

GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM, THURSDAY
12th August 2021 AT 6PM.**

Author:	AR	Date:	12/08/2021
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Present		
Phil Zoechbauer	(President)	PZ
Alissar Riachi	(Hon. Secretary)	AR
Shona McVicar	(Vice-President)	SM
Andrew Hadden	(Vice-President)	AH
Nicola Wilson		NW
Fiona Sinclair		FS
James Robb		JR
James Watson		JW
Karen Kalkreuter		KK
Elsbeth McNeil		EM
Robin Webster		RW
Andrew Frame		AF
Teodora Racheva		TR

Apologies	
Jude Barber	Scott McAulay
Chris Stewart	Sue Evans
Michael Dougall	Sam Patterson
Will Gunn	Nicola Wilson
Chloe Yuill	Massimo Sannino
Laura Paton	Karen Nugent
Stephen Doherty	Victoria Scott
Scott Abercrombie	Zalia Ivanova
Bryan McGhie	
Raina Armstrong	
Shabnam Komai Korma	

1.0 Previous Minutes	Action
1.1 Previous Minutes agreed and taken as read.	
2.0 Chair's Comments	
2.1 PZ updated the Council on Constitution and SCIO Reform - the Constitution was approved by RIAS Council, subject to two comments, which are investigated by the Communications and Practice Committees. PZ noted the comments were in relation to the remuneration of the Secretary and the timing of the GIA's AGM. Both comments have since been reviewed and passed by the Council with no further comments. This has been issued back to RIAS for their final approval. PZ noted that we are now looking forward to holding an SGM to approve the constitution and incorporate the SCIO. Once that has been done we can give direction to the lawyer to submit the application to OSCR. The SCIO would then be incorporated within 90 days of the application.	Note
2.2 PZ raised that there were 2 vacant seats for Chapter Reps and a callout was done for interest by members. Becca Thomas from New Practice has shown interest in standing as Chapter Rep. Becca will need to be voted into Council. Due to no present quorum, Becca will be voted onto Council via Basecamp. Update: Becca Thomas had been voted onto Council.	
2.3 PZ has had a meeting with the RIBA who are keen to hold a workshop with a Glasgow school to pilot a programme they are developing to engage children with architecture and sustainability in the build up to COP. The RIBA is keen to work with the GIA and are looking for volunteers to take part of the programme. Volunteers would attend a training session with the RIBA to explain what is required and what they would be doing. Kathleen McAfferty has emailed with interest. RW, SM, NW and PZ have also expressed interest.	PZ
2.4 PZ explained that as part of the DIA's activities, the President has acquainted with a writer who writes poems and suggested that each Chapter could have a poem written for it as part of COP, reflecting each Chapter and the challenges faced in terms of sustainability. RIAS has been keen to support it provided that nothing written in the poems paints a bleak picture for the Chapters. PZ will circulate the draft poem for the Council to decide if we'd like to participate.	PZ
2.5 PZ explained that AH and PZ have met with Patricia from Glasgow Property and looked at 3 different shop fronts on High Street, which could be used to host a GIA space, as below:	PZ+AH

1. A larger space that may be more difficult to manage. The space has a wallpaper and a red carpet, but would require more work to get it to an exhibition space
2. Space up north on High Street that has relatively few cosmetic operations. It is painted in white and has hardwood floors.
3. An old florist's which would require more work to it. The space suffers from issues with damp and mould.

PZ showed preference to option 2. RW noted he would defer to PZ's judgement. PZ explained space 2 is across from NGS. PZ suggested we paint the shop in a bold red colour to make it stand out. SM enquired on the cost. PZ explained that GCC would be willing to give the space to the GIA for 1.5 months for about £1, but we are awaiting confirmation. PZ suggests the timeframe should be from early-mid October to the end of November to allow the Council to prepare the space and have it ready for the 2-week period and then take the materials down. RW suggested we take the space from an earlier time and PZ suggested September.

