

GLASGOW INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM, THURSDAY
14th October 2021 AT 6PM.**

Author:	AR	Date:	14/10/2021
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Present		
Phil Zoechbauer	(President)	PZ
Andrew Hadden	(Vice-President)	AH
Bryan McGhie	(Hon. Treasurer)	BM
Fiona Sinclair		FS
James Watson		JW
Karen Kalkreuter		KK
Elsbeth McNeil		EM
Teodora Racheva		TR
Natasha		N
Becca Thomas		BT
Scott Abercrombie		SA
Andrew Frame		AF
Nicola Wilson		NW
Karent Nugent		KN

Apologies	
James Robb	Scott McAulay
Chris Stewart	Sue Evans
Michael Dougall	Sam Patterson
Will Gunn	Robin Webster
Chloe Yuill	Massimo Sannino
Laura Paton	Alissar Riachi
Stephen Doherty	Victoria Scott
Raina Armstrong	Zalia Ivanova
Shabnam Komai Korma	Shona McVicar

- | 1.0 Previous Minutes | Action |
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| 1.1 Previous Minutes agreed and taken as read. | |
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| 2.0 Chair's Comments | |
| 2.1 PZ updated on the RIBA school's workshop, for which volunteers are now on board and a pilot school is on board. There will be training for the volunteers next week. | |
| 2.2 PZ noted that he had circulated the poem for the Chapter and the GIA had returned comments to the RIAS. The DIA will publish their poem; however, this will remain a DIA Chapter activity for COP26. | |
| 2.3 PZ will allow the APP committee to discuss the GIA Shopfront. | |
| 2.4 PZ updated the SGM for the approval of the GIA's new Constitution and the incorporation of the GIA as a SCIO. 30 members were present and both resolutions were approved unanimously. The application form for the incorporation of the SCIO has been filled out and is awaiting comments from the GIA Steering Group. The comments will be incorporated, re-circulated and the lawyer will then issue it to OSCR. | Note |
| 2.5 PZ noted that a RIAS SGM will be held later this month to approve a revision to the RIAS bylaws. BT noted the SGM is on the 3rd of November. | Note |
| 2.6 PZ updated on the cross-chapter initiatives for COP26. The RIAS have gone live with a website that incorporates all these initiatives. Website can be found at https://riasinspiringfutures.com/ | |
| 2.7 PZ noted that a number of members have been in touch with him in regards to the ARB increasing the retention fee for architects by 25%, so now architects are charged £149. Members feel like that is out of step with a number of factors in the profession, such as the current cost of PI insurance or the fact that we are coming out of a pandemic. PZ enquired how everybody else felt regarding the increase. EM noted that she would like to understand the justification behind the price rise. PZ agreed and noted that this is not an isolated increase and needs to be seen in the context of previous increases and economic factors such as inflation and cost of living. JW and BT agreed with PZ. BT noted that the increase feels arbitrary. PZ will feed back to RIAS. FS would be interested to see what other professions pay for comparison, such as surveyors for example. BM will check and feed back. PZ noted that architects need to pay ARB and RIBA ones. BM noted that surveyors are not required to be registered at RICS. FS noted that ARB are aware of the costs of PI insurance. | PZ |
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| 3.0 Treasurer's Report | |
| 3.1 Report tabled and taken as read. | |
| 3.2 BM noted that there is nothing particularly major to report. The figure is down a few thousand pounds due to the IceBox Challenge. | |

3.3 BM explained Rathbones are changing their fee setup structure and are moving away from a structure based on a number of transactions and are moving to a flat percentage rate based on the value of the account. Due to the GIA being a 'low value', we will move on to a fixed rate of £2500 per year. Based on the old structure, last year the GIA paid £2480, so the difference is negligible. Rathbones await acceptance from GIA Council. No adverse comments or objections made by the Council. BM will revert back to Rathbones. BM

4.0 Communications Committee

4.1 Report tabled and taken as read.

4.2 PZ raised past presidents' medals which is being actioned

4.3 PZ explained that the Communications team has been preparing shopfront exhibition materials. 12 practices have signed up to be a part of the scheme. A refresher email will be sent to practices

4.4 PZ noted that the GIA Awards Dinner is on the 25th of November. PZ explained that the shortlists for the awards have been compiled and judging team leaders will facilitate the building visits. Note

5.0 Education

5.1 Report tabled and taken as read.

5.2 PZ noted that the Alexander Thomson Scholarship was held and the winner has been announced.

6.0 Sustainability Committee

6.1 Report tabled and taken as read.

6.2 PZ noted many initiatives are being held as part of COP, such as maps, COP runs and the Countdown to COP.

7.0 Practice Committee

7.1 Report tabled and taken as read.

7.2 KK will liaise with Shona on how the CPD recordings could be advertised better in order for people to be aware they are available online. EM noted that the Youtube videos of previous CPDs should be advertised to Part 3 students to make them aware that those recordings are available. PZ suggested getting in touch with APEAS coordinators. KK+SM+EM

7.3 KK noted that they are currently working on starting on the CPDs, but no dates are confirmed as of yet. EM noted that several people have been contacted for CPD events and are hoping to hear back. K+EM+VS

7.4 EM noted that money is still sitting with the Mackintosh at the Willow and suggested that the 2022 AGM is held there. The Willow can accommodate 28 on the terrace and 28 in the gallery. PZ enquired whether the numbers take social distancing into account. KK noted that the gallery above the cafe could be used but has no AV equipment. PZ noted that this needs to be coordinated with the annual GIA annual KK+PZ

lecture. PZ noted that previously the GIA lecture has filled the Reid lecture theatre which has a 350 people capacity, so the Willow would not be sufficient. PZ suggested using the space for something similar to the networking events held with RICS. KK noted that the terrace will be closing soon for 2021, so any events will be hosted in 2022, preferably summer.

