



Minutes of the meeting of the British section of the Franco-British Union of Architects held at 18:30 on 4th February 2021 using Zoom

Present:			
Allan Baird	AB	Stephen Bradley	SB
Patrick Manwell	PM	Cedric Mitchell	CM
Charles Dorin	CD	Ghada Al Madfai	GA
Ralph Carpenter	RC	Johnny Devas	JD
Robert Butterfield	RB	Michael Morrison	MM
		Yasmin Shariff	YS
EVENTS			
When	What	Where	Comment
Fri 19.03.2021	London Joint Committee	Zoom	6.00pm UK time
Thu 8.04.2021	FBUA Committee	Zoom (Oriental Club)	6.30pm
13-16.05.2021	Liverpool Reunion		Now 2022
Thu 24.06.2021	FBUA Committee	Zoom (Oriental Club)	6.30pm
Thu 9.09.2021	FBUA Committee	Zoom (Oriental Club)	6.30pm
22-23.10.2021	Paris Joint Committee	Paris	Incl Centenary Dinner
Thu 9.12.2021	FBUA Committee	Zoom (Oriental Club)	6.30pm
	PMN = Post Meeting Note		
1.0	APOLOGIES Derek Montefiore, Francis Graves		
2.0	FUTURE PROGRAMME		
2.1	MARCH JOINT COMMITTEE LONDON 2021 Physical event cancelled but JC Meeting by Zoom to take place Friday 19 th March at 6pm UK time / 7pm French time.		
2.2	<p>CENTENARY 2021 – JOINT COMMITTEE WEEKEND 22nd / 23rd OCTOBER Friday arrival and AGM. Student presentations on Fri evening or Saturday lunch time. One British (Hannah Watkins) and one French student to present. Centenary Dinner to be held on Saturday 23rd October at the Le Centre de l’Union Interalliée (Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré). Non-committee members would be able to attend. CD to confirm this date to the UFBA. Proposed invitees to the dinner included the British Embassy, The RIBA, Dominic Grieve. It was noted that the then King has been invited to the inaugural dinner. CD to progress. Noted that £2000 would be set aside to support centenary. Could be used to support attendance of up to four students.</p>		<p>RB</p> <p>CD</p> <p>CD</p>



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2.3	<p>CENTENARY 2021 – MEDAL Medal Design Competition, closing date for entries is the 15th February. Small judging committee of RG, AB, GA, FM being coordinated by FM.</p>		CD
2.4	<p>CENTENARY 2021 – SUPPORTING MATERIALS / EXHIBITION Centenary Booklet. Draft by SB to be circulated to CD/JD for comment Postcards – JD requests artwork from any members who have suitable copies from past reunions. JD also developing digital archive “book” comprising a visual resume of FBUA activity with photos of one reunion venue selected per decade. May be printed if there is demand. Jean Medioni is working on the archives in France. Centenary UFBA / FBUA Exhibition suggested by FM at the Academie d’Architecture and focussing on the work of the founding members. Possible transfer to the RIBA. Noted that there is no Wikipedia mention of the Union. Noted Andrew Saint (Lecturer at Cambridge) and Alan Powers are working for the Victorian Society on Anglo-French collaboration in the education of architects.</p>		SB JD JD
2.3	<p>LIVERPOOL REUNION Agreed this should be moved to May 2022. Discussion as to dates PMN: Queen’s Platinum Jubilee including two bank holidays will be 2nd – 5th June. Date confirmed to UFBA as Thurs 26th – Sun 29th May (Ascension w/e). Suggested an online lecture might be held in May 2021, given by Andrew Saint. JD knows AS and to contact him via HN who knows about their research.</p>		GA / AB JD
2.4	<p>EVENT POST LOCKDOWN If and when there is clarity over a permanent end of lockdown, consideration to be given to organizing an event for the membership.</p>		AB / GA
3.0	<p>GROUPSPACES This will stop operating at the end of March. Agreed JD should download data to Excel Spreadsheets or hard drives. Replacement software carrying out the same function sought. JD preferred something supported by one of the larger IT companies. JD has asked MP and EY but no suggestions made as yet. GA wondered if Google Groups could do it. CM’s son works for Google. AB suggested MS Teams and offered to ask his IT consultant for suggestions. JD to send email with required spec. to all concerned. RB will check what is involved in creating a member’s area for the website in case data can be transferred from GroupSpaces.</p>		JD
4.0	<p>FINANCE – see attached report £500 reimbursement in current account to be left there. £2000 from reserve account and £1000 from current account allocated for centenary costs. Eleven members continuing to pay £15 pa membership despite reminders to increase to the current cost. All fairly rare attendees and agreed to leave well alone. £600 refund had not yet been received from Liverpool Cathedral – CM to chase.</p>		CM
5.0	CAF		CD



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	<p>CD reported fund had dropped to £117K but ad now risen to £143K. DLD is being kept informed.</p> <p>If money is required for Centenary Exhibition, as it is for educational purposes it can come from CAF fund.</p> <p>CD is giving consideration to setting up FBUA as a charity. YS to put CD in touch with Eddie Thomas who has recently set up a small charity with dealings abroad. SB also suggested CD talk to John Edwards at Seaview Sailing Club who has recent experience of setting it up as a charity.</p>		
6.0	<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Next drawing weekend will be in Toulouse in 2022 organised by MCG. RB has contacted HW who has completed her study and is ready to present.</p>		
7.0	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>Put up information on Centenary Dinner etc.</p>		RB
8.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>Membership – PM had noticed several Kingston University Architecture tutors had worked in France. PM to contact them to introduce the FBUA.</p>		
8.0	<p>FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>Proposed meeting dates for 2021 scheduled at the start of these minutes, all either Zoom or Oriental Club. Meetings start at 6.30pm unless noted. Please add to your diaries.</p>		PM
Distribution			
Andrew Arrol	Ghada Al-Madfai	Allan Baird	Stephen Bradley
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