

# Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust held at 10.45am on Tuesday 25 February 2024, Merchiston Campus, Edinburgh Napier University, Colinton Road, Edinburgh, EH10 5DT

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

1. Apologies

A Joseph, G Harrison.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 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 there had been no significant change since the financial year end. Three items had been sold through the online shop: 1 copy each of the *Edinburgh print trail* leaflet, the poster and the Edinburgh volume of the *Reputation for excellence* book.

4 Secretary's report

The Trust's change of address had been reported to OSCR. The website and X/Twitter feed have been changed to *Scotland's Printing Heritage*, and this alternative 'known as' name has also been reported to OSCR. The website will need a new 'strapline' for its front page and HW asked for suggestions.

HW attended a number of meetings including the annual meeting of the Edward Clark Trust board and two meetings of the Scottish Transport and Industrial Collections Knowledge Network (STICK) committee. STICK is planning a conference on industrial heritage skills in Dundee in October, and would welcome suggestions of potential speakers on this theme from the printing industry.

HW outlined her plans for the revision and updating of the *Reputation for Excellence* series. She is also reviewing the website with a view to updating the structure when the design is refreshed.

An article ('Printers and their libraries') by HW had been published in the most recent *Journal of the Printing Historical Society*, focused on Edinburgh and highlighting the Edward Clark Collection. She has also been invited to give a talk on printing to the local history society in Torrance, East Dunbartonshire, and to the Senior Fellows Club of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

5 Forward planning

HW is working on a business plan to cover future activities, such as publications and events, and is also identifying potential sources of funding. It was agreed that AJ's suggestion that the Trust should undertake interviews with people from the industry (circulated prior to the meeting) should be incorporated in any future plans.

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An event to mark the change of identity to *Scotland's Printing Heritage* and to officially launch the *Edinburgh Print Trail* leaflet was discussed, and it was agreed that HW will investigate options for venue, speaker etc.

6 AOCB

BH confirmed that he is willing to continue as chair for another year, but encouraged all Trustees to consider succession planning in the meantime.

GR reported that there had been delays in the provision of Scottish Government funding for apprenticeships. The picture in the printing trade is mixed at the moment.

7 Date of Next Meeting

TBC.