

# Architecture & Design Scotland

Ailtearachd is Dealbhadh na h-Alba

## **ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SCOTLAND**

**Bakehouse Close, Canongate, Edinburgh**

**1.00 pm on Monday 14 May 2018**

**Present :** Karen Anderson (KA) (Chair), Alan Sim (AS), Graham Ross (GR), Johnny Hughes (JH), Sandy Beattie (SB) & Sue Evans (SE)

**Staff :** Jim MacDonald, Chief Executive (JMacD), Diarmaid Lawlor (DL), Heather Chapple (HC), Sue Reynolds (SR), Andrea Hepburn (AH - Minutes), Anja Ekelof (AE) (part meeting)

**Guests :** RTPI: Craig McLaren, Irene Beautyman, Kate Houghton & Julia Frost  
RIAS: Stewart Henderson & Karen Stevenson  
LIS: Rebecca Hughes & Rachel Tennant  
RICS: Hew Edgar

KA welcomed everyone, looked forward to exploring how we can work together in the future and provided a brief summary on A&DS's current work and strategic priorities before inviting the guest organisations to talk about their work and priorities

### **LIS**

Feel collaborative working will give them more of a voice and there is a need to push whoever in SG is responsible for landscape as a lot of policy mentions it. They have concerns over what is not in the Planning Bill – where is the body of responsibility for this in Scotland? We need a better understanding of what we have.

### **RTPI**

Are trying to tackle the same issues as A&DS. Feel the Planning Bill system needs 4 principles – discussion up front; collaborative service; delivery & outcome focussed; and planning is valued and resourced. They have an interest in the Skills Agenda; the Value of Place; Climate Change; secondary legislation – guidance and advice; and the National Planning Framework. The key messages are ambition & resources.

### **RICS**

Have the same concerns with the Planning Bill and agree with the other organisations' points. They are working towards global international standards for construction measurement and international property measurement standards. They are also focussed around the issues of tenement maintenance and keen to promote the importance of building condition surveys.

### **RIAS**

Recently held their convention in Aberdeen – highly recommend Karyn McCluskey as a speaker. Are keen to get outputs from the Cross Party Group – Linda Fabiani is keen to give their agenda some focus. Feel procurement is a huge issue and plan on establishing a small procurement working party and get member involvement to work on the issues. Feel there is value in developing recognised processes around community empowerment and asset transfer - communities do not see the skills members bring to community relationships.

Discussion took place with the key points being:-

- We need a mechanism to share learning and get communities involved and keep them involved.
- We are all going out doing good stuff in schools but should possibly align our work on this.
- We should work together on Community Planning to ensure it effectively delivers on the ground.
- Join together to strengthen our voice to get our messages across to politicians.
- Use standardised tools and methodology to provide guidance and advice.

### **Next Steps**

All agreed a joint group should be formed to align what we do. One person from each group was nominated to be the contact with a view to convening the first meeting and mapping out the key focus areas, frequency of meetings, etc. Other organisations can be brought to the table as and when to discuss things and make them aware of us.

The Meeting closed at 3.55 pm.