

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EDINBURGH ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION SCIO

HELD IN: Virtual Zoom Meeting  
DATE: 9 March 2021 18:00

1.0 PRESENT

Ben Rainger (BR) (chair)	Alex Liddel (AL)	Andrew Jess (AJ)
Ken Lochrie (KL)	Daniel Anderson (DA)	Kieran Gaffney (KG)
Alice Henderson (AH)	Kerry Nicol (KN)	Charles Strang (CS)
Joanne McClland (JM)	Ruth McLennan (RM)	John Lancaster (JL)
Christina Gaiger (CG)	Les Howson (LH)	Nicola McLachlan (NM)

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Julie Wilson (JW) Martha Duncan (MD)

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved. To be added to website.

4.0 ASSOCIATION

4.1 Presidents Report – BR

We are now in the final stretch of finalising the SCIO conversion. **BR** urged all council members who were still to return signed Deed of Transfer documents to do so as a matter of urgency. **KG** praised **BR** for his social media posts re International Women’s Day.

4.2 Treasurer’s Report - KL – No report this month.

5.0 WORKING GROUPS

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

5.2 **Mentoring/Education** - **RM** Education group met last week. Hoping to have Part 3 Social Tool Kit compiled and sent to other chapters by summer so they can run their own events. **RM** & Carrina to meet with Part 3+ this week to see about collaboration opportunities. Coffee with an Architect to go ahead as a small, ESALA only, based series. Aim for at least 3 events which will evolve as the series proceeds. **RM** to contact **AH** to organise first event. **JL** explained they would approach a curated list of Architects to encompass different types of projects/ways of working. The events will be very relaxed and informal to encourage students to ask questions in a non-judgmental environment. Stalls event – **DA** – decided to run as a Social Media/website based event to compliment existing programme. Approach to be made to various companies and architectural organisations to ascertain resources. Very early stages – more to come. Part 3 Stories – **RM** - approach certain individuals who have had involvement with Part 3 Social who have compelling Part 3 experiences to share. Would feature on EAA Journal. Could potentially be sensitive topics covered which may need approving by APEAS– **CG** suggested anonymising the stories and said this would be an important resource. **RM** has welcomed 3 new members of the working group Juanita / Johanna / Carrina.

5.3 **Events** – **BR** praised the Events group for the Ryan W Kennihan event. **KG** asked council how they would like to see the Q&A section of the EAA Invites series. Council discussed various options for doing this going forward. **AH** & **KG** to discuss with Kate Darby ahead of

her presentation. Brown & Brown asked to present in April. In talks with Mary Duggan and Neil Dusheiko for events later in the year.

- 5.4 Competitions** – to be parked for now until more people sign up to join the group. Will be revived as and when possible.
- 5.5 Conservation/Heritage** – Discussion re the RIAS Committee – see 8.0 below.
- 5.6 Communications - LKH** to undertake the more day to day admin side of the website with the Comms group working on the dynamic content. **KG** asked who to contact re structure of website and any suggested changes – send to **LKH** to action. Be more proactive going forward changing the homepage banner with the latest event/feature. **BR** would like to see a larger archive of past Awards on the site. **KN** advised a map of Awards buildings was part of the longer term plan. Do we need to set up an internal calendar noting significant dates – International Women’s Day / Black History Month etc? **CG** working on something similar for RIAS with the aim to have a calendar showing all chapter events and significant dates. Buffer is now being used to co-ordinate the Social Media posts – makes it easier to pre plan and prepare multiple posts. Free version may not be enough for our needs going forward. **BR** requested costing be done for paid version. **NM** suggested introducing Council on Social Media to encourage nominations.
- 5.7 Sustainability – JM** COP26 will be the focus with lots of plans in the pipeline. Current challenge is finding availability to press ahead with the plans. Key things to focus on ahead of COP26 are:-  
Online talks - Chapters to have shared logo to help with cross promotion in build up to main event.  
Shop Fronts – 3 options. **1.** Invite only – invited parties can do as much or as little as they want and share using hashtag. **2.** Downloadable resource pack with stickers / QR code. Links back to website. Would need a pot of money to achieve. **3.** Reach out to Uni’s / contractors / developers / homeowners / schools to get involved.  
Tideline Walk - drawing attention to rising sea levels. Coastal.climatecentral.org shows the extent of the impact around Scotland – each chapter could take on their own section of coastline and encourage involvement from local practitioners. Affects Leith Links/Portobello locally. **JM** has contacted Leith Community Croft. **BR** forwarding information on plimsoll line (used to ensure ships aren’t overloaded with cargo) – could be a good graphic to use.  
Walking/Running routes and tours – SEDA have a series of maps in all chapter cities which could be used as a base and updated where necessary. Could have audio for self guided walks. Talks could be on heritage/climate/sustainability or whatever is relevant to the route. Covid restrictions permitting guided walks could be organized.  
Embodied Carbon Map of Edinburgh – showing importance of existing buildings in response to Climate Emergency.  
RIAS Sustainability Group hoping to pull together Scottish version of LETI (London Energy Transformation Initiative). Have reached out to other professional bodies to engage in project to implement a collective approach.  
**CS** suggested talking to contacts in Scottish Parliament to partner with on events. Also Emily Tracy of HES who has been involved in the Climate Change Report. Geddes Trust could also be looking for ways to observe COP26/climate change in general. Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation / sniffer / Stop Climate Chaos would also be worth contacting. Urban Design Panel – all bodies represented would likely be interested in our plans.

