



IHBC EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5th February 2025 - 7pm
At: TEAMS

AGENDA

1. Apologies and Introductions

SW, AU, AC, LW, RW,

SC Introduced -

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters Arising

3. Updates:

SC now in post as Branch Liaison post, covering multiple regions. Had an introductory meeting already. Will cover some points tonight. Online council, update to chartership, still going through drafting of XXX, liaising with the decision makers over next stage. More detail will be provided and announced at AGM in May 2025. New structure of IHBC governance, potential for up to 4 no Vice Presidents at IHBC – call for nominations and information is on a recent NewsBlog. First opportunity for more than one VP, Mike Brown stepping down and Rebecca Thompson becoming Vice President.

MB can circulate the information if people haven't seen.

Vacancy – Secretary – advertising / promotion at national level. Could do same with new Leicester vacancy and Derbyshire too. AB stepping down from role at Leicester and stepping down from branch. LW not able to attend and is stepping down from Derbyshire role. If anyone knows anyone in those areas to put word out about vacancies.

SC – national to group vacancies from across branches so might take some time.

MB – in person/hybrid council event – March 24th at Charterhouse. Council rep was KM before moving branch, need to formally sort this. National will pay for travel costs. Ideally 2/3 people from branch to attend, good CPD opportunity, speak to MB if interested. Could cover some travel costs from branch if more than 1-2 want to attend.

4. Chair's Report

5. Treasurer's Report

- **Accounts**
- **Business Plan & Finances**

AU sent apologies, c45p interest, decent amount of funds remaining in the bank, business plan updated and sent – decision in March to release annual funding from national branch.

Is it worth putting some more funds from regular into savings account, accessibility to be checked.

Bursary – RW has updated the advert for this for 2025, not 100% sure on the exact costs of tickets to annual school. MB – is everyone ok with offering this again on same level as last year and pushing this out. LM, FM agreed. LM made point about travel time, overnight accommodation and this could be covered or contributed to. Agreed to move forward.

6. Events

- **IHBC CPD Events – John Edwards – April**

MB - Poll sent out about possible topics/speakers for the CPD event. John Edwards Retrofit was most popular choice.

Liaising with John to organise a date. Looking to avoid Easter holidays. Late April – possibly 28th April.

CP – Tudor Hall (Civic War Museum), Newark. Good parking nearby. Costly, but room for negotiation. Good facilities, café on site for catering. CP to speak to negotiate with NSDC

- **IHBC Member training**

MB - AH – contacted re: possible member training within branches. Supporting supporters/affiliates in branch. SC - AH could offer 30 min presentation showing how she would run it and then offer for branch to do this, a 30 min presentation to encourage/ support people of their membership journey.

7. Communications

- **Bulletin -**
- **Twitter/Linked In –**
- **Website –**
- **Event/Flyers –**

LM for a piece on her role as private sector liaison on committee.

Private Sector Rep

Issues with inexperienced staff in LPAs. Lack of consistency in comments from external contractors, particularly in SE / London area. Consistency has worsened as LPAs have struggled to recruit and have lost experience or have nobody at all. Something national IHBC could look into it.

8. National Updates

No update.

9. Membership Report

No update.

10. County Rep's Reports

Leicestershire –
Lincolnshire –
Nottinghamshire –
Derbyshire –
Northamptonshire –

11. Any Other Business

12. Date of Next Meeting:

- Newark event – late April 2025
- 2nd July - virtual

Written Reports:

Leicestershire

Nottinghamshire

Derbyshire

Lincolnshire

Northamptonshire