

**MINUTES OF MEETING
DUNDEE INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
Tuesday 12th October 2021**

Virtual Meeting hosted by Ian Muir PDIA

1.0 Attending L. Beltran, R. Brunton, A. Macdonald, F. Middleton, I. Muir, C. Palmer, G. Sinclair. K. Smith.

2.0 Apologies J. Frullani, J. Purves,

3.0 Matters discussed

3.1 It was felt by some Council members that the Minute reporting the failure to attend the COP26 event at Slessor Gardens was harsh. No disrespect was intended to any individual only disappointment that an opportunity to address a captive audience and promote DIA had been missed. It was revealed that the Sustainability Group currently numbered only three or four whereas it had previously been minuted at a much healthier number (hence delegation of this responsibility to the group). Progressing matters had again fallen to the few who were already fully committed. It was noted that in future Council must be kept more informed in order to expedite issues effectively.

3.2 The family of Doug Reid has intimated that they would be delighted if the DIA was to mark his passing in an appropriate manner. An award around Conservation is to be discussed with the University. GS to discuss with the University an appropriate means to integrate this into the teaching programme. An award of £200 was discussed previously but is to be ratified by Council.

3.3 IM was currently compiling a case history for Keith Winter of Fife Council regarding the poor service provision from Planning. Any information from DIA members to substantiate the complaint would be welcome.

3.4 RIAS / COP26 meetings are being attended on a regular basis. RIAS has produced a website riasinspiringfutures.com. It was noted that DIA was described as 'RIAS Dundee and East-Central'. RIAS is to be challenged regarding this as DIA had not been consulted. Each Chapter has the opportunity to log in to update details. The RIAS has also provided a toolkit and QR code for individual Practices to create 'shopfronts' for the COP26 event.

3.5 The RIAS has confirmed that it is to publish Robin Bell's poem. DIA costs and programme for the erection of presentation boards at Slessor Gardens were agreed.

3.6 IM noted that the DIA COP26 thatched marker is currently being manufactured and will be ready by week commencing 25th October. Thanks goes to Morgan Associates /Oastlers/MGM Timber/ Highland Thatching/Green Aspirations and Muir Walker Pride Architects. Filming of the construction could potentially be uploaded on to DIA website. The Courier is to be pursued to getting exposure for the thatched Tidal marker, Poem posters and Bike ride.

3.7 Peripatetic markers had now been fabricated for RIAS by 'Russwood' and the DIA marker is to be uplifted from RSPB Loch Leven.

3.8 After much discussion it was agreed to postpone the DIA Awards submission date by one week. The revised lodging date will be Friday 22nd October at 5pm.

3.9 The sponsorship requirements of the Awards Dinner were discussed and two new sponsors are to be sought.

- 3.10 A 'sustainable' Supreme Award trophy is to be obtained rather than the acrylic precursor.
- 3.11 IM confirmed that top table guests had been invited. Clarification over hotel room accommodation is required. PRIAS yet to confirm. CEO RIAS has confirmed attendance.
- 3.12 Awards Dinner finances and cost of student tickets were discussed. Although normal practice to subsidise these by 50% it was agreed that Student tickets would be £30 rather than the full price of £45. Students to be informed. A deadline of 11th November for Dinner tickets will be imposed. Food will be served already plated rather than silver service due to Covid restrictions.
- 3.13 Date for Quiz Night was discussed. It was proposed that due to other pressing events this would be postponed until early 2022. This may be linked to Burns Night.
- 3.14 It was confirmed that the CPD programme of events had commenced. Some dates / venues are still to be confirmed. Some will be ZOOM meetings and others in person. Talks would be open to the public. New venues were being sought including Larick Centre, Tayport and former Montrose Swimming Pool.
- 3.15 The DIA cycle route was confirmed as being on 23rd October. 'Press' to be notified.
- 3.16 The RIAS Education Committee will be meeting in early November.
- 3.17 The Martin Jones Award is to be presented this year. Notice has been issued to students and an Awards panel is to be selected urgently. Volunteers are being requested to come forward. The Award will be announced in December.
- 3.18 Extending DIA engagement with the University on Professional Practice is being considered as it was well received last year. This has been pencilled in for the 15th November for a 2hour Q&A session. Volunteers to make themselves known.
- 3.19 The ADAS CPD events and the DIA CPD programme had been advertised on the website. This also included COP26 events.
- 3.20 The Sustainability Working Group received its survey results from the sustainability questionnaire issued to members. Disappointingly only 17 responses were received. Discussions were held over how DIA should use the results. Initial thoughts were a workshop to explore the issues, possibly a 'Zoom' workshop for students?
- 3.21 Concern was expressed about communication reach to members from DIA. Feeling is that DIA communications don't reach the younger demographic nor the older who do not use email. Younger professionals & students tend to communicate through social media ;an area where DIA should improve its presence. Discussion had about how we do this. FB & Instagram can be linked. It was felt that Instagram was an appropriate visual medium for the DIA. This is to be pursued.
- 3.22 KS office currently manages the Facebook account & mail shots to members & linking communication with the RIAS. This is time-consuming and assistance is required. Thoughts on how we move this forward is to be investigated.

17.0 Date of Next Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 9th November 2021. Please note that this meeting will be on the 'ZOOM' platform. Invites will be issued in due course.