

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EDINBURGH ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION SCIO

HELD IN: Virtual Zoom Meeting
DATE: 9 February 2021

1.0 PRESENT

Ben Rainger (BR) (chair)	Alex Liddel (AL)	Andrew Jess (AJ)
Julie Wilson(JW)	Daniel Anderson (DA)	Kieran Gaffney (KG)
Ken Lochrie (KL)	Kerry Nicol (KN)	Charles Strang (CS)
Alice Henderson (AH)	Ruth McLennan (RM)	John Lancaster (JL)
Joanne McClland (JM)	Martha Duncan (MD)	Nicola McLachlan (NM)
		Lindsay Howarth (LKH)

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Christina Gaiger (CG) Les Howson (LH)

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

NOTE

The minutes were approved. To be added to website.

4.0 Association

4.1 Presidents Report – BR

BR attended the RIAS Strategy Meeting and will be combining actions from this with actions from EAA's Strategy. RIAS are picking off smaller sections of the strategy in order to have finished elements prior to the Scottish Parliamentary purdah which starts around the beginning of April. The main focus is Carbon Neutrality in Construction, also touching on the after effects of Grenfell and the Schools Inquiry. The hope is to collate notes on each Parties action points and distribute to Architects. **BR** gave a talk to Edinburgh Uni Masters Students on the 2030 & City Mobility Plans. There is a RIAS Meeting this week but **BR** is unable to attend. Coming up **BR** will be hosting a talk with **AL** alongside Ian Gilzean.

4.2 **Treasurer's Report - KL** – Balances on accounts are currently around £7k & £9K. The Investment Acc balance is around £60k. End of Year Accounts to go to the Solicitors with the Deed of Transfer documents.

5.0 WORKING GROUPS

5.1 **SCIO Conversion - JW** asked that outstanding Deed of Transfer documentation be signed **ALL** and returned to **LKH** ASAP.

5.1.1 Draft Terms of Agreement in relation to EAA's use of Rutland Square was circulated to Council. JW invited feedback. RIAS are in the process of obtaining the Deeds for Rutland Square which should have details of the original bequest. **CS** to review. It was noted that GIA are using our Solicitors to convert to SCIO.

5.2 **Mentoring/Education - RM** reported that 68 tickets had been booked for the upcoming Social which is more than double previous events. RIBA shared the event on Instagram which may account for some of the uplift. The Education Group has welcomed 2 new student members from ESALA. Regular monthly meeting now set for the 1st Tuesday of each month – **RM** reiterated that all were welcome.

DA is arranging a meeting with Part 3 + who got in contact after seeing the event advertised online. They have a more technically minded approach and aren't affiliated with any particular institution. Will investigate any potential collaboration opportunities.

JL outlined the idea for a 'Coffee with an Architect' regular event. Aimed at Part 1 Students who are currently finding it difficult to find placements. **AH** to present the first project. Event will be around 50 mins in total – 30 min presentation followed by questions. There will be a focus practical elements to try and make up for the lack of time Part 1's are getting in the office. **JW** said she thought the students would find the details of working with contractors and trades very interesting. **DA** is also looking into the possibility of arranging virtual 'stalls'

for a range of organisations from all areas of the industry. They would each give a 5 minute pitch on what they do and Students could use this to research where they would like to be within the industry. Idea to be explored further.

