

Musselburgh Conservation Society
Minutes of the 286th Executive Committee Meeting
held on
Monday 24th February 2020, at 7:30 pm
at
George Kinnaird's Home.

1). Present.

Alan Armour (Chair & Treasurer), Alan Stevens (Planning & Correspondence), Gavin McDowall (Membership & Trips), Andrew Coulson (Minute Secretary).

2). Apologies for Absence.

Barry Turner.

3). Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The Minute of the 285th meeting held on 13th January 2020 was agreed by those present at the inquorate meeting.

4). Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising that were not covered by the Agenda.

5). Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that the current cleared balance of the Society's account was £2881.05.

6). Membership Report.

Gavin McDowell informed the meeting that, following his individual contacts with people who had not already renewed subscriptions, there were now 85 members of the Society. This represented a significant increase in the last month, though it was still disappointingly fewer than in previous years. He hoped that the committee could undertake further active recruitment in the autumn.

7). Planning Report.

20/00037/P & 20/00038/LBC. 6, Albert Terrace. Replacement of timber sash & case windows. No comment.

20/00044/P, 20/00045,46,47,48/ADV. Land east of Inveralmond Terrace, currently forming part of Tesco car park. Proposal to erect a Macdonalds drive-through restaurant & associated works, and display of advertisements. Barry Turner had raised a number of objections to the proposal, and Alan Stevens agreed to make a written objection on these grounds to ELC.

20/00079/P & 20/00082/LBC. 54 Millhill. Alteration and extension to house to form two houses. No comment: none of these changes were easily visible from outside the property.

It was noted that a progress stage in the development of the Musselburgh Flood Defence Project had been accepted by the Cabinet of ELC, and that a public presentation of the current state of the Project would be made in the Brunton Hall on Tuesday 25 February.

8). Retirement gift for Lord Cameron. The committee viewed and approved the framed print prepared by Andrew Coulson. The Chairman would approach Lord Cameron to arrange a suitable occasion to make the presentation.

9). New Patron.

The Chairman was glad to report that Finlay Lockie had agreed to become the new Patron of the Society. He would invite Mr Lockie to the lecture meeting on 12th March, and to the next Committee Meeting.

10). Summer outing.

The Committee discussed the results of Gavin McDowall's questionnaire to members at the last lecture meeting. He agreed to plan a visit to Kelly Castle in Fife, with an optional further visit to 'Scotland's Secret Bunker'

11). Speakers for the next session.

Finlay Lockie had agreed to speak at the December meeting, on the restoration of Northfield House. There remained two unfilled slots. Gavin McDowall reported that David Banks (past-Commodore of FYC) can give a talk on the work of the Musselburgh Waterside Group followed by a slide-show on the trip to Norway & Fair Isle carried out by 3 FYC Yachts. At the moment, he can probably do either of the two available dates. Andrew Coulson undertook to approach a local archaeology company to ask for a speaker to talk about their work.

12). Heritage Gathering, 14th March 2020.

It was agreed that the Society would present an up-to-date display of the winners of the Society's annual Design Award.

13). Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to be considered.

14). DONM.

Monday 30th March at Andrew Coulson's Home, 12, Eskside West.