

**MUSSELBURGH CONSERVATION SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 277<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**The Chairman's Home 6 Carberry Close**

**Present:** Alan Armour (Chairman & Treasurer); George Kinnaird; Alan Stevens (Planning & Correspondence); Gavin McDowall (Membership & Trips); Barry Turner; Bryon Liddle.

**Apologies:** Andrew Coulson (Minute Secretary).

**Minutes of the last Meeting:** The minutes of the 276<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as a correct record. Proposed by AS and seconded by BT.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018:** The minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting were approved as a correct record. Proposed by BL and seconded by GMcD.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** AA advised he had visited the Clydesdale bank with the necessary paperwork to amend the signatories to the account. His name had been added and that of GK removed as agreed. AS and AC continued as signatories and any two of three would be able to sign cheques. He was glad to report the screen had been returned to the supplier and a full refund had been received to his credit card. He showed a personal cheque for £104.39 made out to the Society which would be banked with any monies received from GMcD for subscriptions, etc. The balance at the bank as per the bank statement (verified on receipt of latest copy) amounted to £3346.49 after the deposit of £420 received from GMcD by way of subscriptions, £372, donations £42 and visitors £6. He distributed a copy of the account to date. AA had received from GK the renewal notice for the Public Liability insurance due on 12<sup>th</sup> December with a premium of £208.38 (£195.16 – 2017-18). It was agreed to continue with this without further investigation and AA had a cheque prepared for the due amount and signed by himself and AS. The increase in the premium was considered reasonable but a closer look would be made at next renewal date.

**Membership Report and Trip Information:** GMcD reported the number of members paid had reached 90 which was comparable with last year. He passed to AA the sum of £191.43 made up of £154 from subscriptions, £10 in donations, £22 from visitor fees and £5.43 tea money. He expected to contact members who not yet paid shortly. He went on to discuss the trip to the V&A and expressed some concern at the low numbers on the provisional booking sheet. This would be spoken of at the next lecture meeting in December. He had received two quotations from coach hire companies namely Duddingston for £490 and Prentice for £520. He had decided the best move was to arrange the hire of the Prentice coach as the capacity of coaches offered was 51 – 59 which allowed for the hoped for numbers.

**Planning Matters:** AS advised of the following planning applications, none of which merited any comment from the Society.

18/01164/P: 23 Woodside Garden. Extension to house. Pitched roof with matching Rosemary tiles.

18/001124/P & 18/01125/LBC Pinkie House, Loretto School. Alteration to building. Formation of study bedrooms with Velux roof windows within attic space of the 1964 north facing extension to Pinkie House.

18/01122/P: 127 High Street (next door to Santander Bank). Change of use from shop to restaurant. This does not propose a takeaway but sit-in restaurant for 40 covers. No alteration to shop front.

18/01117/P: Musselburgh Racecourse. Formation of hardstanding, access steps, fencing, etc.

18/00009/PAN: Kirk Park. Notification of development of care village. A presentation will be held at the Ravelston Hotel on 28<sup>th</sup> November 3pm – 7.30pm.

### **Other News:**

Notification of consultation on Draft Guidance to the East Lothian Development Plan 2018. A drop-in session was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Scottish Government Planning Bill. The amendment proposed by Scottish Labour for a new community right of appeal has been voted down by the SNP MPs on the Local Government and Communities Committee.

There is no news on the Quayside.

### **Points from Barry Turner:**

#### Kirk Park

There is a new proposal for a care village more or less the same as the old one which was abandoned. Same professional staff including Ben Tindall but different developer: Cinnamon Retirement Living.

Pre-application consultation event on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November as mentioned above. Deadline for making comments other than at the event: 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Pinkiehill Farm Inveresk

An architect expects to be commissioned shortly to make a full planning application for a development. Owner is keen on a mixed use development, i.e. residential with some light industry of a type that can co-exist with residential without harm to amenity.

ELC Local Plan Draft Planning Guidance consultation now underway. Three documents: Town Centre Strategies, Green Network Strategy and Design Standards for new housing areas. Comments to be made on line through council's consultation hub at [www.eastlothian.gov.uk](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk). Click menu – your community – consultation hub.

#### Crookston School Site:

Proposed Battlefield Heritage Centre. Following advice from a solicitor, will be setting up a Trust to take the project forward and will be seeking Trust members – possibly through a meeting of potential trustees.

**Speakers for 2019-20 Session:** AA reported he had made progress and speakers had been arranged for November and December 2019. He suggested Pauline Jaffray, owner of East Lothian Life might give a lecture at the AGM next year. Her talk on the magazine lasted around 30 minutes which would suit the timescale. This was agreed and he would contact her. He had also been in touch with the Gullane and Dirleton Historical Society seeking contact information for two likely lectures but was awaiting a response. He had sent them the Society's 2017-18 syllabus by way of reciprocation. He had two further contacts for lectures on "Elsie Ingles" and "1000 Years of War in East Lothian" but would hold off until the turn of the year before making contact as these speakers would not be required until Jan – April 2020.

**New Equipment – Latest Information:** AA had a meeting at St. Peter's Church Hall with Alister Hadden at St. Peter's Church Hall where a discussion took place regarding the feasibility of siting the new screen and projector in specific places. He had a further meeting with Mrs. Jo Reid, the minister's wife. The outcome of the second meeting was the screen should be placed against the end wall as suggested by AH and the projector placed at the appropriate distance and suspended from the ceiling. Mrs. Reid indicated also that the Church would waive any rent until the value of the donation had been reached. Although Mrs. Reid had been advised previously that the fitting of the equipment would lie with the Church, AA had to remind her of this. AA suggested to the committee that we could contribute towards the cost of the installation provided it came within our suggested budget of £800. GK reminded the meeting that such work would be part of the Church fabric and as such suggested the Society would be best not to be involved. If the Society found an electrician to do the work, the Church would be required to pay him direct and the Society would then consider a donation towards the cost. As AA reminded the committee, it was a situation where any monies paid out would be returned by way of there being no rent to pay until the donation had been covered.

**Replacement Plaque at Mall Clock:** AC had been in contact with the Community Council who wished to discuss the matter further, in particular with the question of how the plaque would be mounted. AA had provided AC with the name, Janet Lee Adams, who was the contact at Eastern Design. This had been passed to the Community Council to allow them to make further enquiries.

**Correspondence:** None

**Any Other Business:**

- 1) AA advised he had heard from Catherine Thom. She said that new family commitments prevented her from taking up her position on the committee and had resigned accordingly.
- 2) Wine would be served at the December lecture and AA would arrange purchase of wine and supply mince pies.
- 3) AS reported the Old Town Hall consultation is in print but on reading it suggested nothing was solved.

**Date and Place for Next Meeting:** The next meeting will take place at Alan Stevens' home, 8a Hope Place, on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm with thanks from the chairman to those attending.