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IHBC MEMBERSHIP MATTERS ISSUE 40 - September 2021

Delivering on commitments... despite delays

The IHBC's 'Membership Matters' circular updates members on recent work of the IHBC's Board of Trustees and Directors, and this issue covers the period from February to September 2021.

Membership Matters offers member-focussed context to developments in the IHBC, some of which are already reported, with more detail, on our NewsBlog news service.

This particular issue has been delayed by a combination of the pandemic, our need to devise the next stage of our governance under the new <u>Articles of Association</u>, and arranging for the delivery of our *Corporate Plan* for 2020-25 ('CP25').

Board: Outline activities

We have been busy!

Over the period we have had four board meetings (February, April, June and September); hosted both a <u>General Meeting</u> and <u>Council</u>; held the hugely successful <u>2021 Annual School</u> – including the innovative CPD-led <u>Heritage MarketPlace</u> – and initiated the <u>first session of the first Inquiry by the Conservation, Places and People All Party Parliamentary Group</u> ('CPPAPPG'), while also seeing an incoming new Chair. <u>James Grundy MP</u> has happily agreed to follow the remarkable Layla Moran in that role. Layla, the APPG's first Chair, has had to step down due to capacity, including responsibility for the <u>Coronavirus APPG!</u> James is a new MP, both passionately and sensibly enthusiastic about the <u>diverse values in our historic places</u>.

Alongside all that, the IHBC has been planning arrangements for support to help volunteers and Branches move beyond the pandemic, as well as for the full implementation of the Articles, which we are finally ready to announce. We have also announced our primary preliminary engagement with COP26, from 31 October to 12 November, in the form of an IHBC@COP26 built and historic environment Conservation Helpdesk+, in line with our message to the COP: 'Conserving our Places Conserves our Planet'.

Understandably, with our ordinary operations continuing alongside that recent rollercoaster of activity – ranging from financial

oversight advised by the Finance Working, the regular <u>Contexts</u> and our new <u>sustainability position statement</u> to our <u>partner outreach</u> (including a <u>new award with the SAHGB</u>), <u>NewsBlog services</u>, and member <u>support and advocacy</u> - officers and other volunteers have been so busy it is only now that your <u>Membership Matters</u> update is appearing. Clearly, as before, your patience is appreciated.

Trustees and Directors: Additional business

In addition to receiving reports and offering oversight on the developments summarised above, trustees have continued carrying out their responsibilities across the following areas:

- Reviewing arrangements for our new governance, including especially the operation of the 'Council' - with the next meeting date likely to be 13 October - as well as our Board arrangements and progress with planned byelaws
- Confirming one-off funding allocations and strategies for Branches to help address the exceptional impacts of the pandemic, including enhanced access to targeted National Office support. This will focus initially on a virtual 'Branch Reconnection Day' – currently scheduled for 11 November where we will also review updated <u>draft Branch guidance</u>
- Agreeing to correct incongruities in our Affiliate 'membership' category, in particular to address the lack of distinction between that title and its operation as what would ordinarily be understood as the role of a 'supporter'
- As well as generally updating our risk register in light of the successful governance upgrade with our new Articles, at the start of the year, at our last meeting reviewing prospective plans, options, opportunities and risks for the <u>Aberdeen</u> <u>School in June 2022</u> which is being planned with both inperson and virtual CPD engagement in mind
- Noting headline achievements as part of a forthcoming update on the previous Corporate Plan <u>CP20 and receiving headline</u> <u>targets for reporting on our new Corporate Plan</u> for 2020-25 (CP25).
- Noting progress on the now fully functioning <u>`CREATIVE</u>
 <u>Conservation Fund</u>' and preparing it for tighter integration
 with our events next year
- The 'virtual' re-cast of our 'priority CPD' events, notably with <u>Ian Hume</u> (engineering) and <u>John Edwards</u> (retrofit)
- Receiving reports on the more regular and much more numerous activities that remain at the heart of our support for members, including the digital developments such as refining our more accessible <u>Homepage</u>; the <u>Virtual MATE</u> programme led by consultant Ramona Usher; the conclusion of various consultations, not least on <u>England's Planning White Paper</u> alongside various publications on the <u>ToolBox</u>

 Receiving various officer and committee and related reports and updates, written and oral, including monitoring updates from the Finance Working Group which for the last year has been responsible for advising on the evolving financial impacts from – and mitigation strategies for – the pandemic.

