

**Musselburgh Conservation Society**  
**Minutes of the 282nd meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Alan Armour's home, 6 Carberry Close.**

1). *Present.*

Alan Armour (Chair & Treasurer), Alan Stevens (Planning & Correspondence), Gavin McDowall (Membership & Trips), George Kinnaird, Bryon Liddle, Barry Turner.

2). *Apologies for Absence.*

Andrew Coulson.

3). *Minutes of the Last Meeting.*

The Minute of the 281<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019 was approved as a correct record. Proposed, George Kinnaird, seconded Bryon Liddle.

4). *Matters Arising.*

None that are not on the Agenda.

5). *Treasurer's Report.*

AMA tabled the annual accounts for the year ending August 2019. (attached at the end of these minutes). He reported that these have been audited by Ben Wood. They showed a deficit of £111.70 due to major one-off expenditure on A.V. equipment. The bank balance stood at £2905.33. There were no queries on the accounts.

6). *Membership Report.*

GMcD informed the meeting that there were 23 paid up members so far this year. The majority of members usually rejoin at the AGM & BL offered to help Gavin on this.

AS had delivered flyers to houses in Hope Place. GMcD had put them in the Brunton Hall & the Library. More flyers could be printed if need be. The Treasurer handed a cheque for payment of the membership cards to AS for countersigning.

7). *Planning Report.*

AS reported that the following applications have been examined:

19/00645/P: Erection of gates: North Esk Lodge, North High Street. (*Conservation Area*).

19/00848/LBC: 178, North High Street: Alteration to building 5 *new Velux rooflights. (Listed grade C, c1840)*

19/00718/CAC: Mill Hill stables, Mill Hill Lane. Demolition of building & gates.

19/00714/P: Mill Hill stables, Mill Hill Lane. Alteration & Change of Use of former stables to storage building, erection of office building. (*GK declared an interest in this & explained the background of the application to the Committee*).

19/00776/P: Alteration to flat & formation of dormers. 35C Hercus Loan. *Upvc windows in conservation area.*

19/00917/ELC: Demolition of building. St Peter's Clinic, 44 Pinkie Road.

Notification that planning application 19/00698/LBC; has been approved. The Society objected to the use of uPVC window frames with planted on astragals in the conservation area. This view was upheld by the planners & the windows have been altered to timber with genuine astragals.

BT raised a point about the shell sculpture on Edinburgh Road. Avril Campbell had rung him to say that a large golfing sign had been erected very close to the sculpture which marred the view of it on approach, and did the Society have any comment. The Committee agreed that we should write to the Council about this matter. (*Post meeting note: The sign has since been removed to another position further away from the sculpture, hence there is now no need to send the letter*).

8). *New Plaque for Mall Clock.*

No further progress to report on this to date. AA will visit Eastern Design to see what the hold up is.

(*Post meeting note: The plaque is now in place, a press release to the local paper with photo could be arranged*).

8). *New Syllabus*

AS reported that the membership cards & programme for the new session were at the printers & would be ready within the week. AA said that next year each committee member would be given a date to fill with a speaker. This would have to be co-ordinated overall so as to achieve a balanced programme. A talk on allotments by Jenny Mollison was suggested.

9) *Correspondence.*

AA had written to Lord Cameron inviting him to the AGM.  
BT informed the meeting that he has been invited to attend the QMU Forum which is planning orientated. He will report to the Committee at the next meeting.

10). *Musselburgh Communities Day.*

Held on 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Brunton Hall the event attracted over 600 people. Interest was shown in the Society's stall & several people took our pamphlet away. BT, AA & G McD manned the stall.

11). *East Lothian Archaeology & History Fortnight.*

GMCD reported that 22 people had attended the tour of Loretto Chapel & Pinkie House.

12). *Plaque Award 2019.*

Contenders this year include the Shell sculpture on Edinburgh Road, The Archer sculpture at the Mall, the refurbished fish restaurant "East Coast" on North High Street, the refurbished flats at Inveresk Bowling Club, refurbished house on North High Street, the new housing estate off Pinkie Road. AS will take photos for the vote at the December meeting. He will order the plaque from the manufacturers.

13). *Annual General Meeting.*

To be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. AA had produced the Agenda. Lord Cameron was coming to the meeting & has indicated that he would like to step down as Patron at the meeting. AS, AC & BT are willing to stand for re-election. New committee members are urgently required to serve on the Committee. Wine will be served after the meeting.

14). *Any Other Competent Business.*

A sound system for the Church Hall still needs resolving.

GMCD is investigating the Summer Trip for a visit to Stirling Castle with a stop for coffee at The Kelpies.

Notice of a talk on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Inveresk Lodge on "the Romans in Inveresk" This may be by ticket only.

Flood protection scheme for Musselburgh is reaching the design stage after a public consultation on possible options.

Nobody was able to attend the Heritage Gathering held on 7<sup>th</sup> September at Aberlady.

15). *DONM*

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at George Kinnaird's house, 75 Millhill.**