**IHBC Wales Branch Committee**

**Notes of Zoom meeting on 16 February 2024 11am-12pm**

1. Welcome and Introduction

Attendees:

Kathryn Moore (Chairing meeting)

Nathan Blanchard

Eleanor Carpenter

Lindsey Christian

Angharad Hart, IHBC Education, Training & Application Support Officer

Lazon Matiz

Janet Poole

Nick Renwick

Laura Smith

Alfie Stroud

Jude Wheeler, IHBC Branch Liaison & Volunteer Support Officer (Acting Secretary)

1. Apologies

Sam Johnson, Chair of IHBC Wales Branch Committee

James Drew

Trefor Thorpe

Mike Williams

1. Nomination of Kathryn Moore as IHBC Wales Representative Trustee

No objections. Supported by attendees.

1. Discussion re response to Page 44 of [Sustainable Farming Scheme - Keeping farmers farming (gov.wales)](https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=gov.wales&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ292LndhbGVzL3NpdGVzL2RlZmF1bHQvZmlsZXMvY29uc3VsdGF0aW9ucy8yMDIzLTEyL3N1c3RhaW5hYmxlLWZhcm1pbmctc2NoZW1lLWNvbnN1bHRhdGlvbi1kb2N1bWVudF8wLnBkZg==&p=m&i=NjQ1MGQ1MDI4ZDE4NzUzMzBiOTU3MDRh&t=Y1o4TTl5YnZYVmwxc3dEakxPWFVXbHplazNQWUpCODl0OHc2UzJhOVlhcz0=&h=1ebfcec748ed4b18968eff0309e3d1ea&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVa5_y-nEboyYrG5YkpQKYH5J9lLU35CZDBLsGvSft_kbA) (attached). Sam will draft something for agreement. Please send information for inclusion to support@ihbc.org.uk.
2. Supporter-Affiliate Applications (Angharad)

Encouraging supporters to advance through to affiliate membership. Streamlining information required at that level. Also, a pilot programme for long-standing supporters has been launched, with an affiliate ‘fast-track’ pilot that will offer a simplified approach to demonstrating awareness across the competencies. 14 total applications have already been submitted, 9 of which were part of the pilot. Also supporter surgeries for affiliate members have been scheduled: 2 online events in the next few weeks.

**KM to send question to AH regarding how downgraded affiliates were told that they were being dropped to Supporters.**

1. Local delivery CPD pilot (Angharad)

The current CPD pilot features three priority CPD topics; curtilage, retrofit, and engineering. The pilot is now being formalised as a programme of CPD training, delivered by local branches, and will be expanded to include the topics of 1) fire protection and regs, 2) placemaking and design codes, and 3) enforcement. Calls for expressions of interest for expert speakers on these additional topics closed in January. We now have speakers in mind for all those topics, and hope to confirm details in the near future.

However, if branches would like to host a CPD branch delivery event one of the above topics, and have a local speaker in mind to deliver the topic, they can get in touch with Angharad, and National Officer will do the required review to ensure that the quality will meet the requirements of the pilot.

As the pilot is now being formalised, it will be renamed. It is likely that it will now be called ‘IHBC CPD Boost – Branch Delivery Programme’.

7) Events

Gregynog Hall in May Wednesday Thursday 1,2, 8 or 9 10-4pm – **Sam to take dates to Gregynog**

Conservation Clashes – dealing with conflicts between historic environment and wider legislation.

Arrival, coffee and registration 10am

10:15am Introduction to day/housekeeping – Sam or Kathryn

10:20am Keynote Speaker: tbc; CADW? (general introduction to the kinds of issues we face)

10:50am Building regs – particular focus on U-values – **Lindsey Christian Contact**

11:20am Fire regs – **James Drew Contact**

11:50am Enforcement – **Andrew Lavender? KM to contact**

12:20pm Panel Q&A

1:00pm Lunch

2:00pm Tour of Gregynog – **Sam to ask if possible and numbers per tour (may need to split)**

3:00pm Wales Branch AGM (to inc update on Chartership) – **Jude to ask National Office for Chartership update**

Costs:

Ideally no more than £25/30 pp. Poss 2 tier rate of member and non-member

**Sam to confirm costs of using Gregynog**

**KM to send details to Angharad and confirm National Office support for speaker costs**

**KM/ALL to think of sponsors (Buttress/Donald Insalls as architects working across the border?)**

September/ October

Charles Mynors Curtilage in South Wales. Needs to be in person to get support for the speaker cost but can be livestreamed if possible.

**Sam to think of venue in Cardiff/Newport which would allow for hybrid event**

**Kathryn to go back to Charles for dates in autumn.**

8) AOB

Lindsey raised that IHBC are represented on HEG (Matt sits on this) and should be passing representation of the conservation officers up to government through this, however the method for this is unclear. Should we request that the regional COGs have a standing item for information they want passing up through Matt?

Nick R raised that he is a SPAB guardian and on Mills group – with a particular interest in hydroelectric power if anyone comes across sites please feel free to get in touch.

9) Date of Next meeting:

* 15 March, time needs changing to 12.00pm?
* Date of Following meetings: 19 April, 11am – and ongoing 3rd Friday of the month