



**Minutes of STICK meeting held at Dundee City
Council Museums Collections Unit
on Monday 20 June 2011**

Present	
<p>Ian Brown (NMS), Jilly Burns (NMS), Miriam McDonald (RCAHMS) (Chair), Justin Parkes (North Lanarkshire Council) (Minutes), Jennifer Reid (St Andrews Preservation Trust), Rhona Rodger (Dundee City Council), Laura MacCalman (West Dunbartonshire Council), Ellie Swinbank (National Mining Museum Scotland), Mark Watson (Historic Scotland)</p>	
1. Apologies	
<p>Karen Bell (Almond Valley), Rowan Brown (National Mining Museum Scotland), Gill Findlay (MGS), Alexander Hayward (NMS), Kiara King (Ballast Trust), David Reid (Dumfries & Galloway Aviation Museum)</p>	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	
<p>The Minutes of 18 April 2011 were approved.</p> <p>MW submitted one correction: the Association for Industrial Archaeology are seeking locations for visits in 2013 not in Glasgow but in the area between Perth and Dundee. The visits will take place over 4 days after the AIA 'Tayside to Deeside' weekend conference. There is potential for STICK to be involved with this event and this will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.</p>	
3. Matters Arising	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan Combe has compiled the STICK paperwork ready for MM to transfer it to RCAHMS for long-term storage; • The Committee agreed the content of the roles of the office bearers; • A bank account will be opened before the next Committee meeting; • JR expressed an interest in becoming Membership Secretary; • The machine tools project has raised a potential problem re the Constitution: the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation does not consider that STICK as currently constituted is in a position to received funds from them. 	<p><i>MM to review the paperwork and transfer it to RCAHMS</i></p> <p><i>MM to liaise with RR and JB</i> <i>MM to send JR the role description</i> <i>JP to contact the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation for clarification</i></p>
4. Update on Old Tools, New Uses	ACTION
<p>The catalogue is now on the website and signed-off but has not yet been officially launched. NMS will be able to produce a few hard copies ahead of the launch.</p> <p>The education resource is very good, with videos of objects being demonstrated and loans boxes. There will also be downloads. JB will be seeking feedback on the sewing machines loans box from LM.</p>	<p><i>JB and LM to discuss the sewing machines educational resource.</i></p> <p><i>JB to try and get dates for the launch from the Minister's office</i></p>

<p>Lu McNair at Summerlee has requested that the boxes be kept at Summerlee initially for use with local schools and this was agreed. The next Committee meeting will be held at Summerlee so that all can view the loans boxes.</p> <p>We are about to hand over £2,000 to Tools for Self Reliance for the shipment of the materials.</p> <p>A journalist with the Independent is still keen to do a piece on the project.</p> <p>A launch will be held in September or October, possibly at Summerlee.</p>	
<p>5. Machine Tools Project: update</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>An application has been submitted to the Esmee Fairbairn Collections Fund. The Museums Association indicated that the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation were unlikely to accept an application from STICK as the lead organisation as we were not adequately constituted. Therefore the application was submitted as a joint bid by North Lanarkshire Council Museums and Heritage and STICK with NLC acting as the lead partner.</p> <p>The project working group consists of JP, KS, MM, RR and either RB or ES (to be confirmed) and will aim to meet before the grant awards are announced in mid-July.</p>	<p><i>The working group to hold a meeting before next Committee meeting</i></p> <p><i>All to pass on to JP any useful contacts within engineering firms in Scotland.</i></p>
<p>6. Web Update</p>	
<p>NMS have paid for another year's subscription to the website.</p> <p>KK has asked all to consider what we want to see on the website going forward. She has redesigned the blog to improve readability.</p>	<p><i>MM to ask KK to do a how-to session on the blog at the next meeting</i></p>
<p>7. Scottish Industrial Heritage Days: progress</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>STICK will be participating in this year's Doors Open Days.</p> <p>MM showed the Committee mock-ups of the postcards which will be distributed to venues. The Ballast Trust are to pay for the production of 1,000 postcards. JR offered to provide the address to which the completed cards will be sent. RCAHMS will produce the stickers to go on the cards, possibly using different colours for different venues.</p> <p>The prizes are still to be finalised: it would be 9 months to wait for the prize of free entry to the airshow so an alternative might be to offer free family membership.</p>	<p><i>MM and KK to re-draft the postcards, tie-up loose ends and send the design on to the Scottish Civic Trust for with covering note for all area DOD organisers</i></p>
<p>8. Conference 2011: Knowledge Sharing</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

<p>The 2011 conference is scheduled for 1 October. It is hoped that the venue will be the Rolls Royce facility at Inchinnan but this has not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>An alternative (non-charging) venue will be found in case it is not possible to hold the conference at RR.</p> <p>LM is to join the conference working group.</p> <p>Gordon Masterton OBE is to be the keynote speaker.</p> <p>The question of how the conference is to be funded will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Conference working group to meet soon</i></p> <p><i>Group to identify an alternative venue</i></p> <p><i>MMD to add LM to Conference email list</i></p>
9. AOB	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STICK proposal for a presentation at the MGS conference on 16 September was accepted: JB will be chairing the session that includes the presentation. David Woodcock will not be able to attend so RR and JP will talk; • NMS has launched its new National Programme; • There is now a date for the NMS large object training event, which will be run as a joint event with STICK on 10 November at the National Museum of Flight. JB will circulate more information for those who may wish to attend; • North Lanarkshire Museums and NMS hope to hold another Monument Fellowship knowledge transfer event with STICK in the autumn, possibly involving moulding and casting at Granton, JP and KS will keep all updated; • IB reminded all that the 'Made in Britain' TV series on British engineering starts tonight; • MM announced that RCAHMS are involved with the 'Titans of Scotland: Giants of the Clyde' project with Clydebank Rebuilt, Digital Design Studio and Historic Scotland and others, focussing on 4 surviving cantilever cranes in Scotland. MM will keep the Committee posted. • It was agreed that it would be desirable for STICK to prepare a response to the consultation on a National Strategy for Museums which is being led by MGS (NMS, NGS, AIM and Glasgow Museums are on the steering group): the Committee will meet again soon so as to be in time for the deadline. 	
10. Date and Venue for Next Meeting	
<p>Monday 8 August, at Summerlee Museum, Coatbridge</p> <p>(to be confirmed)</p>	