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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Friday 5 May 2017

The Castle Room, The New Club, 86 Princes Street, Edinburgh

PRESENT

SCEN Trustees

Dr Judith McClure CBE, Chair of SCEN *Chair*

Simon Macaulay, Deputy Chair of SCEN; Teaching Fellow at the University of Aberdeen; former Chair of the National Languages Working Group

Morag Anderson, SCEN Business and Communications Adviser

SCEN Founder Ambassadors

Rosemary Mitchell, Convener of SCEN Ambassadors; former Depute Head Teacher, Lasswade High School, Midlothian

Peter Billington, SCEN Founder Ambassador; former Depute Head Teacher, Queen Anne High School, Dunfermline

George Roberts, Head Teacher of Danestone Primary School, City of Aberdeen

SCEN Partners

Professor Natascha Gentz FRSE, Assistant Principal (China), Director of the Confucius Institute for Scotland, University of Edinburgh

Fiona Pate HMI, Independent Education Consultant; Evaluator of SCEN Learning of Chinese Programme, East Lothian

Helen Mackie, former Headteacher and international exchanges and trips expert

Richard Tallaron, Director and Co-Founder, Languages for Education Europe (LFEE)

Thomas Camilleri, Managing Director, Access China UK Education

Ross McManus, General and Business Manager, PE5 Sports Tours

Alex Seigel, The Dragon Trip Educational Tours

China Britain Business Council (CBBC)

James Brodie, Director, Scotland and China Business Adviser

Universities

Fhiona Mackay, Director of the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools (CISS) and Scotland's National Centre for Languages (SCILT)

Judith McKerrecher, Professional Development Officer, Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools (CISS)

Tario Perez Vila, University of Aberdeen

Fen Glover, doctoral student, University of Aberdeen

Schools and Local Authorities

Jack Simpson, Head Teacher, Leith Academy Confucius Hub, City of Edinburgh

Yuwen Fortune, Principal Teacher of Chinese and Head of the Swire Chinese Centre of Excellence, Jordanhill School, Glasgow

Melvyn Roffe, Principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh (SCIS); Swire Edinburgh Chinese Centre of Excellence

Rhianna Tweedie, Class Teacher, Culross Primary School

Tamsin Johnston, 1 + 2 Development Officer, Fife Council

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Sandie Robb, Senior Education Officer

APOLOGIES

Margaret Alcorn, Convener of the Scottish Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Society (SELMAS)

Crystal Pan Balish, China Dream Mandarin School Glasgow

Helen Boyd, Swire Edinburgh Chinese Centre of Excellence, George Watson's College

Ed Hoffie, Founder/Director, Eden English Language School and Eden Investments Consultancy LLC, Nanning, Guangxi, PRC, Honorary Citizen of Nanning

Savanna Kenny, S6/U6, St George's School, Edinburgh; SCEN Ambassador and Member of the SCEN Youth Committee

Margaret Lannon, Deputy Director, Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS)

Lynnette Martin, Teacher of Mandarin, City of Aberdeen

Hui Huiang McCulloch

Donald Macdonald, Head Teacher, James Gillespie's High School, South Edinburgh Chinese Centre of Excellence, Hong Kong Scotland School Improvement Partnership (HKSSIP)

Jim MacDonald, Scottish Qualifications Authority

Colin Mitchell, Depute Head Teacher, Lasswade High School, Midlothian

Wing Sie Ng, Elite Interpreter; Secretary, British Chinese International Exchange Association

Wing-Yan Ng MSYP, Undergraduate, University of Aberdeen

Bethan Owen, 3-18 Modern Languages Development Officer, City of Edinburgh Council

Pam Semple, Policy Analyst, Strategy and Performance Unit, Scottish Government

Maggie Sproule, PT Mandarin, George Watson's College

Angus Tulloch, Stewart Investors

1 Welcome, Thanks, Apologies and Introductions

Judith McClure welcomed Members of the SCEN Advisory Council, noted apologies. There were then helpful introductions around the table.

2 Report from SCEN

2 (a) DRAFT Annual Report and Accounts of the Trustees of SCEN in its first year, 3 December 2015 – 31 December 2016

Judith McClure said the Trustees of SCEN, at their Meeting on 27 April 2017, had reviewed their draft Annual Report and Accounts for SCEN's first year as a charity regulated by OSCR, SCIO SC046171. They were proud of what was being achieved and the documents would be submitted to OSCR, with the Annual Report, by September 2017, after the Report of the Independent Examiner had been received.

Judith McClure circulated the Draft Annual Report.

2 (b) Meeting of the SCEN Youth Committee, 26 April 2017

Judith McClure reported on a lively Meeting of the SCEN Youth Committee, with articulate and committed contributions from SCEN Ambassadors.

3 SCEN Events, Summer and Autumn 2017

Judith McClure circulated the list of SCEN Events for the Summer and Autumn Terms 2017.

3 (a) Launch of New Programme for SCEN Ambassadors

Rosemary Mitchell, Convener of SCEN Ambassadors, spoke of the new Programme and Structure of SCEN Ambassadors and the guidelines for the Role of Mentor Teachers. She circulated the relevant document and said that it was being analysed by SCEN groups. The new Programme and Structure would be launched at the Sixth SCEN China Youth Summit on 3 November 2017.

3 (b) Report on the Chinese Teaching Club

Members spoke appreciatively of the work of the collaborative Chinese Teaching Club, co-convened by Dr Zhu Zhu and Lynnette Martin.

4 SCEN Learning of Chinese Programme in East Lothian

Simon Macaulay spoke of encouraging developments in the Learning of Chinese Programme in East Lothian. He had great hopes of the continuation of the work of leading Primary Schools into secondary education in East Lothian, and he would report further on that when decisions had been taken.

