



Minutes of the meeting of the British section of the Franco-British Union of Architects held at 18:30 on 10 February 2020 at the Oriental Club

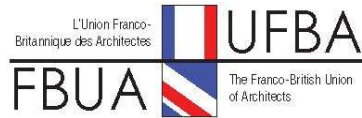
Present:			
Allan Baird	AB	Stephen Bradley	SB
Patrick Manwell	PM	Derek Montefiore	DM
Charles Dorin	CD	Ghada Al Madfai	GA
Francis Graves	FG	Johnny Devas	JD
Mark Potter	MP		
EVENTS			
When	What	Where	Comment
20-21.03.2020	Jt Committee	TBA (London)	agreed Reunion
Mon 06.04.2020	FBUA Committee	Oriental Club	agreed FBUA committee
04-07.06.2020	Reunion Liverpool	TBA	agreed Reunion
Mon 22.06.2020	FBUA Committee	Oriental Club	agreed FBUA committee
Thu 24.09.2020	FBUA Committee	Oriental Club	agreed FBUA committee
9-10.10.2020	Jt Committee	TBA (Paris)	agreed Reunion
Thu 03.12.2020	FBUA Committee	Oriental Club	agreed FBUA committee
19-20.03.2021	Jt Centenary Committee	TBA (London)	agreed Reunion
1.0	APOLOGIES Robert Butterfield, Cedric Mitchell, Howard Nash, Yasmin Shariff, Michael Morrison, Ralph Carpenter		
2.0	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 6.3 Hannah Watkins – bursary subject not as noted but rather a study on Lyon. Otherwise approved		
3.0	MATTERS ARISING Refer to Items below		
3.1	New members C/F Pat Woodward had expressed an interest in joining but his subscription had not been received. CM & JD to check and confirm to RC who is to re-contact if necessary.		CM / JD RC
3.2	Venue for FBUA Committee Meetings Agreed the Oriental Club would remain the venue and post April this would be done using reciprocal membership available to CD with booking arrangements by PM. Boardroom Hire rate £30 per hour to be invoiced direct to treasurer.		



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4.0	LONDON JOINT COMMITTEE 20 - 21 MARCH 2020		
4.1	<p>March lecture Lectures to be covered under the tile “Creating public / private spaces in London and Paris. Three lecturers booked and AB reported there may be more. No sponsorship obtained from VM Zinc or anyone else. There would be no venue hire costs as the RIBA considered it a West London Architects event and will cover it. AB will produce flyer in the coming ten days. Ticket price to be agreed.</p>	AB AB / GA	
4.2	<p>March Building Visits Friday - Lunch and visit to Battersea Arts Centre by Haworth Tomkins confirmed. Tour by Imogen Long, project Architect when at HW. Then half mile walk to catch 452 bus onto café at Duke of York Square then to RIBA (22 bus). Saturday - Alexandra Road 1970s housing by Neave Brown, then Brunswick Centre, Russel Square. Noted that Brendon Woods lives in the Brunswick Centre there and likely to be able to recommend restaurant. AB to contact and finalise arrangements.</p>	AB	
4.3	<p>March Building Visits – student alumni attendance MP stated there are 28 alumni and felt the FBUA should stay in touch with them. To facilitate this it was agreed they could join BAC visit, have admission to Friday lecture and attend Alexandra / Brunswick visit all without charge but excluding joining us to eat. MP/RB will circulate to students by email and copy to JD so that GroupSpaces database can be updated.</p>		
5.0	LIVERPOOL JUNE REUNIION JUNE 2020		
5.1	<p>Visits GA presented spreadsheet showing the full programme including a visit to Everton FC and indicating costs so far. GA asked to clarify if costs stated included VAT.</p>	GA	
5.2	<p>Attendance by recipients of Bursaries and Alumni MP proposed and it was agreed that Thais Macarry (recipient of French bursary in 2019) and Hannah Watkins (recipient of British in 2018) should be invited to Liverpool for 1 day – arriving Friday night and staying until Saturday afternoon. Each to give a presentation on their findings – max 1 hour in total. FBUA to pay for their transport and accommodation. MP to issue invites. If HW cannot do a talk in June, she will be asked to present to the Committee at a later date. Also agreed that up to 6 grants of £100 be offered as a grant to all Alumni interested in coming to Liverpool to encourage attendance and offset travel costs. To arrive Friday evening and leave Saturday after lunch - FBUA to pay Fri dinner, Sat lunch and accommodation. MP to issue invites and AB/GA/MP/RB to consider applications.</p>	MP MP AB/GA/MP/RB	
5.3	<p>Arrangements Costs obtained for double decker coach with 75 seats but noted the option to save costs on some days by using only one smaller coach (£600/day each) or taxis where distances are short. GA to consider. Banquet in Lutyens Crypt – CD suggested Refectory Tables rather than round as conversation with a larger group becomes possible. CD will go to Liverpool to finalise eating options and suggested an increased allowance in the budget figures for food.</p>	GA GA CD GA/AB	



