

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust held on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 10am, Merchiston Campus, Edinburgh Napier University.

Present: B Hodgson (Chair), P Laidlaw, P Mark, B Clegg, and H Williams

Minutes: H Williams

1. Apologies

T Honor, G Richmond, A McCleery, D Allan

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2017

The minutes were approved, and there were no matters arising.

3 Financial update

PL reported that there had been no change in the financial position since the last meeting. The current balance in the TSB account is £24,412 which includes both this recent donation and money transferred from the PayPal account. The net assets of the Trust, including the petty cash, currently stand at £24,436.

An estimate for the design of the Glasgow Print Trail had been received, and once a venue has been identified, a budget for the exhibition and event to mark the Trust's 30th anniversary towards the end of 2018 would be prepared.

4 Secretary's report

HW circulated a report on her activities since the last meeting. On 14 July 2017, she and PL visited offices of 3.56 media, and met with Terry O'Hare and Adrian Hallam, to discuss the design of the Glasgow Print Trail, and the development of a 'house-style' for SPrAT publications.

On 31 July 2017 HW had met with Sarah Bromage, Kelsey Williams, and Dawn Hollis at Stirling University to discuss the 'Pathfoot Press' equipment and training needs. PM has donated chases, galleys, furniture and quoins to the press; PL indicated that he had setting sticks to donate to them. TH has indicated that he is willing to provide another training session sometime this term. Copies of the items printed on the Columbian at the Pathfoot Press have been donated to the Edward Clark Collection at Edinburgh Napier University.

HW had arranged to do walks in the New Town as this is the theme for Edinburgh's Doors Open Day weekend 2017 but, despite the acknowledgment, the walks have not been publicised in the Cockburn Association's printed brochure. There will therefore be a single walk, on Saturday 23 September, which will be publicised through the Trust website, the Scottish History Network's weekly email digests, etc.

HW has emailed the co-ordinator of 'Previously ... Scotland's History Festival' (taking place on 26 November 2017) to enquire about participation: the cost is £40, but it would offer the opportunity to sell some books and posters.

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5 SPrAT thirtieth anniversary 2018: resources

HW will approach the Lighthouse about the potential for holding an exhibition in September 2018. Suggestions were made for finding specialist exhibition design consultants.

It was agreed that HW would take on the role of exhibition co-ordinator in 2018.

6 Other plans / projects

- Print trail walks

HW said that she was considering how to market guided walks independently for next year, with the aim of running two a year. It was likely that some kind of walk or presentation would be included as part of the launch of the Glasgow Print Trail leaflet, and she would explore the possibility of co-operating with the Glasgow Doors Open Day for 2018.

- Letterpress workshops

There would be another training session in Stirling, and after that, HW will explore the possibility of running letterpress demonstrations and workshops elsewhere.

- Publications

HW hopes to meet with the designers soon, having selected sites, drafted text, and identified historic images for the Glasgow print trail leaflet. She plans to consult Garry Richmond at Print Scotland over the print production.

Once the Glasgow print trail has been published, the next publication would be a second edition of the Edinburgh print trail. Other towns that might be suitable for consideration for a print leaflet would be Dundee, Aberdeen, and possibly Perth.

7 AOCB

BC reported on the activities of the Cossar Club.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2017. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.