

National Galleries of Scotland Board of Trustees

Minute of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Boardroom, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art Two, Belford Road, Edinburgh on Monday 26 January 2015 at 1400 hrs.

Present: Ben Thomson, Chairman
Alistair Dodds
Alasdair Morton
Lesley Knox
Professor Nick Pearce
Tricia Bey
Nicky Wilson
Willie Watt

In Attendance: Sir John Leighton, Director-General
Christopher Baker
Nicola Catterall
Jacqueline Ridge
Frank Gribben
Simon Groom
Michael Clarke
Alan Gibson

Apologies: Catherine Muirden
Benny Higgins
Tari Lang
Edward Green

Secretariat: Elaine Anderson

Open Business

Action

1 Chairman's Business

The Chairman welcomed Frank Gribben to the meeting, who was on secondment from the University of Edinburgh.

1.1 Meeting Papers

The Chairman asked colleagues to consider whether they would accept meeting papers electronically. Ms Anderson agreed to investigate some options in this regard.

1.2 Strategy Meeting: 27 April 2015

The Chairman invited everyone to his house for dinner on Sunday 26 April, the night before the Strategy meeting.

Trustees were invited to submit ideas for the agenda. It was intended to do something on the photography collection, focusing on contemporary photography. All

1.3 **Audit & Risk Committee**

The Chairman explained that there was no-one with an accountancy qualification on the Board, but this skill was needed for the Audit & Risk Committee. The Board agreed to second someone in from another organization to provide that skill for a four year period. It was agreed to proceed on this basis, with the terms of reference being amended to allow this change.

Trustees endorsed Tricia Bey as a member of the Committee, filling the current vacancy created by Ray MacFarlane's departure. An additional member would be needed to replace Alasdair Morton from April.

2 **Minutes**

2.1 **Minute of the Meeting of 17 November 2014**

The minute of the meeting of 17 November 2014 was approved.

3 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4 **Departmental and Gallery Reports**

4.1 **Scottish National Gallery**

The report was noted.

Mr Clarke asked Trustees to note the Lunde Collection, which was coming to the SNG on loan for two years.

4.1.1 **Acquisitions: Requests for Use of Trust Funds**

Thomas Girtin *Kinloss Abbey* - approved .

James Whitelaw Hamilton 1860-1932 RSA
RSW An East Coast Village, 1885 - approved.

4.2 **Scottish National Portrait Gallery**

Mr Baker noted that two former First Ministers were missing from the PG collection. It was agreed that they should be commissioned at some point. There was also a desire to commission a portrait of Sir Timothy O'Shea of Edinburgh University, which was approved.

This portrait would be funded externally.

4.2.1 **Acquisitions: Requests for Use of Trust Funds**

Alex Boyd photographs – approved.

Carol Kidd photographs by Eve Arnold – approved.

4.3 **Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art**

Mr Groom outlined his report. A number of works had been purchased from the Generation exhibition using external funding and those were noted.

4.3.1 **Acquisitions: Requests for Use of Trust Funds**

David Shrigley *Portfolio of 22 Woodcuts* – approved (approved outwith the meeting cycle by email)

4.3.2 **Artist Rooms Gifts and Loan**

The following works were accepted with thanks:

- Martin Creed born 1968
Work No.1340 2012 (Gift)
- Phyllida Barlow born 1944
untitled: upturnedhouse, 2 2012 (Gift)
- Roy Lichtenstein 1923–1997
Reflections on Conversation 1990 (Gift)
- Roy Lichtenstein 1923–1997
Reflections: Art 1988 (Loan)

4.4 **Public Engagement**

The report was noted. Mr Gibson reported that the Scottish Café and Heritage were trading well and figures were up on last year. He reported also that 400 images had been digitized so far through the HLF project.

4.4.1 **Visitor Figures: October and November 2014**

Noted.

5 **Public Programme**

5.1 **Public Programme 2014-15**

Noted.

6 **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

7 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday 30 March 2015.