

Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage

Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 6 May 2017 at Alloa Tower, Alloa Park, Alloa FK10 1PP

The following documents were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Notice of AGM
Booking Form
Proxy Form
Agenda of AGM
Annual Report by the Chair
SGLH Accounts
Glorious Gardens Accounts

The Minutes of the second SGLH AGM had previously been uploaded to the SGLH website. Several copies of the Minutes of the second SGLH AGM, the Agenda, the Annual Report by the Chair, the SGLH Accounts and the Glorious Gardens Accounts were also available at the AGM.

Election of a Chairman for the meeting

The Treasurer, Bob Luther, was elected to chair the meeting, proposed by Peter Burman, seconded by John West.

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed the 33 participants.

Chloe Bennett [Name of Chloe's husband?] L. Cumming A. Allighan H. Gunkel Ian Jolliffe Marilyn Brown Margaret Stewart Ryan McEwan Bea Dower Peter Burman	Sue Hewer Sarah Barron Mark Gibson Shiona Mackie Judy Riley David Simpson Vanessa Stephen Christopher Dingwall Hannah Tweedie Gill Smith Peter Smith	Matthew Benians Bob Luther Simon Blackett Alan Blue Margaret Blue John West Gill West Peter Fitch K. Valentine Marion Shawcross Sheena Goulty
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The Chairman also read out the following apologies:

John Borrón Groves Raines Ronald Duff Patricia Andrew	Niall Manning Barbara Morris Jean Harthill Julia Rolfe	Freyda Taylor Susan Bennett Humphrey Errington
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Chairman's Report

Supplementing what she had written in the Annual Report by the Chair, Judy Riley emphasised the success of Phase 1 of the Glorious Gardens project and expressed her hope that Phase 2 would begin shortly. She thanked Alison Allighan for her expert handling of conservation issues, which was supported by Christopher Dingwall as well as by Judy herself. She regretted

that the contentious issue of the application by Cemex to extend the Hyndford Quarry into the area designated as the Buffer Zone of the New Lanark World Heritage Site had again raised its head.

Judy gave a brief account of the last year's events and the events planned for the coming year, especially the planned study day on 'Significance in Landscape' and the 'Trip Around our Logo'. After a brief discussion, members agreed on the importance of taking account of the accessibility of event venues and the time it would take to reach them. While events involving an overnight stay might be appealing in principle, they would be very difficult logistically. The meeting agreed that the high calibre of the guides and lecturers at SGLH events is deeply valued and appreciated, as is access to places not normally open to the public.

Judy also corrected an error in her Chairman's Report: the joint lecture last year was not organised in association with HHA, but with AHSS.

In concluding, Judy encouraged members to take advantage of the range of opportunities offered by SGLH for volunteering, and in particular invited members to consider standing for election to the Board of Trustees.

Future development of SGLH

Mark Gibson gave a presentation on the proposed future development of the SGLH communications strategy. See Appendix 1. It was agreed that as *The Pleasaunce* becomes a more substantial annual issue it should contain a balance of scholarly and general-interest articles as well as book reviews/alerts, project updates etc. It should also be a forum where students can publish original research relevant to Scotland's historic gardens and designed landscapes.

Treasurer's Report for 2016

Bob Luther presented the SGLH main accounts and the SGLH CAV/Falkirk accounts. A request was made for a breakdown of expenditure figures in the SGLH main accounts to show the costs of, for example, operational overheads, conservation consultancy and the production of *The Pleasaunce*. The adoption of the SGLH accounts was proposed by Christopher Dingwall, seconded by Sheena Goulty and passed unanimously. The adoption of the SGLH CAV/Falkirk accounts was proposed by John West, seconded by Peter Burman and passed unanimously.

During the last year, the Board of Trustees had introduced a corporate subscription rate of £80/year and now sought the approval of the AGM for this initiative. The rate was passed unanimously, John West proposing, Shiona Mackie seconding.

The Board also recommended offering free membership to volunteers (there are currently about 35 volunteers), such membership to last until the voluntary work ceases. The recommendation was passed unanimously, Matthew Benians proposing, John West seconding.

The Board further recommended that the AGM authorise the Board to grant honorary life memberships of SGLH in recognition of services to the cause of studying and/or promoting and/or protecting Scotland's heritage of gardens and designed landscapes. The recommendation was passed unanimously, Christopher Dingwall proposing, Chloe Bennett seconding.

Bob noted the following membership figures as at the date of the AGM:

- Total number of members: 94
- Number of e-members: 83
- Number of snail-mail members: 11
- 25 new members in 2016-2017
- 6 withdrawn

- 9 currently not yet renewed.

