# Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust held at 10am on Thursday 13 October 2022 at the Library of Mistakes, 33a Melville Street Lane, Edinburgh, EH3 7QB.

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

1.      Apologies
A McCleery, T Honnor.

2       Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2022 and matters arising
The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved.

BH asked about the progress of the British Museum of Printing project. HW had attended 2 online meetings on the development of the website which is to underpin the main part of the project.

3       Financial update
PL had circulated financial statements for the year to July 2022, which covered the first three quarters of the Trust's financial year. It is estimated that there will be approximately £7400 in the bank at the end of the financial year. There had been no more major outgoings.

4       Edward Clark Trust
HW reported that she had visited the National Records of Scotland and the archives at Heriot-Watt University and identified the various governing documents. She had discussed her findings with both Alistair McCleery and Avril Gray, the current ENU Trustee. Both agree that HW's report reflects the position as they understand it. It is would be advisable to minute the details of organisational changes, eg from Napier College to ENU, at the next meeting (due in November).

HW also reported that a librarian with responsibility for all Special Collections at ENU has been appointed.

5       Secretary's report
HW gave an update on her activities since the last meeting, including guided walks for the Old Edinburgh Club, the delayed talk to the Bathgate Probus Club and a walk for the Glasgow Doors Open Day Festival. She had also attended a number of other events, including a conference on 19th century workers' cultural activities which had led to an invitation to join the committee of the Scottish Transport and Industrial Collections Knowledge Network (STICK).

Website: following notification that Form & Function were withdrawing website support services, hosting and support is now provided by Lunaria. They advise some changes and updating. Their proposal had been circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that the security updates should go ahead, and that HW would have further discussions about the other proposals, given that resources to spend on this are limited.

# Scottish Printing Archival Trust

HW will also investigate the whereabouts of the files for the *SAPPHIRE* and *Edinburgh: City of Print* websites with a view to establishing legacy sites for them in the future.

Storage: the Trust's archive is split between the Edward Clark Collection at ENU and HW's house; she also has most of the collection of books on printing, one of the pop-ups and the stock of publications for sale, including the posters. The rest of the publications are at Antalis along with the exhibition boards and another pop-up, though they are not all in one place. The Trust is grateful for the facilities offered by Antalis. There is a need to bring everything together in one place and it was agreed that a more formal arrangement for storage and access is needed. HW will estimate the space needed for everything, and GR agreed to enquire about this among industry members.

The postponed launch of the new edition of the *Edinburgh in Print* leaflet was discussed. It was agreed that it would now be better to postpone it again until early 2023, possibly March. HW will see if a room can be obtained for free from one of the businesses or institutions mentioned in the leaflet. It is likely that other sponsorship may be needed for other costs of the launch.

6       AOCB
PL reported that he had visited Bernulf Clegg, who was still in hospital.

It was also noted that there would be two Trustee vacancies after the next AGM and various options for seeking replacements were considered.

7       Date of Next Meeting
February 2022, arrangements to be confirmed.