Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 10.30am, Merchiston Campus, Edinburgh Napier University.

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

Minutes: H Williams

1. Apologies T Honnor, A McCleery, D Allan

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 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 end of December 2017.

PM Suggested that it might be worth considering changing the Trust's accounting year to the a calendar year. PL will check the OSCR rules on making a change to the accounting year.

4 Secretary's report

HW circulated a report on her activities since the last meeting. TH had held a final training session with the Pathfoot Press, who had been very grateful for his input. The Trust's direct involvement with the University of Stirling on this was now at an end. The Pathfoot Press had donated copies of their publications to the Trust and these had been placed in the Edward Clark Collection.

HW had received a request for assistance in the management and disposal of a large collection of printing blocks owned by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. A number of suggestions were made and HW will circulate the details to all Trustees.

History Scotland magazine had asked HW to write a short piece for their March/April issue on the Trust and its anniversary in 2018.

5 SPrAT thirtieth anniversary 2018 and other projects

• Exhibition

HW had approached the Lighthouse in central Glasgow, and the Trust had been offered free exhibition space for November and December 2018. There would also be the possibility of hiring a larger space for a short period, for events, demonstrations or for a larger display. The next steps would be an outline plan for the content, and obtaining estimates for budgeting. Various suggestions were made as to individuals and organisations who might be willing to be involved.

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Projection equipment would be available, and HW will look into the film available in the NLS film archive.

• Print trail walks

HW had registered an interest with the Glasgow Doors Open Day organisation to conduct guided walks as part of the 2018 weekend. 3.56 media are working on the design for the Glasgow leaflet, and only a few more images needed to be sourced.

• Letterpress workshops

HW is looking into the possibility of running letterpress demonstrations and workshops elsewhere. Dumfries is one possibility.

• Publications

HW will look into the possibility of selling Trust publications at the Lighthouse for the duration of the exhibition.

6 Data Protection policy.

HW mentioned that the law is due to change in May 2018, and that she will review the Trust's practices in advance of this. Graphics Co-op are providing advice on the implications for the website.

7 AOCB

BC reported on the activities of the Cossar Club.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th June 2018. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.