

# **Architecture & Design Scotland**

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## **ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SCOTLAND**

### **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**Bakehouse Close, Canongate, Edinburgh**

**9.45 am on Thursday 14 November 2019**

**Present:** Ann Allen (AA) Chair, Sue Evans (SE), Alistair Scott (AS), Angela Bonney (AB) (part), Bruce Ross (BR), Daisy Narayanan (DN), Graham Hill (GH), & Lynn Wilson (LW)

**Staff:** Jim MacDonald, (CEO), Heather Chapple (HC), Lynne Lineen (LL), Diarmaid Lawlor (DL), Sue Reynolds (SR), Anja Ekelof (AE), Emelie Borg (EB) & Andrea Hepburn (AH - Minutes)

**Guests:** Ian Gilzean, Scottish Government (IG), Aileen Campbell MSP (AC) & Gillian Cross (PS to AC)

### **1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies were received from Caroline Parkinson and Kirsty Macari.

As this was Diarmaid Lawlor's last Board Meeting, the Chair thanked him on behalf of the Board for the great contribution he has made to A&DS over the years and looked forward to working within him in his new role at the SFT.

AA declared that she now sits as a Commissioner on Glasgow's Place Commission and asked that the register of interests be updated to reflect this.

### **6 A&DS CARBON FOOTPRINT**

JMacD presented the paper and advised that should Board agree the recommendations, we would then explore the practicalities of implementing each aspect.

The recommendations were AGREED and JMacD was asked to keep the Board informed of progress in implementing them.

### **2 AILEEN CAMPBELL MSP**

Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities & Local Government joined the meeting at 1015. The Chair welcomed her and outlined our new Strategy and our ambition for it to support the Place Principle.

AC thanked the Chair for the opportunity to meet the Board and noted the breadth of work A&DS undertakes in support of the aims of the National Performance Framework. She welcomed the suggested focus on the Place Principle, noted the range of other organisations signing up to it and highlighted the importance of using examples to make it easily understood by all. She also mentioned a series of recent engagement with A&DS at Carlisle, Gallatown, Inverkeithing and Pennywell which demonstrate the benefits to people of a place-based approach.

AC thanked the Chair for the work A&DS does and looks forward to working with us in the future as the new strategy develops and would be keen to come back for further discussion before it is launched.

AA thanked AC for coming along and for her energy and enthusiasm for her work and our links.

### **3 CORPORATE STRATEGY**

JMacD highlighted that the purpose of the paper is to draw together the work of the first phase of the strategy development by setting out a proposed context and focus which will frame the final document.

Following discussion, the recommendations were AGREED subject to adding in "sustaining" alongside "planning, designing and delivering" within the four focus areas. Therefore bullet points one and four would read as follows:-

- Being a leading organisation enabling the transformation of Scotland's places through the way they are planned, designed, delivered and sustained.
- Promoting the benefits of collaboration in planning, designing, delivering and sustaining our built environment.

### **4 STAKEHOLDER MAPPING WORKSHOP**

AE led a workshop to review the stakeholder map and identify the priorities for engagement around the strategy. AE will collate and circulate the results of this exercise to inform the next phase of the strategy development.

JMacD confirmed that approaches to individual stakeholders would be co-ordinated by his team.

### **5 SCOTLAND + VENICE**

JMacD presented the paper and ran through a series of queries that had been raised in advance by members. The purpose of the paper was to obtain 'in principle' support for the proposal that the Scotland + Venice partnership acquire a 4-year option on a venue to host both the Architecture and the Art Exhibitions. This support carries no financial risk and is subject to detailed feasibility and agreement with Scottish Ministers.

Following discussion, the recommendation was AGREED subject to further scrutiny by the Board of the detail if this proposal is agreed by Ministers.

### **7 ANNUAL REVIEW**

AE tabled a draft of this year's Annual Review for members to see ahead of publication. This year the theme is Place Principle and will feature four stories alongside highlights from the year. The document will be web-based but we will produce four postcards with QR codes which will take people to the web based version. We will promote stories through social media in December with the finalised limited number of hard copies distributed to the stakeholder list in the new year.

Board thanked AE and looked forward to receiving the published version.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### Infrastructure Commission

AA advised that JMacD and herself are meeting the Infrastructure Commission next week and asked for any points we wish to make with them.

**ACTION 1:** The recent submission to the Infrastructure Commission to be recirculated for Board Members' information.

### Spending Review

JMacD advised that the SG Spending Review is unlikely to be announced until early in 2020 owing to the postponement of the UK Budget following the decision to hold a general election.

### Circular Economy Bill

LW advised that the Circular Economy Bill will soon be out for comment and asked if A&DS would be responding. JMacD advised we would look at it.

### Thanks from DL

DL wished to thank everyone for the opportunity to work at A&DS and the support given to him on the various challenges faced over the years.

The Meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

Signed



**Ann Allen, Chair**

Date 13 February 2020