

**GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM, THURSDAY  
13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 AT 6PM.**

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<b>Present</b>		
Phil Zoechbauer	(President)	PZ
Bryan McGhie	(Hon. Treasurer)	BM
Alissar Riachi	(Hon. Secretary)	AR
Shona McVicar	(Vice-President)	SMc
Andrew Hadden	(Vice-President)	AH
Isabel Garigga		IG
Fiona Sinclair		FS
James Watson		JW
Bryan McGhie		BM
Karen Kalkreuter		KK
Victoria Scott		VS
Nicola Wilson		AH
Chris Stewart		CS
Karen Nugent		KN
Scott Abercrombie		SA
James Robb		JR
Robin Webster		RW
Elspeth McNeill		EM

<b>Apologies</b>	
Jude Barber	Scott McAulay
Raina Armstrong	Shabnam Komai-Koma
Michael Dougall	Matt Loader
Will Gunn	Peter Smith
Chloe Yuill	Zalia Ivanova
Laura Paton	Sam Patterson
Massimo Sannino	Stephen Doherty

**1.0 Apologies**

1.1 None received.

**2.0 GIA SCIO Draft Constitution**

2.1 PZ noted that incorporating as a SCIO has been something the GIA has been pursuing for a number of years. Over the past year this has been progressed with the charity lawyer to draft up a new constitution through the steering group, which has been sent to the Council for comment and review. This was further sent to the wider membership for review, with no comments received other than PZ's own comment on the terms for the GIA RIAS reps in order for that clause to mirror the RIAS's own bylaws. PZ noted that before sending it to the RIAS for their review, it would be good to get GIA Trustees' final approval.

2.2 The GIA Draft Constitution was approved with 11 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against.

**3.0 GIA Hon. Secretary Stipend**

3.1 The Hon. Secretary's Honorarium was agreed at £600 for the preceding 6 months with 13 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against.

3.2 Council requested the Hon Secretary keep a record of hours spent on secretarial work. In the future the GIA may look to take on a part time member of staff which may take into it the secretary role, so it would be good to have some data to base that job role on.

**4.0 GIA COP26 Budget**

4.1 PZ shared the COP26 Outline Budget available to view on Basecamp.

4.2 PZ noted that some activity budgets are ballpark figures, more specifically items: 2. Shop Fronts, 4. GIA Shop Front and 5. Cross School Project.

4.3 PZ explained the breakdown of 1. Cone on the COP and the associated activities, chiefly the mapping exercise, which involves the commissioning of the maps themselves and the commissioning of the students for the Clyde Tidal Map. The Clyde Tidal Map commission was approved by Council on 22/04/2021. GIA is in discussion with RIAS about this mapping exercise being rolled out across all chapters, with suggestions that the RIAS Chapter Grant Fund could sponsor the chapters. Part or all of the remaining £1,550 could be funded by the RIAS.

4.4 PZ explained item 2. Shop Fronts exhibition and the permutations of what it could ultimately take the form of, whether that be a small number of shop fronts with posters within each one, or a larger number of shop fronts with a smaller number of exhibition items within each. Discussions SMC

between PZ and SMC deemed £800 as an appropriate amount. RW enquired whether shop fronts have been identified. PZ noted that a number have been already identified with the next stage being getting in touch with them to take part. IG enquired whether there are teams for each project. PZ explained that each of the items has allocated people working on it. IG enquired whether the shop front exhibition can be announced via social media. PZ noted that the scope is being fleshed out. SMC explained that they are looking into practice input. IG suggested creating themes for shop fronts. RW noted that GO-GIA is trying to include areas beyond Glasgow but within the Chapter Area and suggested expanding to places such as Dumfries or Oban, making the overall budget allocated limited. CS noted that events are happening in Dunoon re beach markers. They have joined in with the Inverness chapter to do so. SMC noted that the main principles must be agreed upon and that this will be governed by practice input, which will define the overall scope of the developing brief. The suggested timeline for having things in place is mid-September. The brief will be developed over the next month or so. PZ explained that we need to understand how much the GIA is prescribing the template and what practice contribution will be in general. IG also noted that the budget is small unless practices also contribute. FS suggested that it may be as simple as promoting the maps. SMC will post on Basecamp and set up a meeting for the Shop Front project, allowing council members to take part of the meeting.

4.5 PZ explained item 3. High Street Planters, which has been raised by GCC and can be facilitated by the GIA, but the scope is yet to be defined, so no budget has been allocated to it yet. CS noted that Glasgow City Council Mentioned £5000, which would be interrelated with the Biophilic Walk. SA enquired whether this would be a permanent or temporary intervention as South Seeds are doing something similar on Victoria Road, which would potentially be a good opportunity for liaising with them to develop the project due to their experience. CS also suggested Grayfriars Garden and other social enterprises that we could team up with.