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	<p>Noted that it needs someone to go to restaurant on the day before the group arrives to clarify conditions of booking (including wine drinking and payment arrangements) so that control of costs is retained.</p> <p>Total cost to be maximum of £400 to offset / cover cost of Alumni attendance.</p> <p>JD suggested Event Insurance to cover against Corona virus. Discussed but agreed that rather FBUA would state on booking form a date (2 or 3 weeks before event) after which we cannot make refunds. Form to ask for immediate 50% payment with second half of payment by 1st May.</p> <p><i>C/F from last meeting: CD suggested the cost of the visit should be stated in Euros for French members to avoid currency losses. Suggested the cost should be broken down per day with the Banquet as a separate item so that members can select more limited attendance if desired.</i></p>	<p>GA / AB</p> <p>GA / AB</p> <p>GA/AB</p>
6.0	EDUCATION	
6.1	<p>Drawing Bursary - w/e of 17/19 April 2019 in Toulouse</p> <p>Four UK students chosen – Demmy, Felicity , Rachel and Tom. Report at June meeting.</p>	
6.2	<p>Study Bursary – general</p> <p>MP pointed out that HN had stated that Educational Funds could not be used to fund lectures as CAFF did not recognise it as a legitimate use and that the French would not agree either. Committee needs to revisit UK Study Bursary approach as the Education Group has found recipients increasingly difficult to select.</p>	All
7.0	FINANCE	
7.1	<p>Report</p> <p>CM’s report circulated prior to meeting. Noted that it shows no income for 2019 although the current account balance has increased over the year. CM to clarify.</p>	CM
7.2	<p>FBUA status</p> <p>CD has investigated obtaining Charitable Status for FBUA and there would be legal fees of approximately £6K. Agreed to leave status as it is.</p> <p>CD to investigate moving funds from CAFF to a private manager where charges would be reduced. Noted that CAFF charge 1% for holding the funds without any management. Rathbone Brothers had been mentioned by two members as an Investment Manager who manage funds on behalf of charities. CD to discuss with HN. considering taking investments out of CAF and placing them with</p>	CD/HN
8.0	MEMBERSHIP	
8.1	<p>New Members</p> <p>Nicholas Kalidi and Stephan Piazza mentioned as possible new members.</p> <p>CFwd.: Henry Squire (Michael Squire’s son), CD to chase</p>	CD
9.0	2021 CENTENARY	



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9.1	2021 Centenary – Saturday 20th March 2021 CD and SB had met to consider London Joint Committee. RIBA Florence Hall identified as lunch venue and proposed there be no other activities that day. Sponsors are being sought as are special guests eg from French Embassy etc. Question raised as to whether the Union is willing to pay for special guests to travel from France? CD/SB to continue with arrangements.		CD/SB
9.2	Centenary Postcards Suite of 12 no. images to be made into postcards for centenary. 6 English, 6 French. JD to continue with development of this idea. JD to PDF initially for discussion.		JD
9.3	Medal French section have in mind to recast medal.		
10.0	AOB		
10.1	French Chamber of Commerce CD wondered if it would be beneficial to join this organization. CD to check if any members have already joined.		CD
11.0	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND VENUES		
11.1	Meeting Dates Listed at the start of the minutes		
11.2	Venue See 3.2 - Oriental Club agreed.		
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