

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EDINBURGH ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION SCIO

HELD IN: Garden Room, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh  
DATE: 10 January 2023 18:00

1.0 PRESENT

Joanne McLelland (JM) (Chair)	Mariana Novosivschei (MN)	Alex Liddell (AL)
Emma Garland (EG)	Kerry Nicol (KN)	Nicola McLachlan (NMc)
Seva Yurchenko (SY)	Dan Anderson (DA)	Colin McPherson (CMcP) (sec)

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Charles Strang (CS)	Matt Haggerty (MH)	Ken Lochrie (KL)
John Lancaster (JL)	Neil Middleton (NM)	Ben Rainger (BR)
Christina Gaiger (CG)	James Haynes (JH)	

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- The minutes from November were approved. To be added to website.

4.0 ASSOCIATION

4.1 President's Report – JM

- The new RIAS Members' Forum will be held for the first time in Feb 2023. A consultation exercise on the topics to be discussed is open to members. JM asked CMcP to issue the link to all members. **Action: CMcP**
- JM, BR and EG attended the EUDP year-end review in December.
  - JM is to speak with CG on the best way to have RIAS Climate Challenge content for clients made available to the EUDP process. **Action: JM/CG**
  - JM and BR had a follow up session with CEC to continue discussion on EUDP process and sharing of knowledge between architects and planners. A further session is planned for February. **Action: JM/BR**
  - The EAA will issue a members' survey shortly, seeking feedback on Planning and Building Control processes. This is aligned with a survey of ECAN members and the results will be fed into a 360 review process with CEC. **Action: EG/CMcP/JM**

5.0 CHAPTER UPDATES

5.1 EAA Strategy Document Review

- Council reviewed the EAA 2020-2025 Strategy Document.
- All agreed that the strategy was still relevant, and the alignment to the EAA Objectives in the constitution was the most appropriate format.
- It was noted that some of the outreach aims of the EAA had been unavoidably limited by the Covid-19 pandemic and that this should be a priority for the EAA in 2023, to reach out rebuild relationships with other organisations and include them in social and professional events.
  - ALL to submit suggestions to CMcP for organisations who should be included in EAA relationships. CMcP will circulate the list currently in the Strategy document for Council to review/add to the list. **Action: CMcP/ALL**
  - It was agreed that the Comms Working Group could take the lead on seeking collaborations initially, linking in with the Sustainability Working Group (a likely area of priority contacts) and the Events Working Group (to agree 2023 collaborative events.) **Action: Comms Working Group**

- It was agreed that the Education Working Group should continue to look for opportunities for mentoring, in conjunction with RIAS Education Committee. The best way of looking to extend outreach to schools should also be considered. This may be in the creation of a template as a resource for schools visits which may be undertaken by members or their practices. **Action: Education Working Group**
- It was agreed that the EAA should create and publicise a calendar of consultations underway on Sustainability initiatives and legislation. This would include, for example, the sharing of EAA responses to these consultations, making template response letters available and inviting member responses to drafts and thereby increasing involvement in the Sustainability Working Group. **Action: Sustainability Working Group**
- It was also agreed that the idea of Social Sustainability should be an aim of the Sustainability Working Group – this may need further definition, but should include aims such as ensuring outreach makes it to underprivileged sections of the community, and that best practice advice is available to all. **Action: Sustainability Working Group**
- It was also agreed that EAA should explore the best way of obtaining invitations for membership of Scottish Parliamentary Working Groups on sustainability issues, to ensure optimum input legislation relating to the built environment. **Action: JM to consider approach**

## 6.0 Working Groups

### 6.1 Review of Coarum Process

- It was agreed that JM will try to arrange a meeting with past EAA President Julie Wilson, to discuss the best approach to revisiting the output of the Coarum process, and propose the best format for a follow-up event in 2023. **Action: JM**

## 7.0 AOB

- **EAA Awards 2023** – A session to complete the review of the 2022 process, and make proposals for 2023 will be arranged shortly. **Action: CMcP**
- **2023 AMM and Trustees** – It was agreed that two Meet the EAA social events should be held – one in late February, one in late March – to meet the membership and enable conversations with those interested in joining the EAA Council. It was proposed that the RIAS Bookshop would be a good venue for these. JM will speak with Clare. CMcP will confirm the requirements for Trustee retirements and recruits as per the constitution. **Action: JM/CMcP**

**NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 @ 18.30 at 51 Frederick Street  
(14<sup>th</sup> Mar, 11<sup>th</sup> Apr, 9<sup>th</sup> May)**

**EAA Council Attendance Record 2022/23**

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

Name	Member	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Joanne McClelland	<b>President</b> Apr 2021-	*	*	*		A	*	*		*			
Ben Rainger	<b>Past President</b>	A	*	A		p	*	*		A			
Daniel Anderson	<b>Vice President</b>	A	*	*		A	*	A		*			
John Lancaster	<b>Vice President</b>	*	A	*		*	*	*		A			
Charles Strang	<b>Hon. Librarian</b>	A	A	A		*	A	A		A			
Ken Lochrie	<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	A	*	*		*	*	*		A			
Nicola McLachlan	Apr 2019-	A	A	*		*	A	A		*			
Christina Gaiger	Apr 2019-	A	*	A		A	A	*		A			
Kerry Nicol	Apr 2020-	*	A	*		p	*	A		*			
Seva Yurchenko	April 2021 -	*	*	A		A	*	A		*			
James Haynes	April 2021 -	*	*	A		*	*	*		A			
Emma Garland	April 2022 -	*	*	*		A	A	*		*			
Matt Haggerty	April 2022 -	*	A	A		*	A	*		A			
Neil Middleton	April 2022 -	*	*	*		A	*	*		A			
Mariana Novosivschei	April 2022 -	*	*	*		A	A	*		*			
Alex Liddell	ECAN rep	*	*	A		*	*	*		*			