7.5 EM noted that a tour is still to be done at Scotland Street School, but dates are still being awaited for that. EM noted that as part of Glasgow Doors Open Day, the committee had looked at doing a walking tour across some of the new developments at Maryhill and are still looking to do that. PZ noted that the issue was getting the project architects to get involved.

7.6 JW noted that an open day was held at Barclays Bank, one of 3 international headquarters built in Glasgow. JW suggested looking at that in the future. BT noted that New Practice have done work on the project and could potentially talk to those involved. BT to liaise with EM and KK.

BT+EM+KK

8.0 Conservation Committee

8.1 Report tabled and taken as read

8.2 FS noted that since writing the report they have engaged with a number of people/members of the public. The committee had an enquiry from BDP on a measure drawing that was awarded a GIA measure drawing prize in 1980, which FS was able to respond to. FS noted that Andrew Pinkerton, formerly of Keppie, who was editor of the GIA news, will bring some boxes with photographs of council meetings, old newsletters and similar.

8.3 FS noted that the Committee and Isabel Garriga have been working on the Hamilton Mausoleum Competition Exhibition. The Mausoleum is fully scaffolded at the moment for stone repairs. FS noted the issue of the cost of the scaffolding. However, all the banners are ready to print, small *Did you know?* fun facts will be stuck around the museum. A banner could potentially be hung on the scaffolding to direct people to the exhibition. South Lanarkshire Council would like to have it until next spring, which however has financial implications, such as hiring a scaffolding to mount the projector. KN, IG and FS have met up and will try to parcel up the remaining jobs and will set the exhibition up in a few weeks time, provided the scaffolding issue is resolved. FS will try to find a cheaper solution for the central feature. KN noted that in the worst case scenario the banners will be hung on the walls and a new method of mounting the projector must be found, should scaffolding be unaffordable. KN noted that it would cost £1500 to hire two tars for 12 weeks. KN noted that timing is essential in order to conclude the exhibition design. EM queried whether a local scaffolding company would put something up should their advertisement be put on it. FS noted that the issue relates to the availability of scaffolding at the moment, so they will look for alternatives. IG will be putting together a PowerPoint presentation. Rhona from South

FS+IG+KN

Lanarkshire Council would be disappointed if the exhibition does not remain up until the end of March. KN suggested looking at warehouse shelving or garage shelving that is galvanised and robust. FS and KN thanked Zalia and Theodora for designing the panels. FS noted that they are keen to hold the digital exhibition as well.

9.0 Architecture People and Places Committee

9.1 Report tabled and taken as read.

9.2 AH welcomed Natasha who is keen to join APP. Natasha has done a lot of work with GUDP.

9.3 AH noted that the last GUDP was on the 16th of September and another is coming up on the 28th of October. Regarding the Urban Design Panel, a positioning statement has been prepared for GCC as part of the New City Development Plan evidence base. A workshop on that in relation to the fourth National Planning Framework. AH will update on development on that.

9.4 AH noted that the lease for the GIA COP26 shop has been signed and the GIA now has keys to the shop. AH noted that the Committee is working together to pull an exhibition together. AH noted that vinyls for the windows will also be used. PZ enquired what the strategy is in terms of opening hours and presence at the shop. AF is working on the strategy and will send it out once it is drafted out. AF noted that they are meeting with Service Graphics to get a hand on the vinyl and was wondering whether to add opening hours on the vinyl. FS suggested adding a note that if the shop is not open, the website should be visited. AH+AF

9.4 AH noted that COP26 planters are being manufactured at the moment. The committee is collaborating with a small young practice called Chonk Studio, who have interpreted the brief and have come up with designs for planters. The planters will be in situ in the week before COP.

9.5 AH enquired about the Biophilic corridor map as the planters will be positioned along the Biophilic corridor. FS noted that Chris Stewart has sent her the map and she will add some text. FS noted that the GIA had done 5 brochures in 1990, one of them being High Street and another being Candleriggs, which could potentially feed into the map. KN enquired whether anything from new Practice's research on High Street will be worth sharing. BT will put KN and FS in touch with the team working on that day-to-day. FS+KN

9.6 AH enquired whether it would be worth retaining the shop for future meetings or a GIA home. FS enquired what the lease is like and AH responded that it is £1 for the duration of COP and leases change depending on years of use, with the 4th year becoming market value. FS noted that if it is not manned, it would be the question of how it would function, but it would be good to use for exhibitions. KN noted that if it had wifi it could be advertised as a workspace place. AF noted that it is close enough to Strathclyde to be hired out for tutorials. PZ noted that it could be a space for student exhibitions. PZ noted that the shop could be Note

a place for amnesty to drop off GIA materials that could be distributed to members of the public. PZ will create a Basecamp thread to enquire. PZ noted that they could potentially add all submissions to this year's awards.

10. RIAS Strategy Committee

10.1 No report submitted.

11.0 AOB

11.1 PZ noted that online archiving is being looked at by AR

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NEXT MEETING

AGM Thursday December 9th @ 6.00 pm. Location TBC