

**Musselburgh Conservation Society**  
**Minutes of the 279<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Chairman & Treasurer's home, 6 Carberry Close.**

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

*1). Apologies for Absence.*

There were no apologies.

*2). Minutes of the Last Meeting.*

The Minute of the 278<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved as a correct record. Proposed, Planning & Correspondence Secretary; seconded, Barry Turner.

*3). Matters Arising.*

There were no matters arising that were not otherwise on the Agenda.

*4). Treasurer's Report.*

A copy of the latest income and expenditure account was distributed to all committee members. A bank reconciliation account showed the cheque for £75 paid to St. Peter's Church had not been presented. Also with the adjustment for two items from the 2017-18 accounts totalling £228, the balance at the bank of £3060.26 was agreed. Payments for equipment to the church, the web page renewal and public liability insurance accounted for the majority of the expenditure. A cheque for £54.54 was signed and countersigned to cover expenses incurred by the chairman. Income was received from the Membership Secretary for some late subscriptions, new members and visitors. A discussion with GMcD to split income from members into subscriptions, donations, visitors and teas may be required if requested by the auditor. AA advised he had received an e-mail bill for the hire of the hall from HT and had reminded him of the reciprocal agreement with the wife of the minister.

*5). Membership Report.*

The Membership & Trips Secretary reported that 101 people had now renewed their membership, and that this represented a small reduction in the total number, which reached 106 in the previous year. He noted that the stock of leaflets which he maintains in the Library and similar venues needs to be renewed from time to time, and that he will continue to do so.

*6). Planning Matters.*

*Applications.*

The following applications have been examined:

19/00081/PCL: Land north of 1 Eskside East (Goose Green). Installation of electrical feeder unit, charging point & associated works.

19/00066/P: 19 Newhailes Crescent. Extension to house & erection of covered deck area. *This is a single extension to the rear of the property.*

18/01315/LBC: 9 West Holmes Gardens Replacement windows. *E-mail sent supporting the replacement in timber sash & case windows to the original pattern.*

19/00155/LBC: Kilwinning Place (Musselburgh Tailors): Repainting of shop front & erection of signage (Retrospective). *Windows & door are painted bright yellow, possibly not appropriate for a listed building (Not in the Conservation Area.*

The Committee discussed this issue, and decided to raise no objection.

18/01373/P: 36-38 Millhill. Alteration, extension & change of use of former public house to teaching accommodation. (Formerly the Golf Inn, owned by Loretto School).

19/00127/P: 13 Hope Place. Change of use, alteration & formation of dormer to nursing home to form 2 houses, erection of garage & associated works. *2 large semi detached houses from former nursing home, which in itself had been converted from the original pair of Victorian houses.*

18/01398/LBC: 1 – 3 High Street. Alteration & extension to building, erection of walls, formation of hardstanding & installation of external staircase & demolition of wall. *Two storey extension in the back courtyard to form extra study bedrooms*

19/00174/P: 4B Mansfield Place. Alterations to flat. *French doors into garden.*

The Committee raised no objection to any of these proposals.

### **Objection**

18/01187/P: Ship Inn, 184 North High Street. Erection of public house, restaurant 15 flats & associated works. Formal objection lodged with ELC. Full page coverage in Musselburgh Courier 28<sup>th</sup> February.

#### *7). Speakers for the 2019 – 2020 session.*

AA reported he had arranged for Iain Macintyre – an eminent retired surgeon - to give a talk on 12.3.20 on “Medicine and Surgery in the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion.” This would make mention of Prestonpans. He had received two possible speakers for a talk on Elsie Inglis and asked if two medical type talks was one too many? He had, also, a name for a talk on the History of War in East Lothian plus some information from GMcD on East Lothian Archaeology. If these three were agreed, pursued and accepted by the speakers, then the syllabus would be complete for the next session. The Minute Secretary proposed that, either in this or the next session, David Haire should be asked to speak about the website he has created, on East Lothian in the two World Wars.

#### *8). Renewal of Interpretative Boards.*

Barry Turner reported that Irene Tait, Community Council Chair, had confirmed that the boards had now been re-installed.

#### *9). New Equipment.*

It was disappointing the screen and projector had yet to be erected at the Church hall and when AA last spoke with the Church contact, Howard Thompson, he had advised that all would be in order for the lecture on the 14<sup>th</sup> March. The lecture on “Bats in Town and Country” in February was not as well attended as hoped and AA was concerned the church was not a popular venue with members compared to the hall, perhaps as the acoustics were not as good. However, he had been assured by HT that such double booking would not happen again. AA and AC were approached by a member who complained of difficulty in hearing the lecturer on 14<sup>th</sup> February and it was agreed this matter had to be attended to quickly and a small loudspeaker system purchased complete with microphone and stand if necessary. The Minute Secretary undertook to see that microphones and sound reinforcement would be available for the speaker on 14 March.

*10) Update on replacement plaque for the Mall clock.*

Barry Turner reported that it was expected that action would be taken on this matter by Eastern Outdoor Signs..

*11). Correspondence.*

No correspondence had been received.

*12). Coach outing to the V&A Dundee.*

The Membership & Trips Secretary said that 51 people had now put their names down, provisionally, for the trip. At this level of participation, the transport cost will be £10/head. The Committee approved the detailed arrangements for the trip which he proposed, and he subsequently circulated a draft information notice to members:

## MUSSELBURGH CONSERVATION SOCIETY

VISIT to V & A GALLERY in DUNDEE, on SUNDAY, 2nd JUNE, 2019

### DESCRIPTION

V&A Dundee is a design museum which opened on 15 September 2018. The V&A Dundee is the first design museum in Scotland and the first Victoria and Albert museum outside London. The V&A Dundee is also the first building in the United Kingdom that has been designed by Kengo Kuma. It has won a number of awards.

See their website: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/dundee>

### SCHEDULE /ITINERARY

**Depart** by Coach from Brunton Hall at 9:45 am (**prompt!**)

**Return: (t.b.c. on day)** Leave approx 3.45/4.00 pm; arrive Brunton Hall, approx. 6.00/6.15 pm

On arrival at the V&A at around 12.15pm, there will be time for coffee or lunch (not included).

We shall have a 60 minute guided **V&A Highlights Tour** covering aspects of the **Scottish Design Gallery** and an **Introduction to V&A Dundee & Architecture**. at approx 1:15 and 2.30 pm (TBC)

Lunch may be taken in one of their tea rooms (or take a picnic lunch).

The Michelin Design Gallery, hosts a colourful installation by Gabriella Marcella, founder of Glasgow print studio RISOTTO, and is free entry.

**Cost: £17 per person.** This includes coach fare, the services of tour guides and the driver's tip. Maximum 59 people.

**PLEASE NOTE** The general access to the displays is free but this does **not** include entrance to the Temporary Display: **Videogames: Design/Play/Disrupt**. You can find further information on this exhibition here on the V&A website :

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/dundee/exhibitions/videogames>

Those wishing to visit this display will require to pay the appropriate fee (£8 TBC)

*13). Lecture meeting, 14 March.*

AA had made e-mail contact with the speaker John Hunter to make sure all was in order. Mr. Hunter had asked about equipment available and had agreed his lecture would be illustrated provided our equipment could accommodate his. AC undertook to liaise with him before the lecture.

*14). Any other competent business.*

The Committee agreed to take part in the annual meeting of the East Lothian Heritage Forum, which this year will be held in Aberlady, on Saturday, 30th March.

*15). Date and Place of Next Meeting.*