

# POLLOKSHIELDS HERITAGE

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in the Fotheringay Centre at 7.30pm (Draft)

**Sederunt:-** Niall Murphy [Chair], Hilary Stanger [Treasurer], Iain Dyer [Vice chair], John Thomson [Acting Secretary] Helen Barnard, Evelyn Lennie, Helen McNamara. Roger Millar, Alison Taylor and a further 29 persons signed the attendance sheet.

**Apologies:-** some 8 apologies had been received from members, along with those from committee members *viz* David Hart, Elizabeth Jarvis, Janet Lamb, Ann Laing and Sheila Ogilvie,

**Minutes of the 2011 AGM:-** These minutes, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record. Adoption was proposed by Helen McNamara and seconded by Helen Millar.

**Chairman's Report:-** Niall Murphy reviewed some of the issues discussed by the committee during the year. He noted the increased range of activities in Pollokshields in 2011 its 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the cutting of the first sod.

- **Guided bus tours:-** 3 bus tours of Pollokshields had taken place with the epicentre being Maxwell Park Station. At this location there was a display board exhibition of Pollokshields Past & Present by Roger Millar. Jack Kernahan was present on one occasion to sign discounted copies of his book "The Cathcart Circle".
- **Heritage Trails:-** The Chairman reported that funding for £10K had been obtained from the Lottery Fund. Pollokshields Heritage [PH] was now responsible for the leaflet design. 2 leaflets had been completed. The 3rd was to be on architects, artisans *et al*, It was hoped that all would be ready for Doors Open Day in September. Helen McNamara had done some individual house searches on behalf of PH Members. This information plus the trail data would be put on the PH website.
- **Maxwell Park Station:-** The upgraded former booking hall is being used by various community groups and generates a modest income for PH. The efforts to try to re-install utilities into the building continue but so far in vain. PH continues to be indebted to Ann Laing for all her work in planting and maintaining the Platform Flower Tubs.
- **Lecture Series:-** The winter monthly lecture programme has included many subjects pertinent to, and of interest to, Pollokshields. These have been successful but run at a financial loss. The committee will continue to sponsor these meantime.
- **Newsletter:-** The newsletter has been relaunched and should come out quarterly. Helen McNamara is the new editor and was congratulated for her considerable work and achievement. She is always looking for more news and information. Contact her *via* the website [www.pollokshieldsheritage.org.uk](http://www.pollokshieldsheritage.org.uk) or PO Box 3754, G41 4YF.
- **City Plan 3:-** PH had spent a great deal of time and effort on City Plan 2 and put in a detailed report. This plan was abandoned at very short notice and City Plan 3 substituted. It was felt that there were not significant changes from the earlier one and PH had referred its response to Plan 3 as similar to objections put in re Plan 2.

**East Pollokshields Conservation Area;-** PH had welcomed the proposal to extend its Conservation Area particularly in respect of the iconic A-Listed Miller & Lang building in Darnley Street. Sadly, the Council decided not to implement this. There was no support

from Historic Scotland. Both these groups averred that the building's A-listed would protect it and appeared impervious to the argument that alterations within its curtilage or surrounding areas could have a devastating effect.

Another sadness was the permission to demolish one of the cottages in Forth Road in favour of retail outlets. This was one of the remaining vernacular buildings pre dating the Garden Suburb.

**-St Andrew's Drive Phone Mast:-** Representation had been made against a 17.5 metre mast on the grounds that it would be visually detrimental. The Council refused permission.

**- VAT on alterations to Listed Buildings:-** The Chancellor had suddenly imposed full VAT rates on most alterations to listed buildings [except Churches]. It was felt that this could have a devastating effect on our historic buildings and heritage. The consultation period is till May 4th A certain number of responses forces a Parliamentary Debate. The Chairman strongly exhorted individuals to respond. The following link can be used <http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/2012/04/17/vat-2012-campaign-toolkit/>

**- Charrette;-** PH is working, with others, to find an affordable design permitting streets in E Pollokshields to be for people rather than solely for cars.

**- Acknowledgements:-** The Chairman thanked the committee members for support. He thanked Sheila Ogilvie, a founder member and an invaluable source, *via* her books and personal contact, about all things Pollokshields. She had decided to retire from the committee. Thankyou flowers and a card were arranged.

*[please note a fuller version of Niall Murphy's talk appears on our website @ [www.pollokshieldsheritage.org.uk](http://www.pollokshieldsheritage.org.uk)]*

**Treasurer's Report:-** Hilary Stanger had circulated the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012, along with the Statement of Balances and the Independent Examiner's report on the accounts. She gave an explanation of these paying tribute to the help received from Lesley Paddison who had scrutinised them as our independent examiner. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Iain Dyer and seconded by Niall Murphy, and unanimously agreed by the members present. The Meeting agreed to appoint Lesley Paddison again for next year.

**Election of Office Bearers and Committee:-** Nominations were invited at the meeting. None were forthcoming. The committee had received prior nominations and these were put to the meeting. All were elected *viz*

- Niall Murphy - Chairman
- Iain Dyer - Vice Chairman
- Janet Lamb - Secretary
- Hilary Stanger - Treasurer / Membership Secretary

And committee members; Helen Barnard, David Hart, Elizabeth Jarvis, Ann Laing, Evelyn Lennie, Helen McNamara, Roger Millar, John Thomson, and Alison Taylor. It was noted that further members could be co-opted.

**AOCB:-** None

**Date of Next Meeting:-** This would be in April 2013, the exact date to be arranged.

After the meeting there was an illustrated talk by Prof. Kevin Murray, His talk was entitled 'Grandhome & the National SSCI Charrette'.