



# THE ABERDEEN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

A Chapter of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland



## 120<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time of Meeting:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018, at 12.30pm

**Venue:** The Board Room, Michael Gilmour Associates, 22 Rubislaw Terrace, Aberdeen, AB10 7JN.

Ref	Item	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	
1.1	The President thanked and welcomed all attendees to the 120 <sup>th</sup> AGM of the Aberdeen Society of Architects.	
1.2	Apologies were noted to attendees.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval for Adoption of the Minutes of the 119<sup>th</sup> AGM, Held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.</b>	
2.1	The minute of the 119 <sup>th</sup> AGM held on 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 was agreed to be a true and accurate record of proceedings.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the 119<sup>th</sup> AGM (not subsequently covered in the items below)</b>	
3.1	Dave Chouman noted that any matters arising are dealt with under the various reports.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>President's Report</b>	
4.1	A Civic reception was held in September in recognition of the Aberdeen Society of Architects Chapter and their contribution to the city. The Lord Provost encouraged future receptions to be held.	
4.2	DC provided a summary of the September 2017 Festival of Architecture where numerous events were held and well received.	
4.3	The RIAS are considering 2018 Festival and what the legacy of the Festival should be.	
4.4	DC and Sheila Riddell provided a summary of the Civic Society Awards shortlist which includes; Prime Four, Capitol, Silver Fin, Marischal Square, Spectra and Nuart.	
4.5	Aberdeenshire Design Awards submission period extended to 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018. Entry is encouraged. The Society has a seat at the table of judges.	
4.6	DC arranged a Craftsmanship event at a recently completed project. 80 people attended. Following this success there would be interest in hosting a further event in the city centre with some Chapter involvement, local contractors etc.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Annual Accounts for Adoption</b>	
5.1	SR presented the accounts for year ending December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017.	
5.2	SR advised the accounts are in a healthy position. As of 31.12.17 balance sat at £12,381.92.	
5.3	The school has requested support for some students from the Riddell Bequest to support students in need of additional funding. This was approved.	
5.4	The accounts were accepted by Sholto Humphries and Gordon Smith.	
5.5	SR requested approval to remain using Clark Christie Accountancy. George Simpson confirmed provided acceptance.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Report on Sub-Committees</b>	



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6.1	Dinner 2018 – was a successful event. There were no sponsors this year, by choice and the dinner fared well financially without this support. Speaker was Richard Murphy. Feedback has been good.	
6.2	Dinner 2019 – DC open to suggestion of venues and speakers. Richard Slater advised interest from attendees as to how they can help, RS will follow up with details.	
6.3	DC keen to consider out of town venues.	
6.4	There is a potential for an Arts Ball / Architects Society Collaboration event with Students.	
6.5	Design Awards – RS provided a summary of the awards; Last 3 years the awards have grown in participation and had a positive reception.	
6.6	The production of a brochure had been successful and well received.	
6.7	Numbers of entries seems to fluctuate with the commercial climate. Consideration to make the awards a biannual event was made and it was decided to remain an annual event unless numbers prohibit this.	
6.8	Sandy Beattie who acted as a judge for the awards provided an ‘inside view’ of the judging process. Thanked all for the opportunity and advised a noticeable growth and improvement in the quality and aspiration of work. Addressed potential conflicts in judging process and how this is avoided. Also advise keen to see award winners published/exhibited front of house in Marischal College.	
6.9	RS has requested brief summaries of winning projects for use in any future publications.	
6.10	DC advised there was an article in the business section of the Press and Journal.	
6.11	Bruce Ballance advised the entry criteria has been brought in line with the national awards.	
6.12	Festival of Architecture – RS advised Gordon Simpson was heavily involved, particularly in leading the Camera Obscura and Harbour Model. Both are now in storage for consideration for future use.	
6.13	RS advised Hillary Nicol is keen to push the School Education pack with support of Grays School of Art.	
6.14	CPD – DC has been coordinating with RIAS to host a CPD on new appointment documents etc.	
6.15	There is to be a CPD event held at the Capitol building with a contractual focus.	
6.16	Ian Roger to lead on CPD coordination.	
6.17	Communications – RS advised website was down and has now been restored. News has been updated regularly. There is a call for others to get involved if they can. Presented a formal report to attendees.	
6.18	RS is to email members looking for participation on the committee.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>RIAS Convention, Aberdeen Friday 11th &amp; Saturday 12th May 2018</b>	
7.1	RIAS convention is to be held at Queens Cross Church. List of Speakers has still to be released.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>ASA Special Project</b>	
8.1	Looking into a Chapter led promotion of the city centre/ASA projects. Walking tour/250 route.	



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<b>9.0</b>	<b>RIAS Governance Review – Nomination for ASA Representative</b>	
9.1	RIAS are in a period of reflection with a full review of by-laws etc.	
9.2	DC looking for nominations for ASA representative.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>RIAS Five-Year Strategy – Nomination for ASA Representative</b>	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>RIAS Fellowship in ASA Chapter:</b>	
11.1	Jane Spiers, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	
11.2	Dr Lamond Laing, 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Partnerships – Aberdeen Allied Professionals Forum</b>	
11.3	Liasing with the following organisations; Advocates, Surveyors, Engineers, Construction Professionals, Women in Property.	
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Engagement with School of Architecture &amp; Students</b>	
13.1	There was a good attendance from Students at the dinner.	
13.2	There are a number of ASA members participating in the RGU Mentoring Scheme.	
13.3	Silver Medal Judging was supported by the ASA Committee.	
13.4	The Big Crit 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018, Members encouraged to attend.	
13.5	ASA continue to support 5710 with sponsorship	
13.6	RIAS are to host a reception for Students with RIAS president in attendance to explain role of RIAS to students. 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	
<b>14.0</b>	<b>Support to Charities</b>	
14.1	Architects Benevolent Society is supported by ASA. A visit from the society is to be organized to explain work of ABS to members.	
14.2	Maggie Centre Culture Crawl has been supported by the ASA.	
<b>15.0</b>	<b>Election of ASA Council Members</b>	
15.1	There are to be no more than 5 named Council Members. There are currently 6 positions available. View to fill these positions over the coming year.	
<b>16.0</b>	<b>ASA Representation on RIAS Council</b>	
16.1	Dave Chouman – Remains in Role	
16.2	Richard Slater – Remains in Role	
16.3	Sholto Humphries nominated and seconded by Sheila Riddell	
<b>17.0</b>	<b>Election of ASA Office Bearers</b>	
17.1	ASA President – Dave Chouman remains in post	
17.2	Junior Vice – Richard Slater remains in post	
17.3	Secretary – Ross Anderson remains in post	
17.4	Treasurer – Sheila Riddell remains in post	



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18.0	<b>Nominations for 2019-2021</b>	
18.1	DC & SR Advised their positions will be up for review.	
19.0	<b>A.O.C.B.</b>	
19.1	A fellowship presentation is to be held following the meeting to Dr Lamond Laing	
20.0	<b>Next ASA Council Meeting:</b>	
20.1	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	