

**Present:**

Johnny Devas (Chairman)	JD	Derek Montefiore	DM
David Le-Lay	DLL	Michael Morrison (Secretary)	MM
Charles Dorin	CD	Ralph Carpenter	RC
Allan Baird	AB	Mark Potter	MP

**1 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cedric Mitchell, Howard Nash, Charles MacCallum and Jean Symons.

**2 The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 2009 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

**3 Matters Arising**

Matters arising were dealt with under the Agenda items below.

**4 Paris Joint Committee Meeting**

Generally this was seen as another successful Joint Committee meeting. The various buildings that were looked at were all extremely interesting and the company as ever was excellent. The quality of the food had not been up to the normal standard and was particularly poor at the Chinese restaurant after the Joint Committee meeting.

One topic that had been raised by the French side at the meeting highlighted one of the differences between the architectural education in France and in the UK. The French system is moving toward the full integration of Architecture Schools with Universities (no difference here – but in future full architectural qualification is likely to be at Doctorate level). This would, it was claimed, be in line with Germany and Italy. There was suggestion from some French members that the Bursary Fund might be used to help fund people taking Doctorates. This was briefly discussed at the committee and the general view was that this would be completely unrealistic as the Bursary Fund is very small and funding a PhD is very expensive. It also would not meet the objectives for which the fund was set up.

**5 Education**

Sophie Ryecroft made her presentation at the Joint Committee meeting and has submitted a good report. She is very positive about her experience which is encouraging. In this instance the Bursary has definitely achieved its purpose.

The future direction of the Bursary Fund was discussed. It was noted that it has been proving difficult to find candidates. There were very few from applications from the UK side in 2009 and none have been received to date from France for 2010.

There was some discussion on the French proposal that the Bursary Fund might be used to support student exchange. This needs to be further discussed and it was agreed that RC and DLL would make a presentation to the meeting on 19 January 2010.

**6 Finance**

Apologies had been received from Cedric Mitchell and there was no report – however, a full report had been received at the previous meeting and it was unlikely that there was any significant change since then.

**7 Membership**

A new member had been proposed - Paul Abbott. He could be admitted at the March Joint Committee meeting in London.

There was some discussion about further recruitment and MP agreed to follow up links to Greenwich and Oxford Brookes Universities. It was also suggested that Sophie Rycroft be asked how she discovered Bursary Fund and what motivated her to apply.

**8 Website, Newsletter and Archives**

It was noted that some entries on the website need to be updated and David Campion will be asked to do this. It was noted by MP that the Trombinoscope is now relatively easy to update if one uses ACCESS software. MP will progress this.

DLL offered to ensure the update of the general information on the website.

**9 Joint Committee Meeting March 2010**

Arrangements for the Joint Committee meeting are coming together.

On the Friday a visit to Darwin Centre has now been organised and a room will be provided at Imperial College for the Committee meeting for a sum of £300 which was thought to be very reasonable. The reception at French Ambassador's Residence is now confirmed. Dinner is still to be arranged and CD offered to research some appropriate restaurants somewhere near to the French Ambassador's Residence. The target cost for dinner would be £30 per head.

On the Saturday morning there would be a visit to Wigglesworth House followed by a visit to King's Place. Arrangements for both are confirmed, although the timing **may** need to be adjusted. It is proposed to have lunch in the café at King's Place with a target cost of £20 (or less) per head. In the evening JD intended to host an informal supper at the Devas Club

JD/MM to prepare an invitation/protocol note with attached programme and itemised costs for members (like last time), and a separate cost note for exclusive committee events. MM raised the point about which events were open to members and which just for the committee. It was generally thought that this was clear, but no harm in making the point again when the details of the March meeting are sent out

**9 Bristol Reunion 13 – 16 May 2010**

JD has now sufficient information for a full programme. Various possibilities were discussed including a possible visit to the experimental house at Bath University (Suggested by RC) and a visit to Bristol Museum (DM). A visit to Bath Spa may be difficult as it will be fully in use, but there is the possibility of leaving members there for an individual visit and swim.

JD suggested that "The People's Republic of Stoke Croft" might be an interesting subject for an evening lecture and he would pursue this.

JD intends to focus on the may programme for the Reunion after Christmas.

**11 Any Other Business**

CD handed over FBUA files to JD for housing at the Devas Club.

**12 Meetings**

Future meetings will be held at the Chelsea Arts Club at 6.30pm unless otherwise advised. DLL offered to check on availability.

**12.1 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 January, 6.30pm at the **Chelsea Arts Club, 143 Old Church Street, London SW3 6EB**

**12.3 Future Meetings 2010**

- Tuesday 16 February – 6.30pm, British Committee, Chelsea Arts Club
- Friday/Saturday 5/6 March - Joint Committee, London
- Tuesday 13 April – 6.30pm, British Committee, Chelsea Arts Club
- Thursday-Sunday 13-16 May – Reunion and AGM Bristol & Bath

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