**Present:**

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| Michael Morrison (President) | MM | David Le lay | DLL |
| Johnny Devas | JD | Howard Nash | HN |
| Charles MacCallum | CMc | Ralph Carpenter | RC |
| Derek Montefiore  Mark Potter | DM  MP | Yasmin Shariff  Tom Ryland (Secretary) | YS  TR |

**1 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Andrew Arrol, Charles Dorin, Anthony St Leger, Cedric Mitchell, Allan Baird, Roger Keene, Jean Symons, and Tony Hickman.

**2 The Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2012 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

**3 Matters Arising**

**3.1** TR confirmed that Minutes of last meeting sent to Marie Christine Gangneux as agreed, and all future minutes will also be sent to the French Section. ***Action TR***

**3.2** Newsletters (3.3) : The remaining 60 Le Havre newsletters are being printed and will be despatched shortly : Total cost with postage will be approximately £6 per member. ***Action TR***

It was noted that CM was suffering a broken leg : He has asked for photographs from Norwich and the Joint Committees in preparation of the next newsletter. ***Action All***

**3.3** All other matters arising are covered under the main Agenda headings.

**4 Education**

**4.1** Jeremie Dupanloup had given an enthusiastic preliminary talk at the Paris Joint Committee. While this was quite well presented, there was a feeling that there was too much material and his final presentation at Lyons in May would benefit on being more focused on building types – and with some English translation. ***Action* *RC***

* 1. JD/HN confirmed no progress on finding a British candidate for next year. RC proposed that there should be promotion via social media sites eg. Twitter. YS offered to do. The first step was to produce a more enticing leaflet. JD will provide basic information : MP will talk with his students re presentation and graphics and then liaise with YS and RC. Timetable : Get notices out asap with Return date – End January 2013. ***Action JD/MP/YS/RC***

4.3 In general discussion, it was agreed that studies do not always need to be comparative. ***Note***

**4.4** It was noted that Francoise Mouton had taken over Education for the French Section. ***Note***

**5 Finance**

**5.1** No updated Financial Report .

**5.2** HN advised that he had not yet investigated whether some of reserves (Maybe half) should be invested in some other way as the interest paid on Reserve bank account is so little. It was noted that the previous reference to Premium Bonds was irrelevant as these are only available to private individuals. ***Action CM/HN***

**6 Membership**

**6.1** TR still to reconcile definitive membership list as agreed at last meeting ***Action TR***

**6.2** Members : There had been on going discussions with the following :

David Duckham, Mark Hammond, Andrew Clark, Elspeth Clements, David Porter, Angela Brady, Liz Barroll and Paul Webber. ***Action MM/CD/TR***

Peter Jenkins (of Inskip and Jenkins) and Brendan Woods were also discussed. CMc was very

enthusiastic about the latter.  ***Action MM/CMc***

Again it was suggested that social media be used to get publicity re membership. Some sort of link with either the Joint Committee in March or Lyons should be considered. MP offered Elaine’s assistance with an invitation : Cost possibly £100. All joining forms to be via DLeL.

***Action : All***

**6.3** Committee : No further action at this time. ***Note***

**7 Website**

**7.1**  JD again demonstrated the new website : Access is now via .com. JD still to delete the old website and get old domain removed as it was confusing to anyone searching for the new website. HN still to check the old website. JD noted that only a few British members had updated their profiles and hardly any French. All felt the overall structure of the website looked good and once fully operational would be great. Membership need to be advised how to use. It was agreed best to get British Committee fully acquainted and operational first. ***Action JD/TR***

**7.2** It was agreed that the website had three principal functions :

- Informing the outside world re FBUA.

- Inform members of forthcoming events.

- Providing information re members.

RC would like more information re architectural activity by members to be included. This could

be practice information or links to practices. ***Action All***

**8 Events**

**8.1** Paris Joint Committee : The Joint Committee had been well attended by British Committee but there had been fewer French Members. There had been interesting visits to the east of the City. The £50/50 euro contribution to meals to be retained for the moment.

**8.2** London Joint Committee in March : The arrangements for AA for lecture by Benjamin Mouton followed by the drinks party was agreed. The Joint Committee will also be held at the AA at 4.30pm followed by the lecture at 6pm. The drinks party may involve a pay bar rather the traditional ‘cocktail party’. It was agreed that the lecture should be free of charge. MM reported communication problems with the AA re the catering. DLeL recommended the French chef at the AA : MM to send e-mail to YS to progress. ***Action MM/YS***

MM still pursuing Friday afternoon visit to British Museum. On Saturday, the favoured option is the Olympics site. MP has connection and is pursuing. Other possible venues could include the new St Martins School at Kings Cross or the Thames cable car crossing. YS recommended the Royal Opera Workshops at Purfleet but there was concern about the distance. ***Action MP/MM***

**8.3** Reunion May 2014 : TR had provided brief outline to the Joint Committee in Paris. This is to be held in Devon/Cornwall. TR proposed Plymouth as the base allowing better access to Exeter for one day to the east and Eden Project to the west for another. Other places under consideration include Castle Drogo on Dartmoor : TR to contact Inskip and Jenkins who are undertaking major works on behalf of the National Trust.

TR had highlighted problem of dates as ‘Ascension Day’ falls on 29 May and this will conflict with UK half term and Bank Holiday week : The West Country gets very crowded. TR proposes the Re-union will be based over 15 – 18 May instead and will advise the French Section.

The synergy between Plymouth and other major French Naval ports (eg Brest and Le Havre) was noted. MP offered to make contact with the School of Architecture. DM had suggested the Officers Mess in the Citadel might be possible for the Gala Dinner. ***Action TR/MP***

**9.0 Any Other Business**

**9.1** DM agreed to keep Gaby Epstein advised of future event dates. ***Action DM***

**9.2** JD noted that George Ferguson had had a remarkable victory being voted as independent Mayor of Bristol beating all the party nominated candidates. ***Note***

**9.3** Philippe Rivoirard had found a blue scarf left in a restaurant in Paris. Any takers? ***Note***

**10.0 Dates of next meeting and future meetings**

**10.1** The date of the next British section committee meeting will be on Wednesday 6 February 2013 at Bermondsey Square starting at 6.30pm. (NB. This date as agreed at previous meeting).

**10.2** Other future committee dates are scheduled for :

Wednesday 17 April 2013

The above meeting will also be at 15 Bermondsey Square unless otherwise advised.

**10.3 Future Committee dates for 2013 are proposed :**

Wednesday 19 June

Wednesday 18 September

Wednesday 20 November

It is proposed that these meetings will be held at the Chelsea Arts Club (To be confirmed).

* 1. Joint Committee in London : Friday 15 – Saturday 16 March 2013

**10.5** Reunion in Lyons : Thursday 9 – Sunday 12 May 2013

Tom Ryland

Hon Secretary

26 November 2012

**Distribution – Committee Members**

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Also : Marie Christine Gangneux – Secretary to French Section