

**Musselburgh Conservation Society**  
**Minutes of the 294<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting**  
**held on**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021, at 7:30 pm**  
**by**  
**'Zoom'**

*1). Present.*

Alan Armour (Chair & Treasurer), Alan Stevens (Planning & Correspondence), Gavin McDowall (Membership & Trips), Andrew Coulson (Minute Secretary), Barry Turner (Planning), George Cunningham, Melanie Roccio, George Kinnaird.

*2). Apologies for Absence.*

Camelia Symes.

*3). Minutes of zoomed meeting, 31 May 2021.*

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, and their adoption as correct was moved by George Cunningham and seconded by Gavin McDowall. There were no matters arising.

*4). Allocation of Committee Tasks.*

The Chairman had circulated the list of agreed allocations, which is appended to these Minutes. In addition to these allocations, Barry Turner had agreed to act as liaison with speakers, and the Chairman noted that the role of web page updater had not yet been filled.

*5). Treasurer's Report.*

The Treasurer said that no transactions had occurred since the previous Committee meeting, and that the only expected further transactions were the monthly charges for 'Zoom'.

*6). Planning Report.*

21/00001/OBL: Victory Lane, Barbachlaw. Modification of the planning obligation on planning permission 10/00341/OBL to allow change of use of stadium site to allow John Gilmour Butchers to take over the site & expand their meat processing establishment. *Barry Turner noted that he had checked the detailed document to see that the use of an adjacent area of Green Belt land to provide public parking for the stadium had not been carried forward in the new application, where it cannot be justified.*

21/00724/P: 125 High Street. Change of use of barber shop to café & takeaway.

21/00688/P: North Esk Parish Church, bridge Street. Repainting of front doors.

21/00755/P & 21/00754/LBC; Fisherrow Harbour. Installation of 8 cctv cameras.

*These are mounted on existing lamp posts with a control antenna mounted on the external wall of the harbour master's office. Retrospective application.*

21/00734/P: 6 Mountjoy Court. Alterations to house. *Large glass doors installed from kitchen into rear garden. No comment or objection.*

**NOTIFICATIONS**

17/00721/PPM Planning Permission Appeal. Goshen Farm . Appeal dismissed and planning permission refused. *The Committee discussed how best this land could be*

*used for the benefit of the community, and agreed to ask the Common Good Fund if it would be prepared to buy some or all of the area for use as allotments. Barry Turner agreed to discuss this proposal with Cllr Katie Mackie.*

*21/00367/P & 21/00409/LBC: 19 Bridge Street, Replacement Windows. Application has been approved.*

*7). Membership Report and Subscription.*

The Treasurer said that in a 'normal' year, continuing the subscription at its present level of £10 would probably lead to an annual deficit of about £200. The Committee discussed the level of the coming year's subscription, and finally agreed to leave it unchanged, at £10.

*8). Correspondence.*

A letter received from Paul Zochowski sought information about the derelict Fire House building on the bank of the Esk near the southern entrance of Esk Mills, which is the property of East Lothian Council. This interesting small mid-Victorian service building is now deteriorating more rapidly, and the slate roof has begun to collapse. Melanie Roccio said that, if repaired and made safe, she thought that it would make an excellent secure storage point for the litterpickers equipment, etc, used by Musselburgh StreetClean. Alan Stevens agreed to put this proposal to ELC and the owners of Esk Mills.

*9). Purchase of New Laptop.*

The Chairman said that he had been approached by the Minute Secretary with this proposal: Andrew Coulson said that on further consideration, he did not think that such a purchase was now necessary.

*10). Any Other Business.*

Melanie Roccio expressed herself as willing to be co-opted to the Committee. Co-option was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Alan Stevens, and was unanimously agreed.

George Cunningham suggested the names of two potential speakers who could be asked to offer 'reserve talks' which could replace that to be given by a speaker who withdrew, perhaps at short notice. He was prepared to examine the practicality in these two cases.

*11). Date of Next Meeting.*

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Tuesday, 31 August at 7:30 pm, in Alan Armour's home.

## **ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE TASKS**

I detail below an up-to-date version of the tasks which need, mainly, to be taken up by Committee members.

### **List**

- 1) Chair – **Camelia Symes**
- 2) Treasurer – **Camelia Symes**
- 3) Secretary, Minute Secretary and Correspondence – **Andrew Coulson**
- 4) Planning - **Alan Stevens and Barry Turner**
- 5) Membership Secretary – **Gavin McDowall**
- 6) Finding Speakers – **the Committee**
- 7) Liaising with Speakers -
- 8) Printing the syllabus – **Alan Stevens**
- 9) Selecting candidates for the design award – **Alan Stevens (and others)**
- 10) Planning/organizing historical walks round Musselburgh – **Andrew Coulson**
- 11) Investigating aspects of Musselburgh's history – **Gavin, Andrew and Alan S.**
- 12) Annual Coach outing – **Celia Coulson (not on Committee)**
- 13) Web page update –
- 14) Facebook – **Celia Coulson**