

**Musselburgh Conservation Society**  
**Minutes of the 264<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**

*Present:* Alan Armour (Chair), Jackie Wilkins, Alan Stevens, Janette Bonthron, Gavin McDowall, George Kinnaird.

*1). Apologies for Absence.*

Alison Butler, Barry Turner, Andrew Coulson, Stephen Edwards.

*2). Minutes of the Last Meeting.*

The Minute of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 was approved as a correct record.

*3). Matters Arising.*

Item 12); Town Trail Display Boards: JW reported that she had had a conversation with Stuart Baxter about the Town Trail boards. He was encouraging about refurbishment and /or renewal. Some of the boards are still in good condition. A meeting is to be arranged to include Ian Clarke. JW will liase with the Committee regarding this.

*4). Treasurer's Report.*

The Treasurer was in the process of finalising the year's accounts which are showing a loss of about £300 over the year. The current account stands at £2116 after payment for the summer trip. There was a discussion on whether the subscriptions should be raised to cover the continuing deficit. The Society cannot continue to function on a rising deficit & it was proposed that the subscriptions should rise to £10 & £12; this to be confirmed by the full Committee at next month's meeting.

*5). Membership Report.*

G McD stated that the final paid up membership for the year was 116. Next year visitors to the lectures will be asked for a contact number so that they can be encouraged to come again & perhaps join the Society.

*6). Planning Matters.*

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting to include BT who may appear later.

17/00312/P/LBC (retrospective): Replacement windows, Copernicus Kirk 200 High Street: *Leaded lights replaced with clear glass. AS to enquire what has happened to the original stained glass windows.*

17/00206/P: Proposed flat conversion; 17/18 Carlyle Place *Box dormers to roof, inappropriate to Conservation Area. AS will visit site & comment.*

Caledonian Foods (former fish shop) Kilwinning Street. *SE has written to ELC complaining about the garish advertisements that have been applied to the ground floor elevation.*

Development of Land at Craighall: *Public consultation on development of 1500 houses, employment & community facilities. BT attended this & put forward the Society's views. This was also reported in the Musselburgh Courier of June 8<sup>th</sup>. AS reported that he had had an e-mail from Heather Rutherford, secretary of the Oldcraighall residents & tenants group wondering if the Society could work with them in regard to this development.*

Local Development Plan. This has been submitted to Scottish Ministers for examination which includes the Society's unresolved representations. The reporter is not expected to require any further information from us

224 Linkfield Road.: AS reported that he had received an e-mail from Irene Watson regarding the colour that one of the doors in this terrace had been painted. AS had referred her to the planning officer to ascertain the guidelines for colours within the Conservation Area.

*7). Summer Trip – debrief.*

GMCD reported that 42 coach seats had been sold plus 4 more travelling by private car, making a total of 46 people. A surplus of £73 had been made after all expenses had been paid. The visit to Bowhill had been a great success; the house has a superb interior with countless priceless objects on view. The surrounding grounds including the lake were also enjoyed in the good weather Gavin was congratulated on his organisation & hard work by the Committee.

8) *Lecture Programme 2017 – 18.*

AS reported that 4 lectures had been confirmed. JW had suggested that Craig Yorkston from Scottish Power would give a talk on the restoration of the Levenhall Links area. AA will ask the Secretary of the Royal Company of Archers to talk & AS will contact Richard Shorter, Architect for the refurbishment of the Old Town Hall. This would complete the programme if these could be confirmed.

9). *Committee Composition from October 2017.*

AA had looked at a possible reconstruction of the Executive from October. AS had also considered the Secretary's tasks & divided them up into 3 groups – the Secretary proper, a lectures secretary and a planning secretary. (Copies attached). AC had volunteered as minutes secretary, AS will continue as planning secretary. GMcD will e-mail members to inform them of impending changes to the Committee & ask for volunteers to join the Committee & maybe take on some of the unallocated tasks. Skills in computing & website handling were particularly needed.

10). *Correspondence.*

AHSS subscription renewal. The Committee are to consider whether this should be renewed (£45).

11). *A.O.B.*

None.

12). *D.O.N.M.*

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017; 7.30PM at Alan Armour's house, 6 Carberry Close.**

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