- 2.6 PZ enquired from the Council on how they would prefer to conduct the meetings, whether that be via Zoom or in person. RW suggested we should avoid hybrid meetings. He further noted that more people seem to attend Zoom meetings, but we should allow for people to meet physically when we would like to. JR noted that Zoom is more accessible for the purpose of Council meetings, but suggests that meeting socially could be considered as a separate event and get-together. PZ suggested that the AGM and the Christmas meeting should be held in-person. EM noted that Zoom allows the wider area to be included, with support from members in Dumfries. AR noted that from an administration point of view it is easier for all the Council members to be exposed to each committee's reports through easily viewing these on screen and through avoiding paper waste. She also noted that the meetings are more efficient on Zoom and people could tune in from their offices when working. KK noted that meeting socially would be nice, but Council meetings are more efficient via Zoom. Council meetings agreed to be held via Zoom. Note
- 2.7 PZ enquired whether anyone would be interested to organise a social gathering for the Council. Council members agree and PZ will suggest dates for late August, preliminarily for the 27th of August. The gathering is to be discussed on Basecamp.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

- 3.1 Report tabled and taken as read.
- 3.2 AR commented on the Student Award cheques and that these should be a priority, which is on Bryan's agenda, but is being resolved due to issues with RBS. PZ explained that there are not enough pre-signed cheques to distribute Student Awards due to Darren Williamson still being the signatory. BM
- 3.3 JR enquired whether the amounts were right and sent off as money was sent to In the Making. PZ explained that the IceBox Challenge cheques Note

still haven't been sent through as Julio from Napier wanted the project to be completed so that students get involved in the build as well.

4.0 Communications Committee

4.1 Report tabled and taken as read.

4.2 SM noted that Past Presidents medals are now actioned and SM will be going into the shop on Tuesday. Past presidents medals are now on track and will be contacted in shop SM

4.3 SM has met with the COP shop front team with Zalia, Teodora and Nicola in which they have discussed ideas such as rising sea levels and showing that with red tape; however, following further research they have realised that the rising sea levels will not be affecting many practices, which would not be a very inclusive thing to do. The committee will be scaling back on what they would be doing and would use the practice shop fronts as a gateway for all the other GIA COP activities. Things such as the Clyde walks, the Hamilton Mausoleum and a kids' scavenger hunt, which will be entirely virtual will be accessible via QR codes on the vinyls on the shop fronts. The main focus will be the design of window vinyls and practices will be curating their own exhibitions based on a theme, such as Retrofit, Passivhaus and others. The QR codes will be the Gateway towards all of the things that will be hosted online. PZ enquired whether practices will be able to curate their own exhibition as part of the theme. SM is still to confirm this, with the main idea being that practices will be sent a pack with the window vinyls and instructions. SM noted that the submissions for the Design Awards will be used in the GIA shopfront exhibition, with practices able to opt out. SM noted that the Design Awards will be held at the same time, putting pressure on the Committee. RW noted that Karen Anderson from Inverness has been pushing for beach markers and enquired how many markers we'd be adding in the Glasgow Chapter. PZ noted that he's been in touch with Tom Warren from Argyll and Bute has suggested 10-12 potential sites as well that are options and PZ proposes one more by Govan Old Parish Church, but still needs to approach the client on that one. That would mean that we potentially have 14 markers in the Chapter Area. RW noted that Sam Patterson has offered to provide materials and construct something that could be up to 3m high. RW noted that it is rather disappointing to only have 5% of interest from practices. He further suggested that the vinyls could be put in other architect's offices, but it would be good to demonstrate in a physical way what the threat from sea level rise could be. SM noted that the worst case scenario would bring to a 0.3m rise by 2100, but all of Troon and Ayr would be under water, which however is not in the areas where the majority of architectural practices would be affected. PZ noted that markers would be the best way to demonstrate the sea level rise if that is specifically targeted around coastal locations, while the shop fronts events focuses on the role of the architect in relation to climate change, what architects can do and then allowing practices to curate their own work in terms of sustainability. SM noted that

