



**Minutes of STICK meeting held McManus
Collections Unit, 10th April 2013**

Present	
Linda Ross (SMM) (Chair), Ellie Swinbank (National Mining Museum Scotland), Karen Thompson, Rhona Rodger (Leisure and Culture Dundee), Mark Watson (Historic Scotland)	
1. Apologies	
Miriam McDonald (RCAHMS), Justin Parkes (North Lanarkshire Council), Elsa Davidson (NMS), Jenn Reid (NMS), Alexander Hayward (NMS), Beverley Donaldson (IMS), Klaus Staubermann (NMS)	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	
The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no corrections	
3. Matters Arising	ACTION
Matters arising from the previous minutes had been expedited or were on the agenda.	
4. Spring Meeting – AGM debrief	
LR commented on the success of the Spring Meeting, which had attracted new members as attendees. LR has written to Sabina Strachan to thank her for hosting the event.	
RR reported that the bill for catering (£150) has not yet been paid, but this is in hand.	
MW wondered if limiting the number of attendees to the AGM was appropriate. It was noted that registration had been closed some time before the event because of restrictions on the numbers attending. It was suggested that a larger venue be sought in future.	
5. Machine Tools Project: update	ACTION
LR reported that a consultant (Jim Mitchell, formerly of Heritage Engineering) had been appointed to scope out the machine tools project. This was underway and Jim may have contacted some members of STICK in relation to his work. Jim is to report on what steps need to be taken towards another, larger bid to start the project. His report should be available within a couple of weeks.	
LR reported that STICK had received £2,000 from MGS towards the project and that NMM, NMS and Summerlee were contributing £700 between them to pay for the difference.	
6. Web Update	
KK was not present and there was no web update.	ALL
It was noted that all members had been asked to write a biography of approximately 100 words for the STICK website. These should be submitted to Jenn.	Write short bio for web and email to Jenn.

<p>It was noted that Twitter was being used effectively, particularly to retweet relevant information from other sources. The issue of a Twitter policy was raised. MW reported that AIA has recently produced a list of rules and regulations for users of their Twitter account and he will circulate these to STICK members for discussion as a template.</p>	<p>MW to circulate AIA regulations on use of Twitter account.</p>
<p>7. Conference 2013</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>The date of the conference is 19 October 2013. The topic is Design in Industry.</p> <p>Riddles Court Edinburgh (Scottish Historic Buildings Trust) has been booked as a venue.</p> <p>One speaker has been booked: Frances Robertson of Glasgow School of Art, an art historian who works with engineering drawings.</p> <p>The topic of the conference will be based around the question of 'Form or Function: which is more important?', which the speakers will debate. As yet no further speakers have been contacted. RR suggested procuring a speaker who is actively working in design. LR is to contact the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland (IESIS) to this end. Other possible speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Bruce Peter – Lecturer at Glasgow School of Art who's research relates to architecture and design for leisure and transport, often focusing on ships and shipping. ○ Perilla Kinchin – author of "Glasgow's Great Exhibitions, 1888, 1901, 1911, 1938, 1988". ○ Miles Oglethorp has said he could speak briefly on the design of super-colleries ○ Ali Davey (HS) on design in the Scottish Iron Industry <p>It was suggested that the new Forth Crossing Contact and Education Centre would be an interesting alternative venue for the event. ES volunteered to speak to a contact there to explore the possibility. Meanwhile LR will contact MM to investigate whether there is the possibility to move the conference at this stage.</p> <p>It was felt that Historic Scotland funding for the event may be unlikely. MW suggested contacting Thomas Knowles regarding a small grant. ES volunteered to do this. RR volunteered to explore other sources of funding.</p> <p>LR suggested organising a sub-meeting of the group to specifically organise the conference. She will circulate the date and time to all committee members.</p>	<p>LR to check with MM whether venue has been confirmed.</p> <p>LR to contact IESIS for ideas on a speaker.</p> <p>ES to contact Forth Crossing Centre to enquire about using as a venue for STICK meetings/conference.</p> <p>ES to contact Historic Scotland re. Small Grants bid.RR to consider other possible funding streams.</p> <p>LR to circulate date and time of meeting to organise conference.</p>

8. Future Plans	
<p>Early Railways Seminar The date of this seminar will be 16th November 2013. SRPS Bo'ness has been booked as a location, but this needs to be confirmed with Julia Stephen.</p> <p>The theme of the event will be Early Railways, but this will be combined with a 'Big Stuff' events, focusing on the curation/preservation of large objects. It remains to be clarified whether the Big Stuff event is to be organised by STICK, or in conjunction with any other organisations.</p> <p>Two speakers have been identified for the event so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KT will speak on Dundee Newtyle Railway ○ Roland Paxton will speak on lighthouse railways, but may also be prevailed upon to the civil engineering heritage aspect of early railways <p>In addition it is hoped include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteers from SRPS showing attendees around workshops / projects that they are working on. ○ Trailing and discussion around curating/ caring for large objects. <p>Miriam has asked if one of the new committee members could organise this event. KT volunteered and RR will assist.</p> <p>LR has already contacted some speakers for this event and will forward details to KT.</p> <p>ReInvent Project Daniela Wellnitz had been shortlisted for the post of administrator for the project, but it is not clear whether she has been appointed. The committee assumed that the future role of STICK in this project does not go any further than representation through membership and speakers at the forthcoming events.</p> <p>Private Collections Project KT aired an idea for a future project to the group. It was agreed that this idea had some value and that it be set down in writing and circulated to the group before the next meeting.</p>	<p>KT to contact Julia Stephens to confirm venue booking.</p> <p>KT to clarify with MM organisation of Big Stuff event.</p> <p>KT and RR to plan content of event to be circulated at next meeting.</p> <p>LR forward details of potential speakers who have already been contacted to KT.</p> <p>KT to circulate idea for future project to group.</p>

9. Association of Industrial Archaeology Conference	
<p>The conference will be in Dundee from 9th to 15th August 2013.</p> <p>MW requires volunteers to assist with the outings organised around the event, but also with manning information desks and welcoming guests during the conference. He requests that members contact him with offers of assistance and details of any students who would be interested in assisting. Free places at the conference may be available for those helping out.</p> <p>MW has set aside one hour and thirty minutes of the conference session for speakers from STICK. He hopes this would include talks on the Reinvent project, Old Tools, New Uses project and perhaps one other. The event is seen as an opportunity to promote STICK. It was suggested that IMS should have a presence at the conference.</p>	<p>ALL contact MW with offers of voluntary assistance with AIA conference</p> <p>MW to contact KS and LR to organise speakers and BD to organise IMS stall.</p>
10. AOCB	
<p>Coal Collections Group</p> <p>A workshop was held at RCAHMS on 20 February 2013 to will explain to participants how to add to the online exhibition. None of those who attended the workshop were present to report. ES informed the meeting that the outcomes of this project should be available on SCRAN by the end of summer 2013.</p> <p>LR reported that the Linthouse building at SMM Irvine will be open at the end of May and an invitation to view the building will be sent to all STICK committee members.</p>	<p>LR to send out invitations to Lighthouse opening.</p>
11. Date and Venue for Next Meeting	
11am Monday 24 th June. Venue TBC	