**6.0 AMM 2021**

**6.1** **CS** keen to rejoin Council as a Trustee. **NM** to remain on Council for an additional year to fulfill full term of 3 years. **JM** still keen to step up to President role. **JL** has put himself forward for Vice -President role. **DA** to continue with VP role.

**7.0 AWARDS 2021**

To be discussed in more details in future meetings but BR asked everyone to think about whether they would like to put themselves forward as a Judge and potential sponsors we could contact. **KG** asked the cost of sponsorship - £750 Building of the Year / £500 all other categories (added post script). Do we want to look at Awards Categories / criteria to add in Climate/Sustainability – do we extend eligibility dates to take into consideration longer term Sustainability of buildings. **AL** suggested a Building and Use Award which recognises this. **CS** - Assess against the EEA Sustainability checklist. **KG** – why is there no Green Awards category? Could Building of the Year be the most green building? Category review to be undertaken.

**8.0 RIAS Committee & Council**

**BR** in conversation with Denise Bennetts re the principle of job sharing for members of the RIAS committee. **DB** reacted positively. Meeting of Nominations Committee this coming week where **DB** will raise the issue. Jocelyn Cunliffe keen to only have one person leading on the Committee. EAA's concern is there will be no-one able to make the necessary time commitment for this.

**9.0 RIAS Quarterly** - **BR** No Presidents or Chapter reports in next issue. Chapters asked to submit 500-600 word article on the affects of the pandemic instead. **BR** asked if anyone had anything they wanted to contribute. **RM** to open up to students in the Education group. **DA & NM** happy to join in the conversation.

**10.0 AOB**

**LH** – spoke about his article in Urban Realm.

**NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13 April 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	<b>President</b>	*	*	*									
Julie Wilson	<b>Past President</b>	*	*	A									
Alice Henderson	<b>Vice President</b>	*	*	*									
Daniel Anderson	<b>Vice President</b>	*	*	*									
Charles Strang	<b>Hon. Librarian</b>	*	*	*									
Ken Lochrie	<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	*	*	*									
Alastair Cook	Apr 2019- Feb2021	*	*	X									
Nicola McLachlan	Apr 2019-	A	*	*									
Ruth McLennan	Apr 2019-	*	*	*									
Christina Gaiger	Apr 2019-	A	A	*									
Kieran Gaffney	Apr 2019-	*	*	*									
Kerry Nicol	Apr 2020-	*	*	*									
John Lancaster	Apr 2020-	A	*	*									
Andrew Jess	Apr 2020-	*	*	*									
Joanne McClelland	Apr 2020-	A	*	*									
Leslie Howson	Planning Rep	-	A	*									
Alex Liddell	ECAN rep	*	*	*									
Martha Duncan	Student Rep (co-opted)	N/A	*	A									