

Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report 29th Dec. 2016 to 31st December 2017

Charity

The Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation was established and registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 29 December 2016. Charity number SC047067.
Principal address: John Nelson, 3, Rosevale Crescent, Hamilton ML3 8NX

The Board of Trustees has discussed and accepted the duties and responsibilities of trustees.

Trustees

The following are the Trustees of the Charity:

Brian Filling Chair
John Nelson Secretary
Isobel Tait Treasurer
Jim Tait Vice-chair
David Kenvyn
Brian Purdie
Lorraine Purdie

Chris Bartter, one of the Trustees, died suddenly on 28 October 2017. Prior to his death Chris had been appointed as the Foundation's Head of Communications. His contribution to the development of the Foundation was much appreciated and his contribution will be sorely missed. Condolences were sent to his partner, Doreen Kean, and an appreciation was published on the Foundation's website.

Trustee recruitment and appointment is constitutionally in the hands of the Board of Trustees. No external organisation is involved in any appointments.

Governing Document and Charitable Purposes

The Foundation's governing document is its Constitution, in which its charitable purposes are stated as:

The advancement of heritage and education, particularly through increasing knowledge and understanding of:

- i) the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela;
- ii) his role in the struggle for freedom and human rights in South Africa
- iii) the lessons of that struggle for continued active commitment to human rights, equality and racial harmony
- iv) the historic role of Glasgow in particular and of Scotland more generally in the world-wide campaign for his release and for human rights in South Africa.
- v) Scotland's strong historical connections with other leading South African figures and its wider links with South Africa's history.

Patrons

A number of people were invited to become Patrons of the Foundation. The following accepted including:

The Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow, Councillor Eva Bolander

The living Freemen of the City of Glasgow:

Billy Connolly
Kenny Dalglish
Sir Alex Ferguson
Lord Macfarlane

and the surviving South African Rivonia Trialists, who were jailed along with Nelson Mandela:

Denis Goldberg
Andrew Mlangeni

Volunteers

A number of people are working for the Foundation in a voluntary capacity including Janis Carson (Project Management), John Stevenson (Website), Annie Shanahan (Trade Union coordination), James Tait (Statue), Debbie Gillespie (Fund-raising dinner). We are grateful for all their time, effort and skills.

Nelson Mandela Foundation

The Nelson Mandela Scottish Memorial Foundation has been in contact with the Nelson Mandela Foundation, based in South Africa, and has received approval for its logo and the design of its website.

Finance and fund-raising

A bank account was set up with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Registration with HMRC was established allowing Gift Aid to be collected from donations. "My Donate" and PayPal accounts have been set-up as has "text giving"

A budget, income and expenditure projections have been drafted.

Fund-raising has been done at a number of events including the launch of the Foundation and ACTSA Scotland's ANC anniversary social.

Doreen Kean, partner of Chris Bartter, invited attendees at Chris's funeral to donate to the Foundation.

Grant applications to various organisations are being developed.

Communications

A logo was designed by Emma Quinn and Jim Tait produced a letterhead for the Foundation.

John Stevenson designed and manages the Foundation's website. A Facebook and twitter presence are being developed.

John Stevenson and Malcolm Burns undertook a website training session for the Foundation.

Stickers, badges and pop-up stands/banner were produced.

A brochure was produced by Jim Tait for the Foundation's launch.

Statue

The proposed site for the statue of Nelson Mandela is Nelson Mandela Place in Glasgow's city centre. A survey was commissioned in preparation for the planning application.

The application for Planning Permission was lodged with Glasgow City Council by James Tait, architect, on behalf of the Foundation and approved in October 2017.

A survey of the underground services below the proposed site for the statue is being commissioned. Investigations into material for the plinth are underway and a brief for the design competition for the Sculpture is being developed. A provisional timeline for the work has been drafted.

Education

Discussions have been held with the West of Scotland Development Education Centre about the production of educational material for use in primary schools and the early years of secondary schools., and with Glasgow Museums about a small exhibition in the Kelvin Hall in summer 2018.

Launch

The Foundation was publicly launched on 9 October 2017 (24th anniversary of Mandela's visit to Glasgow) in Glasgow City Chambers.

A well-attended media briefing was held in the morning given by the Lord Provost, Sir Alex Ferguson and Brian Filling. There was widespread and positive coverage in the broadcast and print media.

In the evening the launch was held in the Banqueting Hall of the City Chambers and addressed by the Lord Provost, Sir Alex Ferguson and Brian Filling. John Stevenson and James Tait gave presentations on the website and proposals for the Mandela statue respectively.

The City of Glasgow College students filmed both events and journalism students conducted interviews.

Meetings

Meetings to seek advice and secure support for the Foundation have been held with a variety of organisations including:

South African High Commission

Mary Barbour Remembered Association

Glasgow City Council's Lord Provost's office, Land and Environmental Services, Development and Regeneration Services

UNISON Scottish Secretary

UNISON Scottish Council

Scottish Trades Union Congress

City of Glasgow College

Glasgow Caledonian University
Glasgow University
Creative Scotland
Glasgow City Council Leader and Lord Provost
University of the West of Scotland
Glasgow Museums
WoSDEC

Events

The Foundation's objectives were publicised at various events including:

Scottish Trades Union Congress (Aviemore)

Irvine May Day

Nelson Mandela International Day

STUC Women's Conference (Glenrothes)

STUC's annual anti-racism rally

Fair Trade on the Fringe (Edinburgh)

Dundee's Ethical Christmas Fair

ACTSA Scotland's annual ANC anniversary social

Fund-raising Dinner

Work has been undertaken to hold a fund-raising dinner for the Foundation. A company, Entourage, has been working with the Foundation in organising the dinner.

The dinner will be held on Friday 24 August 2018 in the Hilton Hotel.

Policy on reserves

The Trustees believe a formal policy is not appropriate at this early stage. The Board will endeavour to exercise prudent management of the charity's cash-flow and consider the question again in early 2019. By that time they expect to have made real progress with building the large capital sum required for the erection of the statue which will be by far the biggest item of expenditure in the foreseeable future.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 5th March, 2018, and signed on their behalf.

SignedJohn Nelson...

Date...5-3-18.....