- 5.3 Events – AH** Next event EAA Invites Ryan W Kennihan – Weds 24th Feb. Intro by **KG**. Current sales – 26. Next event lined up for March. **KG** has reached out to Kate Derby. Mary Duggan is interested but will have to be later in the year. **AH** is part of the RIAS CPD group which is working on the delivery of events. **AH** is feeding in details of how EAA run our events and what RIAS should focus on going forward. **KG** stated that the group is looking for new members.
- 5.4 Competitions – AL** Call for members to feature on next bulletin. Will restart with new competition programme. Details of the Photo Competition were sent to The Scotsman – awaiting response,
- 5.5 Conservation/Heritage – AC** has resigned from Council and RIAS Heritage committee. **JM** to share RIAS Committee position if possible. Natasha Huq is interested in sharing the position. **JM** to write call for new group members and work on the structure of the working group. **JM**
- 5.6 Communications**
DA reported that the group met last night. All of the information in connection to the new website has been transferred to Dropbox and is now accessible to all of the group. **CG** will give a 'how to' session shortly. It was hoped that the calendar function would be a more interactive resource which links to other organisations – **CG** to look into the possibility of this. **CG**
DA to work on base templates for graphics and colour themes. **NM** has requested the new chapter maps from RIAS. **JW** thanked the Comms Team for the huge improvement in content and asked if it would be possible to report on web traffic in future meetings. **DA** advised there would be a website launch in the future and all socials would push back to the site to build on site traffic. The ultimate aim is to keep adding new content to the site but also to build a good archive of EAA's past activities. Events and Comms to continue working closely together to maximise event and content potential.
- 5.7 Sustainability – JM** has started a small breakaway group to work on a SCoTI (Scottish Carbon Transformation Initiative) and asked for volunteers who would be interested. Based on a LETI (London Energy Transformation Initiative) who have given us free reign to take their template and make it our own. Currently undertaking outreach consultation with the like of RICS, Landscape Initiative, CIOB and a few other organisations with a push to have it completed before COP26 starts. **JM** very keen for EAA to get more involved in COP26 and would like to liaise with Comms and Events to see what is possible. Existing idea being a series of Climate Emergency Talks – **JM** to reach out to potential speakers. In terms of ideas for activities, **GIA** are reaching out to shops/businesses to create window displays during COP26 – **JM** thinks this is something we could do and perhaps start earlier to coincide with Edinburgh's Festivals. **JM** asked if **KG** would be interested in doing something in his studio window as a showcase. Could turn it into a walking tour? Use it to engage the wider EAA members. Another idea is to show a physical representation of the flood line in Leith. **NM** appreciates the events being outside where you can engage with the built environment. **NM** also asked if there was any events planned which had a social sustainability angle – **RM** knew of an organisation doing this kind of event but didn't have the details to hand so would forward on to **RM** after the meeting. **CS** asked if anyone had been in contact with HES as they had done some interesting work on this type of issue in the past. Parliament usually do a series of lectures etc in connection to large events such as COP26 – could this be another Festival of Architecture type arrangement where we could apply to a fund to put on events. **BR** advised a brainstorming session to bottom out some more plans. More discussions were had about utilising Studio windows. **JW** suggested the idea of an impactful quote to grab attention eg 'If concrete were a country it would be the ?? most polluting country in the world' Highlight the environmental impact of buildings. Ideas to be worked on but remember that November isn't too far away and to not overstretch resources. EAA could be the thread that connects the windows. **JM**

6.0 AMM 2021

6.1 Proposed date of Tuesday 4th May. Package to be pulled together to send to members. **BR & LKH**

6.2 Call out for New Trustees to be emailed to members in coming week. **JM** has expressed interest in becoming the new President. Still looking for someone to step up as Vice-President. **CS** would like to become a trustee again and also to continue wearing his Honorary Librarian hat. **NM** to extend term to 3 years. **MD** currently co-opted member but keen to become Student Trustee. There are currently 4 vacancies + the President role. **BR's** time on RIAS Council will come to an end when he steps down as EAA President. New RIAS Council members needs some thought. **DA** not able to stand as voting RIAS Member due to their outdated byelaws.

7.0 AWARDS 2021

Not discussed

8.0 RIAS Committee & Council

Meeting tomorrow. **BR** has sent apologies. **AH & NM** attending. **JW** had been asked by **KS** at RIAS to find a representative for the RIAS Strategy Group. **BR** already attends this group and **CS** would be interested in joining but would rather focus attention on EAA Strategy in the short term,

9.0 AOB

AH shared a petition form the ACAN Existing Buildings Group and asked those who were willing to do so, to sign and share.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9 March 2021 @ 18.00 on Zoom

EAA Council Attendance Record 2021

= in attendance p = part only A= apology submitted - = no apologies received X – no longer on Council

Name	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ben Rainger	President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Julie Wilson	Past President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Alice Henderson	Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Daniel Anderson	Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Charles Strang	Hon. Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Ken Lochrie	Hon Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Alastair Cook	Apr 2019-Feb2021	<input type="checkbox"/>	X										
Nicola McLachlan	Apr 2019-	A	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Ruth McLennan	Apr 2019-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Christina Gaiger	Apr 2019-	A	A										
Kieran Gaffney	Apr 2019-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Kerry Nicol	Apr 2020-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
John Lancaster	Apr 2020-	A	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Andrew Jess	Apr 2020-	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Joanne McClelland	Apr 2020-	A	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Leslie Howson	Planning Rep	-	A										
Alex Liddell	ECAN rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Martha Duncan	Student Rep (co-opted)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>										