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ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SCOTLAND

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING (87)

9 Bakehouse Close, Edinburgh

10:00 on Thursday 15 June 2023

Present: Ann Allen (AA) Chair, Alistair Scott (AS), Angela Bonney (AB), Bruce Ross (BR), Kirsty Macari (KM), Lynn Wilson (LW) & Samantha McCabe (SM) AM session

Staff: Jim MacDonald (JMacD) CEO, Lynne Lineen (LL), Heather Claridge (HC), Emelie Borg (EB), Danny McKendry (DMcK) AM session, Laura Hailey (LH) Item 8, Andrea Hepburn (AH – Minutes)

Guests: Ian Gilzean (IG), Digital Place, Scottish Government & Professor Rebecca Madgin (RM), Arts Humanities Research Council

Observers: Eilidh Henderson (EH) & Lizzie Smith (LS)

Apologies: Caroline Parkinson (CP), Daisy Narayanan (DN), Georgiana Varna (GV), Samantha McCabe (SM) PM session.

4. APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Caroline Parkinson, Daisy Narayanan, Georgiana Varna & Samantha McCabe (PM session).

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes from the meeting on 25 May 2023 were approved.

Under matters arising LL updated May 23 No 2 that as our role in the Materials Library is now overseeing and we will feed in the inclusion of carbon and role for CIC to City of Glasgow college.

6. IAN GILZEAN - DIGITAL PLACE, SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

IG took up a new role last November with the Digital Planning team and updated the Board on the progress of this to date. The Digital Planning Strategy was published November 2020 although the e-development service was launched in 2016 with over

1.5 million applications for planning, etc being made on-line - the pandemic has increased the use of this along with the global trends of increased digital transformation.

The strategy has a focus on transformation and consists of 5 missions - Data; Digital Technologies; Ways of Working; People and Innovation.

Some of the anticipated benefits of the Strategy include improved access and engagement, economic benefits, more efficiencies, collaboration and opening up innovation opportunities.

Delivering the strategy is based around an agile methodology with a focus on the user and building services around their needs.

PlaceBuilder is being rolled out under mission 4 which allows community engagement with planning projects. Mission 4 also encompasses Wellbeing maps and 20-minute neighbourhood mapping – IG is keen that A&DS can become part of Mission 4.

Under Mission 5 the Place-Tech Innovation Lab will allow companies to access and use data and tools for digital placemaking over the course of the programme and beyond.

The presentation was well received and followed by a short question and answer session.

ACTION 1 : Copy of Digital Place Presentation to be circulated round Board.

7. PROFESSOR REBECCA MADGIN - AHRC

RM of the Arts Humanities Research Council spoke about the Place Based Research work being undertaken in conjunction with the University of Glasgow. Phase 1 of the project ran from October 2021 – March 2023 with Phase 2 running from 2023 – 2027. They undertook nine knowledge exchange projects between January 2022 and April 2023. The online programme hub can be accessed via www.gla.ac.uk/place

The objective of their research is to build a programme to support partnership work, learn and share practices and develop a people centred place-led approach.

EB updated that AHRC have the skills and knowledge to bridge the gaps A&DS have in gathering the evidence required for Outcome 4 of the Corporate Plan and can work with us to develop our skills and capacity.

The next steps of this, if Leadership Team agree, will be to work with AHRC to find the best ways to build on the skills by drawing together information, analysing it and passing on the knowledge gained.

The presentation was well received and followed by a short question and answer session.

8. CLIMATE ACTION TOWNS YEAR 2 REPORT

LH joined the meeting to update the Board on Year 2 of the Climate Action Towns project. The work supports small towns to make local decisions on climate change in their places.

The project is supporting nine Scottish towns working collaboratively with local communities. Each town has a different area of focus resulting in potential to develop a place-based approach to Climate Action tailored to existing systems, geography and initiatives.

A report has been prepared for our funders to capture the learning from Year 2 which highlights supporting community capacity; the ability to collaborate; breaking down of silos; systems analysis and delivery capacity.

Going into Year 3 the project is focused on delivery and potential for external support along with embedding the learning throughout A&DS projects. After Year 3 no further funding is anticipated for this work although some issues will not be resolved by March 2024.

The presentation was well received and followed by a short question and answer session.

9. ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

JMacD advised that progress on this is slow and we are no further forward than the update provided in May 2023.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JMacD updated the Board on that day's meeting between himself, the Chair and Ms McKelvie, MSP. The meeting was positive during which she recalled an A&DS event she attended in a previous role. Discussions touched on the future of Venice and the benefits of design. As she is engaged in a lot of things we should ensure we stay high on her radar and also get meetings with Mr Fitzpatrick and Ms McAllan into the diaries.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm.

Signed: 
Kirsty Macari, Vice Chair

pp: Ann Allen, Chair

Date: 20 September 2023