

Agenda:

1. Welcome, apologies, and introductions

Chair – Iain McDowall (IMD)

BEFS Staff: Euan Leitch (EL), Ailsa Macfarlane (AM)

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Attendees

Graeme Purves (GP)	BEFS
Bill Pagan	BEFS
Andrew Hopetoun	HH
Sarah Kettles	IHBC
Jamie McNamara	GCHT
Iain McDowall	BEFS
Susan O'Connor	SCivicT
Simon Gilmour	SocAnt
Sarah Pearce	HTN
Hannah Garrow	LI-S
Jocelyn Cunliffe (JC)	AHSS
Jo Robertson	NTS
Eila Macqueen	AS
Lucy Stewart	SPAB

Apologies

Stuart Beattie	SChurchesT
Rachel Tennant	LI-S
Robbie Calvert	RTPI
Peter Hinton	CIfA
Peter Burman	BEFS
Chloe Bennett	SGLH
Ann Packard	MCiCH -RSA
Torsten Haak	GCHT
Ian Baxter	Conf Inst
Sean O'Reilly	IHBC
Terry Levinthal	Cockburn
John Lawson	ALGAO
Carol Brown	ICON
Christa Gerdwilker	ICON
Deryck Irving	CSGN
Matt Benians	SGLH
Rob Lennox	CIfA
Diarmid Hearn	NTS

2. Approval of meeting note 20/02/2019 and any matters arising

Iain McDowall

Meeting note approved, no outstanding actions.

3. Climate Change Workshop – BEFS – led by EL

i. HES – Climate Change & Environmental Action Plan 2019-2024

We recommend examining the HES Draft Climate Change Action Plan prior to attending:

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/media/5666/hes-draft-climate-change-environmental-action-plan.pdf>

Our focus for discussion will be on informing a BEFS response, and therefore we hope to gather your views on the following questions which are part of the [consultation](#):

Q5 – Are there any themes missing?

Q6 – How ambitious and achievable are the proposed actions?

ii. Climate Change in relation to sector-specific interpretations and mitigation

The aim here is to enable groups (archaeology, landscape, built-environment) to examine their area in relation to how it is viewed in regard to climate change. And then to both explore, how any negative perceptions can be countered, and how climate change itself is mitigated.

Outcomes from the workshop section:

- i) In line with responses given on the day, BEFS submitted a response to the HES Climate Change consultation – this is attached and will be available on the website.
- ii) BEFS will produce (sub)sector-specific messaging around the challenges and benefits each sub-sector of the built environment can bring to the climate emergency. These will be designed to be used as advocacy documents and to inform sector messaging more generally around the issue of climate change. **Action – AM to circulate when complete**

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<GP left the meeting.>

4. Policy Issues monitoring

Updates provided – BEFS

AM updates:

Policy Consultations and Research:

BEFS responded to 4 calls during this period:

Charity Law Consultation (submitted as discussed at the previous Board meeting)

Climate Change Adaptation Consultation

Environmental Principles and Practice Consultation

Oxfam/UWS – research into UN-SDG-11, via Scottish Community Development Councils call.

The top three of which are already available on the website. The third of which will be uploaded soon.

- Update: Culture Strategy still due to be launched in the Autumn (2019)
- Update: HES Corporate Plan launched March 2019, BEFS attended.
- Update: HES Policy launched March 2019, BEFS attended – and wrote an overview piece for the Bulletin outlining main changes.

Prioritisation:

BEFS is leading on this aspect of the Built Heritage Investment Group work, working closely with Emily Tracey (Project Manager at HES). Principles for Prioritisation were released at a well-attended, public event in February 2019. From February-March BEFS widely circulated a survey to further refine and inform these principles. The outcome from that work is with the BHIG Project Manager and may form part of the papers related to their presented methodologies (informed by BEFS work in this area).

The Planning (Scotland) Bill:

We continue to await formal notification of when Stage 3 will commence. Anecdotally dates are said to be, amendment discussion by Parliament 18th and 19th June with a debate on the Bill 20th June. The refreshed Financial Memorandum and full text of the Stage 2 amended Bill are now available on the Scottish Parliament Committee page, by the time of reading there should also be a Keeling version of the Act available (this will show the Act with the potential amendments included). Stage 3 Amendments are being released, with a large number from the government appearing in late May.

