

Scottish Printing Archival Trust

Minutes of the meeting of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust held at 10.15am on Tuesday 26 June 2023, Merchiston Campus, Edinburgh Napier University, Colinton Road, Edinburgh, EH10 5DT

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

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2023 and matters arising
The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved.

3 Financial update

PL reported that the accounts recorded a deficit of £277 for the year to 30 April 2023, but that there had been very little activity since, apart from a small amount of income from the sales of publications. The funds currently stood at £7,206.00.

4 Secretary's report

HW reported that she attended a number of meetings of the Scottish Transport and Industrial Collections Network, and to plan an event together with National Museums Scotland for the 'Year of Printing Heritage'. This is to be held at the NMS stores at Granton, and it is hoped that it will include a visit to the Cossar Press. She also continues to work closely with the staff at Edinburgh Napier University to promote the Edward Clark Collection.

HW attended another meeting at Blairgowrie Printworks on 9 May with the owner and representatives from Historic Environment Scotland and Our Heritage Blairgowrie. The local organisation is hoping to find a suitable use for the building, which will include an area for printing workshops, and will look into the position on funding. HW will continue to offer advice on the importance of the machines, and help with engineering contacts. She has consulted both John Easson and Tim Honnor about this.

Because HW is moving house, the official address of the charity will have to change. This mainly affects OSCR and the bank. The materials stored in her house will need to be re-housed, and GR offered to approach local print companies to help with this.

5 Forward planning

A suggestion had been made that the website should be re-named 'Scottish Printing Heritage Hub' and following a discussion it was agreed that the Trust's name should be changed to the Scottish Printing Heritage Trust when the Trust Deed is revised. HW will circulate a short description of SPPrAT and the activities it undertakes, and will continue to develop a vision for the future.

There was a discussion around the need to fill the Trustee vacancies. GR put forward some suggestions from amongst Print Scotland members, and it was agreed he should approach them. It is

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possible that one of the members might be willing to act as an additional industry Trustee for the Edward Clark Trust. HW agreed to approach people she knows within the museum and heritage to see if they would be willing to act as Trustees, as well as seeking to widen the group of people involved in the Trust's work.

BH announced that he is planning to retire as chair at the next AGM, and asked the Trustees to consider who the next chair of the Trust should be.

6 AOCB
None.

7 Date of Next Meeting
September 2023, arrangements to be confirmed.