4(a) Partnership with Eden English Language School, Nanning

Judith McClure reported the close links being developed with Ed Hoffie and the Eden English Language School, Nanning. These may well lead to further connections with the Education Department of Nanning Provincial Government.

5 Progress with the Mapping Chinese Survey

Judith McClure reported on progress with the SCEN and Confucius Institute for Scotland Mapping Chinese survey. The 2,700 Head Teachers of all schools in Scotland (local authority, independent, Chinese Community, special) had been invited to complete a short survey detailing their practice in the teaching and learning of Chinese and about China, and their collaborations locally, nationally and internationally. Much remained to be done a further report would be made at the next Meeting of the Advisory Council.

<http://www.scen.info/news.2017/03/mapping-chinese-survey/>

6 Contributions from SCEN Partners

6 (a) PE5 Sports Tours

Ross McManus reported on the opportunities offered to schools by **PE5 Sports Tours**.

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6 (b) Swire Chinese Centres of Excellence

(i) Glasgow

Yuwen Fortune reported on the programme of Chinese learning at Jordanhill School, the Swire Glasgow Chinese Centre of Excellence. Students would be making a presentation at the Sixth SCEN China Youth Summit.

(ii) Edinburgh

Melvyn Roffe reported on the collaborative work of the schools that were partners in the Swire Edinburgh Chinese Centre of Excellence at George Watson's College. They would be presenting at the SCEN China Youth Summit and were much involved in the Hong Kong Scotland School Improvement Partnership.

6 (c) Access China UK Education

Tom Camilleri reported on the work of Access China UK Education, fully funded Chinese sister school partnerships, increasing international effectiveness through official delegations, student

[Access China UK | Sister schools | Chinese exchanges ...](#)

www.acukeducation.com

Thomas said that he hoped to promote these opportunities to Scotland's Headteachers.

6 (d) Abertay Languages Conference

the Tario Perez Vila spoke of the extremely successful Abertay Languages Conference, at which Simon Macaulay had spoken of work of SCEN.

6 (e) Beyond the Panda

Sandie Robb updated Members on the Royal Zoological Society Scotland's ***Beyond the Panda Education Programme***, which included Outreach Workshops, the China Mobile Library with a P4-P7 Panda Box (much acclaimed, and to be followed in September 2017 by a P1-P3 Panda Box) and expert visit, and other events and challenges.

For the website with additional lesson ideas and further information:

Beyondthepanda.org.uk

6 (f) Update from CISS

Fhiona Mackay and Judith McKerrecher gave an energetic update on the manifold activities of the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools and its growing Hub Network.

They drew Member's attention to the CISS Conference at the University of Strathclyde on **19 September 2017**.

6 (g) Chinese Online for Primary Schools

Richard Tallaron reported that the Mandarin online course for Primary Schools developed jointly by **Powerlanguage** and **China Dream Mandarin** was now under pilot in two Primary Schools in Angus.

Richard said we could see his colleagues in action on the video below. This on-line course is accessible on **powerlanguage.courses** and he believes it works well on its own or used in conjunction with the resources developed by CISS:

<http://www.scilt.org.uk/ChineseL3resources/tabid/6135/Default.aspx>).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTpLD136hIU>

6 (h) Chinese Exchange Visits: Shandong International Education Exchange Co Ltd

Judith McClure reported on her contacts with Machina, who had represented her company on a visit to the SCIBC at Heriot-Watt University in 2016. Machina said that Shanghai City, Shandong Province, Yunnan Province and Sichuan Province were keen to promote school exchanges and co-operation with Scotland.

Machina is keen for any Scottish schools which would like a sister school in China to be in touch with her, explaining something about their school and its interest in pupil and teacher exchanges and projects. Contact Machina at:

82837527@qq.com

6 (i) The Dragon Trip Educational Tours in China

Alex Seigel said that **The Dragon Trip** provides educational tours to China. Our itineraries have a combination of unmissable activities, authentic experiences and opportunities to get under the skin of Chinese culture. Having taken over 2,000 young people on school trips- we pride ourselves on being experts in educational travel in China. Our tours are great value, safety focussed and can be tailored to particular curriculums. With teams in the UK and China- we can support you on every step of your journey.

For more information see:

<https://thedragontrip.com/educational/>

6 (j) Confucius Institute, Heriot-Watt University

Judith McClure reported on a Conference at the Scottish Confucius Institute for Business and Communication:

Dujing Education - A Solution for Overseas Chinese Language, Education and the Promotion of Traditional Culture.

Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton Campus

THURSDAY 1 JUNE

12.00 noon – 5.00 pm

Registration and contact details:

<https://scibc-cultural-seminar-series-dujing-education-tic.eventbrite.co.uk>

confuciusinstitute@hw.ac.uk

Judith McClure said that Dujing Education, also called *Classics Reading Education*, had its roots in hundreds of years of China's traditional language and cultural education.

7 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Judith McClure asked Members to put in their diaries and to begin planning for **THE SIXTH SCEN CHINA YOUTH SUMMIT.**

Glasgow Royal Concert Hall
Friday 3 November 2017

8 **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of the SCEN Advisory Council, followed by Lunch and a Meeting of SCEN Ambassadors and Mentor Teachers, will take place on:

Friday 1 December 2017

John McIntyre (JMCC) Conference Centre, University of
Edinburgh, Pollock Halls, 18 Holyrood Park Road, Edinburgh

10.00 am Arrival and Meeting

12.30 pm Lunch and Arrival of SCEN Ambassadors

1.30 pm Meeting of Ambassadors

3.00 pm Departures