

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust held at 10.30am on Tuesday 21 September 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 14 June 2021 and matters arising
The minutes were approved. PL said that he has been in touch with Harry McIntosh's wife, and hopes to see him soon. Some of the equipment from his workshop had been taken to England.

TH had been in touch with Alan Creber about the work needed on his printing press.

3 Financial update
PL circulated a financial statement for the year to 31 August 2021. The accounts recorded a deficit of £392. The main outgoings are the payments for maintaining the website and postage on the publications. There had been a small income from sales of publications. Funds in the bank and PayPal accounts stand at £9,211. The deficit for the year was likely to be in the region of £400-500.

4 Secretary's report
HW's report had been circulated before the meeting. In addition she reported that the Trust had been offered the minute book of the Central Counties Branch of the Scottish Print Employers Federation, which had turned up in the papers of a former chairman. She will offer to take charge of the volume, and ensure that it joins the rest of the Federation archive in the National Library of Scotland's collection.

HW was approached by the Secretary of the Printing Historical Society, following on from an enquiry they had received from the National Trust for Scotland. As a result she spoke to Berwyn Murray, Heritage Planner at NTS about Robert Smail's Printing Works. More information is awaited, but she has indicated that SPPrAT is keen to work with NTS to support Smail's.

Once restrictions were relaxed HW had been able to conduct *Edinburgh in print* walks again, one for the Edinburgh Bibliographical Society. She had also taken the new intake of students on Edinburgh Napier University's Publishing course on walks in two groups.

HW has also been approached by the Old Glasgow Club and will give a talk on the heritage of the Glasgow printing industry, scheduled for their April 2022 meeting.

Publications: the Trust has very few sales outside the UK. Given the new complexities of the customs forms for sending publications to Europe, and continuing delays on postal services to the US/Canada and Australia, HW has suspended deliveries outside the UK on our online shop for now. She has also deleted the Amazon seller account, as it is some years since we had any orders through them.

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HW explained that following a number of staff retirements at Edinburgh Napier University, she was working with Marian Kirton (the librarian Concerned) to ensure that all background information that was available concerning the Edward Clark Trust, and the collection of books, remained available. HW will share the file minutes etc that had been put together with GR.

HW proposed that the Trust should aim to produce the planned new edition of the *Edinburgh Print Trail* leaflet in the spring, when it should be possible to lead walks based on it, or hold other similar events. The overall design template would be based on the *Glasgow Print Trail* leaflet. It was agreed that she should approach 3fiftysix Media to obtain an estimate of the design costs.

5 AOCB

PM mentioned the Printing Historical Society's project for a virtual printing museum. HW confirmed that the Trust had not been approached about this, and will contact them to express interest co-operating with the project.

6 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10 February 2022, arrangements to be confirmed.