the scavenger hunt for the kids has been organised and would lead them to the GIA shop, where GIA merchandise will be available. The back end of the website would also support all the COP activities. The more bespoke the task of distributing vinyls to practices is, the longer it would take for it to be complete, with Design Awards being hosted and prepared at the same time. JR noted that sea level rises are very important but the impacts would be localised and would affect coastal communities. However, climate change impacts as higher peaks of summer temperatures and heavier rainfall would affect areas more, with issues such as localised flooding affecting the centre of Glasgow. RW noted that the increased rainfall would impact Glasgow as the stone would not be able to dry out. Traditional buildings will suffer from more damp than they already do. SM noted that there are a number of examples of logos in the report for the Council to view and this would go onto all of the COP things.

- 4.4 SM enquired about doing the Awards in person. SM has contacted BAaD and West to check their availability. BAaD has been a Design Awards venue previously and the menu has changed slightly. West have a maximum capacity of 120 and SM has asked for sample menus. BAaD is also slightly more expensive. Additional information on both venues available in the Communications Report. SM enquired whether the Council were comfortable with a live event. FS noted that we should try to do it. RW enquired about Oran Mor and PZ noted that Oran Mor was more expensive and that the food last time was not impressive. RW noted his preference for Oran Mor as a venue. FS supported that the venue declined in quality. PZ is happy with the ceremony being done in person and noted that the venues will allow us to reschedule it should restrictions come back in. PZ also noted that we have the framework set up for a digital award ceremony should that be necessary. AR noted that should clubs and restaurants be open the venue shouldn't be a problem, but that we should be wary of unpredictable issues such as new variants. PZ noted that most of the population have now been vaccinated so the risk is significantly lower to last year. AR suggested that we reinforce safety measures and suggest that guests take lateral flow tests before the ceremony. AR also suggested that should someone be unable to attend due to testing positive, they could be refunded. EM suggested the awards part is also aired on Zoom. AR suggested live streaming this on Facebook/Instagram. AR suggested recording the lecture too. SM noted that the awards page will be launched at the end of the month. SM enquired whether anyone had comments on BAaD vs West. PZ gave preference to BAaD due to the size of the space, the facilities and technology, whereas West seems more appropriate for a reception. SM noted that BAaD have availability on the 18th or the 25th of November. AR enquired why the dinner date is on a Thursday. SM will enquire for Friday availability in BAaD.

5.0 Education

5.1 Report tabled and taken as read.

5.2 AR noted that Student Awards judging has been complete and students have been notified. Students are currently sending images of their projects and AR will collate some posts on Instagram and LinkedIn when images are received. AR also noted that cheques and certificates are currently pending due to the banking issues discussed previously. AR

5.3 AR explained that Behind the Prize is being organised by Massimo on the back of the Student Awards during Glasgow Doors Open Day. PZ enquired if dates have been confirmed. AR and Massimo to update on the exact dates. AR noted that the timing is very good due to students coming back to university. MS

5.4 AR explained that the Alexander Thomson Scholarship's submissions close on the 22nd of June. AR noted that student societies have not been that active recently due to summer holidays. AR to check with Scott on the number of submissions with the potential of extending the deadline. PZ noted that previously submissions are received within the last minutes prior to the deadline. A decision will be made depending on the number of submissions on the day. AR+SA

5.5 AR noted that the Cross School Studio will be pursued in October-November.

6.0 Sustainability Committee

6.1 Report tabled and taken as read.

6.2 JR explained progress on In the Making group who have been given funding by the GIA. Scott had asked that their project is reviewed by the GIA prior to being built but no drawings were produced. JR noted that he has been to the site and given some constructive criticism. JR is waiting on some summary information that the GIA can share on this project.

