

Sir Patrick Geddes Memorial Trust – Forum Meeting – Wednesday 25 April 2012

South Bridge Resource Centre (18:00)

Present		
Ben Tindall (Chair)	David Cameron	Mike Affolter
Sofia Leonard	Steve Hajducki	Walter Stephen
Kenny Munro	Simon Bonsall	
Apologies		
LesleyMay Millar	Tom Potter	Charles Strang

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Item	Action
1 – Monument	
Understand that Ramsay Lane site could not be ultimately supported by Edinburgh University with regard to security and insurance (theft).	
Understand that the owner of Sandeman House has been approached and agreed to allow the siting of the bust in the garden of Sandeman House, which was a Geddes garden. Public access is a concern to PGMT but public access to the garden is supported by the owner.	
PGMT is aware the Kenny Hunter (Sculptor) has already been appointed but wondered if alternative materials for the casting might make the bust less desirable to thieves.	
Understand that the majority of funds for the bust have been raised and congratulations to Ian Appleton for that achievement and his drive to see the project come to fruition.	
Simon Bonsall, Sofia Leonard, David Cameron to meet Ian Appleton to explore assistance PGMT might offer, how to ensure the maximum impact of the bust can be achieved in terms of awareness, and to gain details on a conference to coincide with the unveiling of the bust.	Simon Bonsall to contact Ian Appleton and confirm arrangements
Making the most of the opportunity – Some ideas but focusing on perhaps being able to use the mould for the bust to cast a series of near identical busts (in a different material) to form a recognisable object to look of on a trail linked to information about Geddes influence on the place within which the bust is placed.	
2 – Riddles Court (feedback from FORCE meeting)	
Good turnout. Speakers allowed 5 minutes for their 'pitch' on the purpose for Riddles Court. Sofia spoke on the educational ideas of Geddes, including the 3 Doves idea noted in the PGMT March 2012	

minute. Stephen explained the purpose of PGMT and outlined what the Trust might offer. Follow-up papers being prepared by speakers.	
The result of the meeting seems to be many disparate views but two key cases, one on Riddles Court being a hub for community groups and the other that it should be a centre for Geddesian based learning.	
PGMT agree that ideally the centre would offer a Geddesian message within its activities and that some space/room be provided for meetings and display of Geddes related material.	
Next Riddles Court Meeting 4 May, 12:30.	Volunteer needed to attend.
3 – Finances	
Treasury Stock interest (£2k per year) plus Walter Stephen's books have been the Trusts main source of income over recent years. Both streams of income have now significantly reduced. Stock options no longer favourable and the management costs involved in gaining higher rates of interest would largely obliterate profit.	
Cash assets will now be placed with Clydesdale Bank for 12months but the interest will result in profit of less than £1k which is insufficient to cover Trust operational costs and therefore the Trust has to raise funds or it will begin to erode its cash capital as of this year.	
Note there are sources of grant assistance but this is available for defined projects, not operational costs. Although an amount can be identified for project management of projects within the grant allocation.	
Walter to check current situation with Awards for All.	Walter Stephen
Stephen to check if there are any support leads arising from the 26 March charity funding event organised by the City Council.	Stephen Hajducki
Ben to follow up with the brother of Alexander McCall-Smith.	Ben Tindall
Note the support already received from the Scottish Government with relation to the Student awards but could also consider the awards as a Project rather than as an operational cost. Could also seek commercial sponsorship, perhaps in the form of work experience.	
Form a list of suitable projects which could be undertaken or managed (for a fee). Consider the benefits of a professional fundraiser, noting concerns regards costs of this.	All. Simon Bonsall to check for previous list
All to think of names of individuals / organisations who might be interested in supporting projects or the Trust more generally.	All
4 – Scots College / Montpellier	
Ben has written to various people / organisations, including the Mayor of Montpellier.	
Scottish Government have advised they can't assist.	
French institute have no role but are happy to facilitate Geddes related	

cross-cultural connections.	
Geddes Friends in Montpellier appreciative of the letter.	
No message from Montpellier Mayor.	
Note conference to be held in the Scots College 11 May. Links to information to be sent.	Simon Bonsall / Ben Tindall
Ben to forward the information he has on the College.	Ben Tindall
5 – Portsburgh Garden – West Bow	
Kenny has some information about the purpose of the garden dated 1923. The information is of unknown providence. Information to be scanned to Simon to pass to Wendy Hubbard.	Kenny Munro / Simon Bonsall
PGMT pleased that action is being taken to improve the space, noting its constraints (north facing, electricity transformer) and would welcome community ownership. Current ownership thought to be the City Council.	
Would be useful if Geddes reference could be made within the garden.	
Ben to speak to Brian Snell Landscape Architect.	Ben Tindall
6 – AOB	
The dragons at Wardrop Court, carved by Arthur Geddes have been removed for renovation by the City Council. Work almost complete.	
Outlook Tower – Bringing Geddes to life project. Meeting Mid may to discuss ideas. Ben’s office @ 18:00. Followed by a meeting with Andrew Johnson of the Outlook tower for June.	Simon Bonsall to confirm arrangements.
Consider Outlook tower project to link with Riddles court and as a route for project specific fundraising.	