

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust held at 10.30am on Tuesday 6 November 2023, Merchiston Campus, Edinburgh Napier University, Colinton Road, Edinburgh, EH10 5DT

Present: B Hodgson (Chair), P Laidlaw, P Mark, G Richmond, A Joseph and H Williams (minutes).

BH opened proceedings by welcoming Alun Joseph to the meeting.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2023 and matters arising

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved. There were no matters arising.

3 Financial update

PL reported that the accounts recorded a deficit of £532 for the financial year to 30 September 2023. There had been a small amount of income from the sales of publications. A cheque for £260 was outstanding at the year end. There has been no change in the position since. The funds currently stand at £6,949.00. In answer to a query from PM, PL said that these were all unrestricted funds.

4 Secretary's report

HW thanked AJ for his help in storing SPrAT publications and book collection. The official address of the charity will be changed to her new address from the end of November.

HW has given a number of talks on Scottish printing and printers. She had worked with Georgina Grant, Curator at National Museums Scotland, to organise a symposium on printing for the 'Year of Printing Heritage'. This was held at the NMS stores at Granton, and it included a visit to the Cossar Press. She will be meeting with Georgina Grant to consider how can arrange an informal network of individuals and institutions interested in the heritage of Scottish printing as a follow up.

At the invitation of the Edinburgh Napier University Heritage Collections librarians, Laura Cooijmans-Keizer and Ian Sudlow-Mackay, who are responsible for the care of the Edward Clark Collection, HW gave a talk on 22 August for a visit from staff of Robert Smalls Printing Works – their Wayzegeose outing. She also led guided walks in Edinburgh's Old Town for the new cohort of students on the MSc Publishing course, and followed this with sessions showcasing items from the Edward Clark Collection. There has been a request for hands-on printing workshops from the students and HW is looking into the options.

5 Forward planning

The Trustees agreed that the Trust should rebrand itself 'Scotland's Printing Heritage': this does not require any changes to the Trust Deed but needs to be reported to OSCR. HW will report the new

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address to OSCR at the same time. She will contact Lunaria about the necessary changes and upgrade to the website.

BH thanked AJ for agreeing to fill one of the Trustee vacancies.

6 AOCB

GR reported that John Watson OBE had spoken to those attending the Print AGM about the Glasgow & West of Scotland Master Printers' Golf Society and the tradition of annual matches Versus the East of Scotland Master Printers' Golf Society for the Wilson Cup. He would like to see the regular matches reinstated. HW mentioned that SPrAT had two copies of the photocopied volume of the Glasgow & West of Scotland Master Printers' Golf Society minutes.

7 Date of Next Meeting

February 2024, arrangements to be confirmed.