4.6 PZ explained item 4. GIA Shop Front Space with a potential exhibition and Glasgow model for COP and the RIAS Convention. The current figure is based on a quote from The Vacant Space as a broad budget figure. GIA is in discussion with Glasgow City Council on potentially getting one of their vacant shop fronts through city property, which could come as significantly cheaper or free. AH noted that the person currently occupying The Vacant Space is looking to move. However, the information provided up to date is vague, so other options that are more financially viable or in more attractive locations are being considered as well. IG enquired what would be happening in the shop. PZ explained that it would be used for an exhibition that would have a model of Glasgow in it and a place where copies of the maps could be acquired. It could potentially include other exhibitions such as the images being produced by students for the tidal map, or other GIA materials. FS enquired whether the space will be staffed by volunteers. PZ suggested

that the Cross-School project may also feed into the staffing of the space, with GIA Council members staffing it over weekends and students potentially staffing it during the week.

4.7 PZ explained item 5. Cross School Project for building a model of the city by students of Mack and Strathclyde. The model will split the city into 10 slices along Clyde with each team of students taking one slice and looking into issues with each area. The provisional cost will fund materials for the maps.

4.8 PZ explained item 6. Zero Carbon House, facilitated by Peter Smith who is looking into creating a temporary zero carbon house built for COP26. £100,000 have already been raised by him and he is looking into acquiring more funding. Peter Smith has approached the GIA and RIAS for contributing financially, with the potential of giving them more exhibition space in the project if it gets built. IG enquired where the house would be. PZ responded that it would be in the empty plot of land south of the Science Centre, right outside the COP boundary, for which he has received a written agreement for from the Council. There is a likelihood that this could move to the After the Pandemic site instead due to developer interest in the initial site. PZ noted that an appropriate figure of £1000 to help with funding. SA enquired whether it is a viable zero carbon house. JR noted that he has done a study on his design to determine that it is zero carbon. The house is a single storey building and is almost completely timber with woodfibre insulation. There have been many design iterations for it to reach zero carbon and it is something Peter is hoping to interrogate the process as part of COP26 through a number of talks for instance. Should the site be moved, the building could be less zero carbon as it has been designed specifically for the intended site. SA noted that all other projects are GIA defined or student-led projects, but this one strays as supporting a practice's marketing budgets and enquired whether this is something the GIA have done in the past. PZ noted that the GIA should consider whether to support it as it will receive further exhibition space from it. The GIA must ensure a tangible return from it. FS noted that the GIA would be stretched to put exhibitions in this space and the shopfronts. PZ responded that the RIAS are also looking into the project and suggested that the RIAS could take a lead on it more and the GIA could have a smaller presence such as a map room as a starting point for most of the walks from the maps. FS enquired what will happen to the building after COP. JR responded that the building will be deconstructed and erected on its initially intended site, presumably to be sold, which Peter must clarify. FS noted that more details would be useful as it is very different to anything the GIA has done before. FS suggested that funds could be given with conditions attached. The Council agreed to omit the item from the budget to ensure all questions are answered.

4.9 PZ explained item 7. Ice Box Challenge which the Council has agreed on previously.

- 4.10 PZ revised the funding amount to be agreed by the council to £6,450 excluding the £1000 budget for the Zero Carbon House, which will be discussed in a separate vote following the provision of more information.
- 4.11 The COP26 Budget was agreed with 13 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against.

## **5.0 Big Noise Govanhill Funding Request**

- 5.1 The funding request for £2000 was discussed on Basecamp.
- 5.2 FS noted that the funding request uploaded by JR was asking for £4000. JR will update the file on Basecamp.
- 5.3 The funding request was accepted with 13 votes in favour, 0 abstentions and 0 against.

## **6.0 AOB**

- 6.1 JR enquired how Govanhill funding will be paid as it is facilitated by a student group. JR suggested paying the amount directly to Big Noise. IG suggested using cheques. BM noted that only cheques can be issued and suggested giving it to the charity rather than a person. BM explained that he is not yet authorised to sign the cheques and will need to get in touch with Darren Williamson. SMc suggested that JR liaises with them to ask whether they would accept the cheque going to the charity.
- 6.2 SMc will suggest times for the GIA Shop Front Space meeting and would appreciate members of the Sustainability Committee. JR will attend.
- 6.3 JW noted that Herriot-Watt have been awarded £1 million to produce a new form of brick made out of building rubbish and is 100% sustainable. He suggested that it may be worth looking at.
- 6.4 JW attended the RIAS Planning Committee on Tuesday the 11th of May. It mainly discussed an update on the DPEA meeting, third party interest in planning applications, discussion on permitted development rights, and others. This has resulted in a questionnaire that everyone will fill in by the end of the month. They also discussed an article in RTPi magazine on the Rewilding of Scotland, with quite a lot happening in Argyll and Bute on estates that are recreating wild places.

## **7.0 Next Meeting**

- 7.1 Thursday June 10th 6pm

## **8.0 Meeting Close**