

Musselburgh Conservation Society
Minutes of the 265th meeting held on 28th August 2017
Executive Committee Meeting

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

1). Apologies for Absence.

Jackie Wilkins, Barry Turner, Andrew Coulson, Stephen Edwards.

2). Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The Minute of the meeting held on 12th June 2017 was approved as a correct record.

3). Matters Arising.

Item 4); The annual subscription rates were approved as £12 for Ordinary Members, £10 for Concessionary Members and £7.50 for under 25 years.

Item 10): It was agreed that the Society would not renew its membership of the AHSS, the subscription now being £45.

4). Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer tabled the finalised year's accounts which show a small overall profit of £40 over the year. This is due to a surplus of £73 being made from the Summer Trip to Bowhill. GK felt that a slight raise in the subscription rates for the coming season was justified in order for income to cover expenditure. The Society needs a minimum membership of 100 members in order to maintain a balanced budget and avoid running at a deficit. GK will submit the accounts for scrutiny by the auditor.

5). Membership Report.

G McD will send out the Membership renewal forms. AS handed round the printed programmes for distribution by Committee Members. AS will put some of these in the Library & the Brunton hall.

6). Planning Matters.

17/00312/P/LBC (retrospective): Replacement windows, Copernicus Kirk 200 High Street: *Leaded lights replaced with clear glass. AS had had a reply from Yeoman McAllister, the Architects stating that the notable stained glass windows are being retained. The windows that are being changed are not significant.*

13/00754/P/LBC: Formation of ramp & handrails, Musselburgh Delivery Office, 41 High Street. *This application dating from 2013 has now been withdrawn. AS will check the Planning website for any new application submitted.*

17/00583/P: Proposed alterations 171 – 173 North High Street. *Alterations to shop fronts. Former hairdressing salon to become restaurant.*

17/00721/PPM. Land at Goshen farm. Planning permission in principle for mixed use development, comprising 300 residential units, commercial use, infrastructure etc. *Former objections to the previous larger application apply. This application outwith the local development plan should be vigorously opposed. (BT has since sent in an objection).*

16/00118/PPM: Residential development with landscaping, roads & footpaths Land south of Galt Terrace. *Another site outwith the LDP Objection to be lodged.*

Caledonian Foods (former fish shop) Kilwinning Street. *The unauthorised advertisements have now been (mostly) removed.*

Development of Land at Craighall: *BT & AS had met with Heather Rutherford & members of the Oldcraighall residents & tenants group. It had been agreed to keep in touch regarding the proposals.*

7) Lecture Programme 2017 – 18.

AS tabled the printed programme & membership cards. All lectures had now been confirmed. He reported that Craig Yorkston from Scottish Power had now retired & he had had no result regarding a talk on the Levenhall Links site. AS had notified the rector of the dates of meetings.

8). AGM Arrangements

The date is Thursday 12th October. AS will prepare the papers for the AGM & e-mail those relevant for sending out to the Members to Gavin. AS had informed Lord Cameron of the date who hopes to be able to attend. AA will prepare a Chairman's report on the activities throughout the year. It was agreed

that the evening should finish with a glass of wine; GK will organise this. AS will obtain a brief CV from the speaker.

9). Committee Composition from October 2017.

AA is proposed as Chairman by AS seconded by GMcD; GK proposed as Treasurer by JB & seconded by AA. Committee members coming up for re-election are AC & SE. AC was proposed by GK & seconded by AS. AS will ascertain if SE wishes to remain on the Committee & arrange proposer & seconder. The Secretary's post still needs to be filled as do other areas of help such as publicity & the website management. GMcD will send out an appeal with the Chairman's letter. .

10). East Lothian Archaeology & Local History Fortnight.

GMcD is leading a walk around Pinkie House and the Chapel on Sunday 3rd September. The tour is fully booked.

11). Communities Day – 30th September 11am to 3pm.

AS has booked a table for the Society. GMcD will bring along the photo boards AS will be attending, other help would be appreciated.

12). Website.

AA is in correspondence with Alison regarding the payment for the website. The Society requires a computer literate person to take on the website management.

13). Correspondence.

E-mail from Kirsteen Masson of the U3A Local History Group requesting a guided tour of the Town Centre, Pinkie House & Loretto Chapel, on a date in May 2018. It was agreed that this could be arranged. AS will reply.

Area partnership newsletter.

14). A.O.B.

a) JB intimated that the church hall may be undergoing a refurbishment sometime in the near future. Committee to be kept informed.

b). Talk to Friends of the Brunton. AS, GMcD & BT will give a 20minute talk about the Society & it's work on Monday 11th September in the Esk Room, The Brunton. Arriving 7pm for 7.30.

15). D.O.N.M.

Tuesday 26th September 2017; 7.30PM at Alan Armour's house, 6 Carberry Close.

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