Previously BEFS briefed members of the Local Government and Communities Committee for each of the seven sittings related to the Bill. These briefings were informed by those on the BEFS Planning Taskforce. BEFS produced a summary document of those briefings, and the outcomes in relation to

the specific amendments which had been commented upon previously. The Taskforce last met in January and whilst there was support for several elements of the amended Bill, namely:

- The desire for inclusive engagement – empowered public participation which represents the breadth of society being fully involved in any current and future decisions. This expansion of the consultative process could be extremely beneficial in building trust in the planning system more widely*
- The inclusion of chief planning officers into every planning authority is also of great benefit; providing skilled leadership within local teams.*
- The evidential approach to both the LDP and SDP*

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There was continued concern with the large number of amendments and the scope of areas acknowledged (via the Committee sittings) as needing additional scrutiny, development or research.

The main areas of concern are summarised below:

- A refined Purpose that is reflected in the measures for performance, and outcome led.*
- Gate-check & Frontloading*
- Land Value Capture*
- Strategic Development Plan*
- Infrastructure Levy*

As amendments continue to arrive BEFS will summarise these and continue to keep members updated with any matters on which they may wish BEFS to provide briefing documents prior to the debate itself.

I also attended the Land Commission Scotland public discussion of their progress and findings. Recent research in relation to Land Value Sharing has also been released, although they suggest more research needs to be done. (Amendments for Stage 3 currently removed the LVC element from the Bill, but another adds in Land Value Sharing.)

Action AM – send all Working Group draft Planning Briefing, update website with full Amendments document and MSP Briefing once finalised (complete).

Policy Network

Scotland's Landscape Alliance – have newly formed, led by Landscape Institute and NTS. BEFS have joined and will keep members informed of updates from the working groups. BEFS is a member of the Landscape, Land use and Economy working group and a Corresponding Member for Landscape and Healthy Communities working group. (Working Groups Terms of Reference in Board papers appendices.)

SCVO recent Intermediaries meeting was based around their manifesto for the next Scottish election. BEFS will feed-back any progress from their Policy committee. This also commences the beginning of BEFS work on 'policy asks' for 2021.

EL updates:

Tenement Maintenance Working Group

Final recommendations of the Working Group were launched at an event on 4th June hosted by the RICS. The recommendations broadly follow those of the interim recommendations with further explanation and refinement in response to the previous consultation. The launch was well attended with 6 MSPs joining. The proposed Parliamentary motion and vote had to be postponed due to lack of availability in the Parliamentary timetable within this sitting but it is hoped that it will take place

when the Scottish Parliament reconvenes in the autumn. The motion will likely be light touch but endorsing the Scottish Government to pursue the recommendations of the working group. The Working Group Recommendations are endorsed by MSPs from five of the political parties but this does not guarantee party endorsement. The next task is therefore to have the recommendations referred to in the party manifestoes for the 2021 Scottish Parliament election. It has been suggested that one route to achieving this is to have motions passed at party conferences, an area we will follow up with MSPs.

Planning continues with the Scottish Civic Trust and Under One Roof for a conference on September 18th (National Housing Day). It will be held in The Lighthouse, Glasgow. The timing of the event should be used to press for a Parliamentary vote. The event will attempt to bring together policy and practice, professionals and owners, examining the recommendations and looking at lessons to be learned from elsewhere

Question from JC: What is the status of Douglas Robertson's report?

*EL: Douglas' recommendations differ from those of the recommendations, and perhaps offer more radical solutions. Report expected imminently and may inform September Tenement Conference. **EL will update further once he's had confirmation from Douglas.***

Our Place in Time Working Groups

Climate Change Group – Working towards the publication of a Climate Change Impacts Guide with a provisional date of publication launch to coincide with the Scottish Government's Climate Week in October 2019. This may also include the launch of the Climate Heritage Network, an international network convened by ICOMOS and I have been approached about helping shape the launch event.

Skills group – [Skills Investment Plan](#) was launched in March, group meets on 20 June.

CEO Group - updated on work of other groups with a recommendation that the Tourism Group (which predates OPIT) address the issue of sustainable tourism.

HES has commissioned a review of Our Place in Time which is being undertaken by external consultants through structured interviews and an online survey.

5. AOB – led by IMD

SG – Noted that Archaeologists have been added to the Migration Advisory Committee Shortage Occupations List. (AM addition - Architects have also been added and the full report by the Heritage Alliance can be found [here](#).)

SG also informed the group that members of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists voted not to accept proposals which would have seen the introduction of a Chartered grade of membership.

Clarification from ClfA: 55% of voting members were in favour, but ClfA by-laws required a 75% supermajority to carry the motion. The future of the proposals will now be reconsidered.

Subsequent HEWG meetings:

Wednesday, 28th August – 14:00-16:00 at BEFS

Thursday, 21st November – 10:30-12:30 at BEFS