Report on Glorious Gardens project

Sue Hewer gave a presentation on the past and future progress of the Glorious Gardens project. See Appendix 2.

She noted that GG Phase 1 has involved about 30 volunteers for two years. It is planned that GG Phase 1 will be concluded by an initiative being referred to as GG1bis. The purpose of GG1bis is to complete the surveying of sites in each region from the baseline list of those worthy of survey. GG1bis will require about £10-£12k funding. The Board proposes contributing up to £6k to this initiative so as to attract matching funds.

GG Phase 2 – for which funding has already been lined up – will be very different in its scope, focusing on developing a Conservation Strategy for each region.

During discussions of the GG project, the importance of maintaining the recording groups was agreed

Election of trustees

In line with the constitution, three Board members retired at the AGM, namely Christopher Dingwall, Mark Gibson and Vanessa Stephen. All three also stood for re-election. In addition, Marilyn Brown stood for election to the Board. There were no other nominations. The re-election of Christopher, Mark and Vanessa and the election of Marilyn was proposed by David Simpson, seconded by John West and passed unanimously.

Any other competent business

None.

APPENDIX 1: Slide Presentation by Mark Gibson

Slide 1

The website

Our communications hub

- A newsfeed on the home page
- A Glorious Gardens section
- A Planning Applications and Conservation Reports section,
- A Resources section, including a glossary and bibliography
- Book reviews and alerts to new books

Slide 2

The Pleasaunce

A hard copy annual issue free to members but for sale to non-members

- Academic articles
- Shorter, non-academic essays
- Book reviews (also available on the website)
- Reports on projects such as Glorious Gardens

Slide 3

SGLH News

A quarterly e-newsletter for members and non-members

- Short-form news items
- Book reviews/alerts
- Events and other alerts
- Other items that appear on the website newsfeed
- Hyperlinks to the full articles published on the website

Hard copies posted to members who don't use the Net

Slide 4

Social media

Will include all the material in SGLH News, with hyperlinks to the full versions published on the website.

APPENDIX 2: Slide Presentation by Sue Hewer

Slide 1

Required Outcomes HES

- Improved research skills, online and archival
- Improved IT skills
- Historic map interpretation
- Survey skills
- Increased outdoor activity
- Experience of team work
- Synthesising data and report writing
- Increased understanding and appreciation of historic gardens and landscapes
- Presentation skills
- Community impact

Slide 2

Required Outcomes CAVLP/HLF

- Approx. 20 recording forms of sites including condition and evaluation (revised to 12 2016)
- A report including results of formal evaluation
- Interpretation developed eg guided walks and information for the CAVLP website (Now Virtual Museum)
- Volunteers trained in historical research and designed landscape survey
- Establishment of volunteer recording group for Clyde Valley (spontaneous offer to continue from CAVLP volunteers)

Slide 3

Sites researched, surveyed and reports written

CAVLP Harperfield* Jerviswood* Kerse* Baronald* Cleghorn Carfin (inc. Crossford Park) Stonebyres	FALKIRK Airth Glenbervie Westquarter Carronvale Powfoulis Zetland Park Muiravonside
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Waygateshaw Cambusnethan Milton Lockhart Mauldslie	South Bantaskine Dollar Park Larbert <i>* Report edited</i>
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Slide 4

Sites researched, surveyed and reports written

1.0 Introduction to Glorious Gardens 2.0 Introduction to <Site> 3.0 Methods 4.0 Desk-based research results 4.1 Historic maps 4.2 Aerial Photographs 5.0 Timeline for the <Site> Designed Landscape Components of the Designed Landscape 5.1 Drives & approaches 5.2 Gardens 5.3 Residential & Service Buildings	5.4 Services 5.5 Policy parkland 5.6 Pleasure Walks and Other Paths 5.7 Agricultural and Industrial Features 6.0 Assessment of significance 6.1 The concept of significance 6.2 The significance of the designed landscape at Kerse 7.0 Sources consulted 7.1 Historic maps 7.2 Aerial photographs 7.3 Other sources 8.0 Acknowledgements
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Slide 5

Sites researched, surveyed and reports written

GG1bis	GG2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose to complete sites in each region from the baseline list worthy of survey • A number of the existing volunteers keen to carry on. • An opportunity to further consolidate a legacy group in each area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Strategy for each region • Conservation Notes for landowners in each region • Stakeholder driven • Collaboration with other heritage groups in each area