Friends Group Meeting August 25th
Royston Wardieburn Community Centre 6-8pm

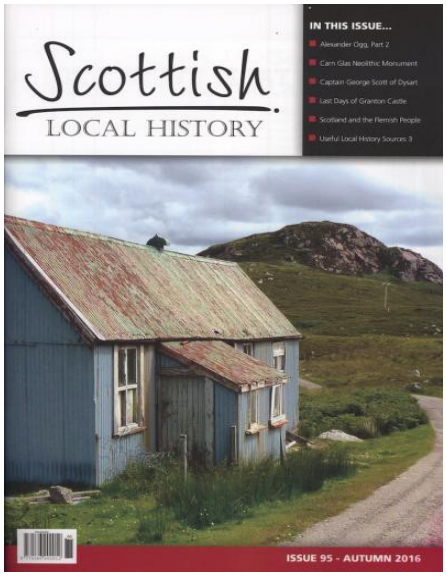
Present Linda, Mariana, John G, Gillean, Jonathan, Sophia, Russel H (new member) and Kirsty
Apologies, Ellie, Graeme, Dave L, Isla & Ana Miret

Agenda

Latest article - Gillean has had another article published on Granton's lost Castle.
WEL/EDI architects meeting - feedback and presentation plans.
Petition
Archaeology conference
Funding applications

1 Petition to Edinburgh City Council – reached over 600 signatures online, plus those in paper format.
Completion date today, and Ellie has had a reply from the council that our petition will most likely be heard in November.
Outcome – great awareness raising from the group members, local politicians and community councillors supportive. A wee celebration with Granton Community Gardeners at their barbeque and more keen locals alerted at 'Hidden Gems' walk.
Action – planning subgroup to follow up with council

2 Article in Scottish local History



Gillean submitted the story pieced together this new year, on the loss of our local ancient monument Granton Castle in 1921.
Research by the Friends Group at the National Records of Scotland uncovered previously sealed 'Ancient Monument Files' – with the note scheduling and subsequent demolition'

Outcome – a well written and illustrated article quoting many archives. Great that it is available at the National Library of Scotland
Action – publicise on social media & mailing list.

3 WEL/EDI & Architects meeting on 15th August

Kirsty, Ellie C and John G attended the initial meeting with architects 7N on behalf of the Friends Group. 7N have been tasked with producing the new masterplan for Granton's waterfront regeneration area by Waterfront Edinburgh Limited. Mark Harris, regeneration manager, and Denise Havard attended to facilitate the meeting, helping explain the company's position, offer guidance and ask questions.

Outcome - Feedback from all that attended has been really positive and good advice was given for the upcoming presentation to the walled gardens owners. 20 minutes with Senior

management team of WEL/EDI Group ltd. A chance to explain who, where, why and how we hope to restore the walled garden for community use.
After a good bit of discussion it was felt we needed more professional presentation materials to display our ideas on the 5th October.

Action – Ellie C to take forward as this is her area of expertise and she has made a good connection with the architects 7N. Deadline is short.
Costs negotiated and approved by committee – use of seedbed funding.
Weekly facilitated meetings in September suggested to involve group members in the design process. Dates and venues tba and circulated.

4 Archaeology Conference Saturday 19th November

Following up with the city archaeologist about data from Pilrig garden has led to another link, networking and advice opportunity.
The Friends Group has been invited to attend with an information stall to help raise awareness of the walled garden story and archaeological/historic interest.

Outcome - Gillean, Jonathan, Linda, Mariana and Liz keen to attend as we have plenty of materials to display.
Action – KS to forward details to those interested.

5 Funding – Mushroom trust decision pending, funds to be used to put in a new access to re-open the garden and install interpretive signage at the old castle site. Many other funds we could apply for if we had an agreement with the developers. Lots of local people keen to help with great ideas!

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