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### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**



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**Held at The Old Hall Hotel, Buxton  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

## **1. Attendance:**

The following Members signed the attendance sheet:

Liz Mayle, Stephen Bradwell, Rob Walker, Hilary Brindley, John Ruddy, Mark Botham, Becky Waddington, Adam Lathbury, Kelly Appleton, Chris Edwards, Chris Collison, Kathryn Banfield, Richard Tuffrey and Jane Roylance.

## **2. Apologies:**

There were 16 apologies:

David Trubshaw, Chris McKinney, Chloe Oswald, Elizabeth Bryan, Liz Blood, Jen Austin, Mark Strawbridge, Jason Mordan, Rachel Booth, Allan Morrison, John-Paul Walker, Roy Lewis, Rose Thompson, Neil Robertson, Rosamund Worrall, Tom Street & Fiona Newton.

## **Chair's Welcome:**

Liz opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all those Members in attendance and also to Kathy Davies the IHBC vice-chair.

## **3. Minutes from the 2014 AGM**

The Minutes from the previous AGM held in Derby were accepted as a true record.

*Proposed: Chris Collison*

*Seconded: Rob Walker*

## **4. Officers' Reports**

No further comments were made to the published reports.

Liz was pleased to report that over the last year the Branch had managed to organise a CPD event in Derby as set out in the Business Plan, and had also conducted a survey of Branch members to see what events the membership would like to see being organised in the future.

Rob did however point out that the link to the survey was not too clear on the Branch web-site and perhaps needed to be clearer with a re-consult of the Branch members.

Liz also said that the Branch would be happy to hear of any heritage projects or sites in the region that could make an interesting CPD visit.

In the last year the Branch had held its 2014 AGM in Derby in association with the IHBC peripatetic Council meeting and the national Branch training day. That was followed in April 2015 by a Branch visit to Derby, to look at the Rolls Royce Marble Hall regeneration project with a Branch meeting in the New Brunswick. Overall the Branch had achieved its Business Plan objectives.

Chris Edwards queried how the Business Plan was approved, Liz replied to say that it was discussed at the AGM and open to comments and then sent to the IHBC.

Liz closed by thanking all those members who had served on the Branch Committee over the previous year.

## **5. Business Plan 2015-16**

In Rose's absence Stephen Bradwell ran through the draft Business Plan setting out the objectives for the forthcoming year and the associated budget allowances.

The Business Plan was accepted by the AGM meeting.

## **6. Treasurers Report**

In Rose's absence Stephen Bradwell summarised the Branch accounts for the previous year, with a projected closing balance of £920.17; and referring to the Annual School Bursary account, with a surplus of £469.50 in the Branch current account and a further £1,067 to drawdown from the IHBC when required.

## **7. Election of Officers**

The AGM then considered the following nominations for Branch Officers:

Chair - Elizabeth Mayle

Vice Chair - Robert Walker

Secretary - Stephen Bradwell

Branch Representative to IHBC Council - Roy Lewis

Treasurer - Rose Thompson

Membership Secretary - Neil Robertson

Education Representative - Philip Grover

Communications Officer - Chris McKinney

*Proposed: Chris Collison*

*Seconded: Becky Waddington*

## **8. Branch Committee and County Reps**

The following nominations were received for General Committee Members:

Fiona Newton

Jane Roylance

Rosamund Worrall

*Proposed: Chris Edwards*

*Seconded: Richard Tuffrey*

The following nominations were received for County Representatives:

Derbyshire – Becky Waddington

Leicestershire - Liz Blood

Lincolnshire – Kelly Appleton

Nottinghamshire - Jason Mordan

*Proposed: Robert Walker*

*Seconded: Adam Lathbury*

There were no nominations for the Northamptonshire County Rep.

Other Branch Representatives:

Derby City Conservation Advisory Panel Rep: Neil Robertson

Leicester City Conservation Advisory Panel Rep - No Nominations

*Proposed: Robert Walker*

*Seconded: Adam Lathbury*

The meeting agreed that the Branch Committee could approve additional officers should anyone else come forward.

## **9. IHBC Annual School Bursary Award**

Liz noted that this year's Bursary Award had been used to send one person to the Annual School in Norwich, and the successful recipient was usually expected to do something for the benefit of the Branch in return. And this year Rose had proposed to assist with a Branch CPD event in conjunction with Historic England.

Chris Collison pointed out that the Branch award was particularly appropriate for younger members to gain experience and Liz noted that that was the first criteria for selecting the candidates and that the Bursary had been set up to encourage younger members to get involved in the Branch's activities.

Rob commented that the Branch should continue with the Bursary and might consider sending up to two candidates to the Day School at Worcester in 2016 as it was not too far to travel in a day from many parts of the East Midlands.

It then proposed that the Branch Committee could make the final decision as to whether to support two day school places, or one full school place as in previous years, once the costs of the School were announced.

*Proposed: Robert Walker*

*Seconded: Chris Collison*

Becky suggested that the membership should be informed as soon as possible perhaps through the publication of a newsletter looking at the Annual Schools and the Bursary award.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Liz suggested that as Rose Thompson had offered to arrange a presentation by Historic England to the Branch it would be useful to link that with a Branch Committee, similar to the recent Derby events. A number of suggestions were

received, including from Rob the opportunity to visit a lead contractors in Peterborough that cast their own lead, and this offered the possibility of linking up with members from the East region.

Chris Edwards also mentioned that he had developed a number of in-house training programmes while at Halifax and was happy to offer this service to the East Midlands Branch network.

Liz thought that this would be very useful for local planning conservation officers, particularly when in the past the Branch had tried to develop closer links with the County groups.

Kathryn Banfield also noted that the training events were going to be organised as part of the Leicester THI and these could be advertised to Branch members.

As there was no further business Liz closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

The meeting closed at 5.10pm.