6.3 JR explained the event with Kinotek today in the buildup to COP26 and noted that the discussion was useful. JR also noted that 2 more events for COP are schedule, with the first one being by the Landscape Institute and the second one is a wrap up event for the series in the week before COP26. PZ suggested popping these onto the website. PZ noted that the GIA is doing a talk as part of the RIAS Convention with a focus on Put a Cone on the COP and strategies that tie in to Glasgow City Council. PZ updated the Council that he has met with the other chapters and that RIAS are trying to bring uniformity to the different events being hosted in the run up to COP. RIAS would like to tender the maps to 3 different designers. They would also like to make the digital component more interactive and easier to use on smartphones, such as an app. PZ noted that Chris is more or less done with the Clyde map and that he himself has the route of the Retrofit map in the Southside, JR has the Canal map's route completed and the Conservation team is working on the Biophilic corridor map, which Chris Stewart will help with. PZ suggested a soft deadline for the middle of September for a draft for all maps with 100 word descriptions for each point of interest.

- 6.4 JR shared the posters and images for the next Cone on the COP talk
- 6.5 JR shared images of Big Noise Govanhill and PZ suggested writing an article about it in *What's the Chat?* SM can put this up on the website JR

7.0 Practice Committee

- 7.1 Report tabled and taken as read.
- 7.2 KK updated the Council on the Glasgow Doors Open Day visitor trails. The team has reduced their offerings from in person trails to digital trails through an interactive app with text, audio recordings and images on the trails. KK explained that that is due to little interest for the walk guides and to ensure fairness. KK noted that the committee will be putting the trails for Maryhill and Anderston together. KK has been in touch with someone from Glasgow City Council to record themselves for the trail in Anderston. KK explained that this will be submitted this month and the website will go live in September. KK noted that the trails will be active for longer than the Festival.
- 7.3 KK explained that they will be starting to look at the CPDs for the autumn especially in the run up to the Part 3 course. KK noted that the CPDs will remain online, meaning the preparation period will be shorter. PZ noted that the CPDs were successful online.
- 7.4 KK has been in touch with the event manager at the Willow and noted that we could do an event there. PZ suggested doing summer drinks/GIA members' drinks. KK noted that the maximum capacity was 45 people for the venue. PZ suggested hosting the event on a Friday and KK will follow up with the Willow. SM suggested doing the event just after Glasgow Doors Open Day and relating it to Behind the Prize. SM noted that we need to be careful with numbers for the event due to members of the public attending Glasgow Doors Open Day events. PZ suggested the 17th or the 24th of September. PZ also suggested hosting it right before the Festival in order to advertise it. SM noted that it need not be on a Friday as networking events seem to get better attendance on a Thursday. KK will pursue this further.
- 7.5 AR suggested a collaboration between Education and Practice for an event that is an informal conversation on Part 3 with tips and tricks for preparing for Part 3.
- 7.4 SM enquired about the site visit events. PZ explained that it depends on the measures in place on different sites as it may be too early. EM noted that it would be too soon as sites are struggling to get essential operatives in. AR suggested doing takeovers on site to give students/young professionals an overview of the experience. PZ cautioned that some contractors are against things being posted on social media. EM suggested that she can take a buddy with her on site. EM also noted that the Small Practice Group may be able to take some people into their offices as mentees. KK noted that sometimes having work experience students can be very time-consuming and a big commitment.

7.5 EM noted that Dr. Sam Chaptman, CEO of Kenoteq would open his doors to the GIA for a tour of the brick factory. EM to listen back to lecture and double-check.

8.0 Conservation Committee

8.1 Report tabled and taken as read

8.2 FS explained that the Committee has been focusing on the Hamilton Mausoleum Competition exhibition. FS noted that PZ has bought them scaffolding. FS thanked Zalia, Teodora and Isabel for their hard work. The exhibition will consist of printed fire-rated banners, an erected scaffolding with a projector with things on a loop, a children's competition which can produce interesting things such as hanging a fishing net, and vinyl stickers with fun facts about the Mausoleum that will be stuck around the Lowparks Museum. The Committee is aiming to put that up on the 28th and are trying to complete all the work for it, as the Museum is waiting on the GIA. The Museum will be erecting lego in a case and drawings by David Bryce. Once the physical exhibition is up, they will create a digital one. The exhibition will also have a soft and a hard opening and will be live during COP26. FS noted that Zalia and Teodora have done amazing putting together the banners. SM asked Fiona to send images of the exhibition once the hard launch has passed for social media and the newsletter.

