naughtie; Pietra Bierbach, PAS; Ian Rankin; Kirsty Wark; Ewan McGregor; Fiona Hyslop MSP; Sarah Boyak MSP; Richard Lewis, Councillor for Culture; Seona Reid, Head of School, GSA; Father Dermot, Simpson and Brown Chapel; Jane Johnson, Edinburgh Buildings Manager.
- 7.6** JW requested that any suggestions are emailed to the EAA council general email for discussion. **ALL**
- 7.7** SB had requested potential contacts of EAA Council members for sponsorship for the EAA awards. Sponsors are to donate £500-£100 and may include a small stall/marketing material at the awards ceremony. Members to email JW and SB with suggestions for suppliers/companies. **ALL**
- 7.8** It was suggested that the Scottish Parliament could be a suitable venue for the awards with possibly free venue hire with purchase of catering. SB to investigate. **SB**
- 7.9** It was commented that the ECCI is a suitable venue being cheaper and more accessible. SB to check availability of ECCI. **SB**
- 8.0 RIAS COMMITTEES**
- 8.1** Comments from recent committees will be discussed in the next meeting.
- 8.2** Next committee dates:
- Conservation – 2 Feb
RIAS Council – 15 Mar
Education – TBC
Planning – 7 Feb
Practice – 16 Feb
PPC – 1 Mar
Government & Contracts– 14 Feb
- 9.0 2016 FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE**
- 9.1** BR requested all feedback forms for the FOA to be filled in and returned to SB as soon as possible. SB can provide forms on request. **ALL, SB**
- 10.0 OTHER BUSINESS**
- 10.1** FM requested an updated group email list. SB to update all members' contact information and distribute to council. **SB**

11.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 10th January** at 17.45 for 18.00pm at GLM, 58 North Castle Street.



Attendance

√ = in attendance

p = part only

A= apology submitted

0 = no apologies received

Name	Council Member	12/01/16	09/02/16	08/03/16	12/04/16	10/05/16	14/06/16	09/08/16	13/09/16	11/10/16	08/11/16	13/12/16
Donald Canavan	President 2015-2017	√	√	√	√	N/A	N/A	√	√	A	√	√
Ian Stewart	Past President 2015-2017	√	√	A	A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	√	√
Julie Wilson	Vice President 2015-2017	√	A	√	√	N/A	N/A	√	√	√	√	√
Ben Rainger	Vice President 2015-2017	√	A	A	√	N/A	N/A	-	√	√	√	√
Ken Lochrie	Hon Tres 2015-2017	A	√	√	A	N/A	N/A	-	√	A	A	A
Gloria Lo	2015-2017	A	A	√	A	N/A	N/A	-	A	A	-	-
Neil McAllister	2014-2017	√	√	√	A	N/A	N/A	√	√	√	√	√
Angus Morrison	2015-2018	-	-	-	A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Rodrick Binns	2015-2018	√	√	A	√	N/A	N/A	A	√	√	A	√
Sindhu Menon	2015-2018	√	A	A	A	N/A	N/A	√	A	A	A	A
Matt Mackinnon	Hon Sec	√	√	√	A	N/A	N/A	√	√	-	-	-
Charles Strang		√	A	√	√	N/A	N/A	A	√	√	A	√
Grant Bulloch		-	√	√	A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Rob Goodburn			√	√	A	N/A	N/A	-	√	A	√	√
Paul East			√	A	A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Charlie Girdler	ECAN		A	A	A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	√	A
Fiona Macdonald	Student Rep	√	√	√	A	N/A	N/A	A	√	√	A	√
	BAG	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	
Leslie Howson	Planning Rep	-	A	A	√	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	√	A
Amy Redman	Hon Sec	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	√	√	√	√	√