

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust held at 10.30am on Monday 14 June 2021.

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

1. Apologies
A McCleery.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2021 and matters arising
The minutes were approved. PL said that he had not yet been able to meet with Harry McIntosh, but was still hoping to do so when the current restrictions were relaxed.

3 Financial update
PL circulated a financial statement for the year to 31 May 2021. There had been no significant change since then. The accounts recorded a small loss. The only outgoings are the payments for maintaining the website and there had been some of income from sales of publications. Funds in the bank and PayPal accounts stand at £9,366. The Trust continues to 'tick over' until conditions relax, and is maintained in its state of suspended animation by the generosity of the John Watson Foundation.

4 Secretary's report
HW's report had been circulated before the meeting. There was again not much to report, but she had been contacted by both Glasgow and Edinburgh Doors Open Day organisations about participation in this year's festivals. She had declined the invitations on this occasion, because a digital offering was necessary alongside the 'in-person' guided walk, and she would have to learn new software and would not be able to meet the deadlines. It would be useful a digital version of some parts of the walks on the website, linked to the information on places and to the publications. GR offered to provide contacts with the film-making expertise.

HW will however, be leading a walk for the Edinburgh Bibliographical Society in September, and hopes to do further work on the publications, starting with the 2nd edition of the *Edinburgh Print Trail* leaflet when conditions allow launch events such as a series of walks.

HW raised the issue of the Edward Clark Collection of printing books. Because the pandemic conditions, retirements and staff changes at Edinburgh Napier University and the changes to the structure of Print Scotland, the meeting due in autumn 2020 had not yet been held. HW will pass the contact details of those to be invited to GR to arrange the meeting in the near future.

5 AOCB
BH invited GR to undertake the vacant role of Trustee from the next AGM, which he agreed to do and was welcomed by the Trustees. The appointment will be confirmed at the next AGM. There was a short discussion of the need to establish a wider body of supporters, for example by building connections with the art schools.

TH asked if anyone could advise him on a source of parts for the 1930s Victoria press: GR will put him in touch with Alan Creber who should be able to advise him.

6 Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday 21 September 2021, arrangements to be confirmed.