8.3 FS noted that for the Biophilic Corridor map, she would go back to maps produced for Glasgow City of Culture, chiefly High Street to Glasgow Green map FS

8.4 FS has been speaking to Glasgow City Council for a walk around the outside of the building allowing people to see the full height of the building wearing high-vis. The tour can take up to around 15 people. FS

8.5 FS noted that she is currently working with a group called *Cities for Forests* based in Montreal and New York, who are helping her source eucalyptus for a project and are coming together to present for COP26. FS suggested the put together a CPD for the GIA, as they are currently producing a matrix that allows you to assess different aspects of the forests you are sourcing timber from. The organisation is trying to reach out beyond to cities they haven't worked with. FS suggested understanding how you weigh up the use of certain timber in terms of the sustainability practice of the country that it is coming from. FS to send KK some extra information on this. FS+KK

8.6 FS noted that the next project may relate to Whiteinch, whose residents are concerned with the loss of heritage in their area. Note

9.0 Architecture People and Places Committee

- 9.1 No report submitted.
- 9.2 AH noted that the last Urban Design Panel scheduled for last week was cancelled. AH noted that Glasgow City Council are under pressure at the moment and he is unsure how that would impact the UDP.
- 9.3 AH noted that the GIA has submitted a brief for the planters project to the Council, who have approved the general direction of the project. AH that they would go to one of the park depos next week to search for potential objects to be turned into planters. AH
- 9.4 AH explained the Glasgow Room options as per PZ's comments in point 2.5. PZ explained that the Council has approved the nail salon shop and will email Patricia.
- 9.4 AH explained that they have not managed to organise another Design Conversations event. AH noted that Natasha Lucic from MAST is keen on joining the APP Committee and he will be in touch to vote her onto Council. PZ noted that he will put a vote on Council for Rebecca to join the Council. PZ noted that a few people have been on Council for more than 3 years and have not been very active and he will be in touch with them. No
- 9.5 PZ raised the email from Emma Morton for MPF4 and the consultation for it. AH noted they need a positioning statement from all key stakeholders on the table in the panel, which will inform a workshop about national planning, which will have an impact on the local development and new plan. AH+PZ
- 9.6 JW noted that the UDP is on the agenda for the RIAS planning committee, who are interested in the position statement and asked if he could report there is not much happening. AH noted that they could still submit their positioning statement. JW noted that they are just wondering what had happened in Glasgow. AH noted that the talk has been to hold a workshop, but they are waiting on GCC to engage in conversations JW

10. RIAS Strategy Committee

- 10.1 No report submitted and RW was no longer available on the call. `

11.0 AOB

- 11.1 SM noted that the website designers have said that there are unresolved things on the website. SM asked if anyone had comments on the website, she would communicate them to Fred and George. SM explained that the website designers have noted the GIA website to be fragmented. PZ explained that the website was quickly built by Sam and PZ, so they acknowledge there may be issues with it. SM noted that there are housekeeping things that could be done, such as uploading all the social media and asked that if anyone has comments that they post them on Basecamp. AR enquired whether these are the same people who did the G Suite. SM noted that the G Suite is within our remit and is a question between ourselves and Google. AR noted it would be good to have everything in one place. Note

11.2 JW noted that he has a paper on the RIAS submission to the Scottish Government on the Local Place Plans Regulations Consultation. JW to send a copy to PZ. JW

NEXT MEETING

AGM Thursday 14th of October @ 6.00 pm via Zoom