New and newly accredited members

In line with now-historic constitutional procedures, and as recommended by our Membership Secretary Andrew Shepherd, whose work is supported by his committee of assessors, the Board has agreed the following applications in line with their corresponding membership categories and Branches:

Full Members (Accredited in interdisciplinary conservation practice)

Emily Anderson (LO), Richard Bland (OV), Natalia Burakowska (SC), Nicholas Dutton (EM), Rowenna Henderson (SO), Joao Lopes (SE), Katie McAndrew (EA), Zoe Sawbridge (SO), Morwenna Slade (SW), Shantanu Subramanian (LO), Tanya Szendeffy (SE), Wendy Tomlinson (SW), Dan Windwood (OV), Gregory Barrett (LO), Elizabeth Feakes (SE), Bev Kerr (YO), Renato Messere (LO), Kim Miller (EM), Samantha Pace (NI), Simon Richard (SE), Hadas Rix (WM), Paul Rhymes (SE), Joanna Saady (SE), Hettie Dix (SO), Aimee Felton (LO), Edward Hawkins (LO), Carol Heidschuster (EM), Francis Maude (LO), Sarah Neville (YO), Gaby Rose (YO), Jessica Scott (NW), David Swarbrick (SE), Peter Whittaker (WM)

Associate Members (Accredited in conservation practice)

Emma Healey (EA) Associate: Evaluation, Alastair Phillips (NW) Associate: Management, Matt Clarke (NI) Associate: Intervention, Alicia Vickers (LO) Associate: Evaluation

Affiliate membership (Non-accredited)

Jana Bartschova (LO), Richard Bayliss (LO), Valentina Bray (LO), Owen Broadway (SO), Samuel Brooks (SE), Andrea Burton (WM), Oliver Chinn (EA), Anthony Crosby (NO), Denis Daley (LO), Mark Davie (SE), Laurie Dighton (SE), Joanna Dowling (LO), Elizabeth Feakes (SE), Andrew Fuller (SE), Samantha Gill (NW), Ethan Grubb (NW), Philip Hall (LO), Andrew Harris (LO), Rebecca Hawkes-Reynolds (LO), Evie Hayman (LO), Conor Hurford (NW), Evan Karl (Z), Mira Lotz (LO), Andrew MacDonald (SC), Lucy Marston (YO), Victoria Moulton (YO), Steve Norwood (OV), Sarah Odell (LO), Pietro Paris (LO), Matthew Pike (SO), Rebecca Russell (SW), Ailith Rutt (WM), Sophie Stewart (EA), Suzanne Wenczek (WM), David Clayton (WM), John Durie (WA), Rowan Easter (EA), Huw Francis (WA), Ahmed Khalil (SE), Minette Matthews (SC), Daniel Noblett (NW), Catherine Rossborough (LO), Micki McNie (YO), Emma Dexter

(LO), Anthony Doran (LO), Bradley Fisher (SE), Alexander Harrison (EM), Kirstin Mackenzie (SC), Sophia Robson (LO), Wayne Sandford (LO), Shaila Sharmin (WA), Jennifer Williams (NW)Neil Boughey (YO), Jemma Brabrook (NW), David Brown (LO), Paul Channing (SW), Lucy Clark (EA), Chris Davis (LO), Jason Evans (OV), Gavin Farguhar (SC), Marshall Ferguson (LO), Brendan George (NI), Neil Golding (SW), Megan Green (LO), Graeme Harley (SC), John Harrison (NI), Michael Hendry (EA), Simon Hindley (EA), Stella Hughes (EM), Trevor Jacklin (SW), Bruce Johnson (NW), David Keane (RI), Brian Kerr (NI), Andrew Long (SW), Richard Maung (EA), Samuel Mitson (SW), Olivia Morrill (YO), Tara Murphy (LO), Charlotte Parker (SE), Benjamin Parkes (WM), Thomas Pierce (EA), Barry Reynolds (LO), Rachel Rosner (LO), Ranjit Sagoo (WM), Leslie Saint (NO), Sinead Scullion (RI), Michael Simmons (SW), Thomas Thurlow (SW), Eddie Waller (LO), Beverley Wilders (NW), Verity Askew (LO), Olivia Birks (NW), Phoebe Coughlan (YO), Aida Dehpour (SC), Angus Harley (SW), Lisa Harvey (SO), Conal Kennedy (SO), Aryeh Rosen (LO), Jemma Routledge (SW), Claire Vidler (SE), Dave Wilding (NW), Ian Barnes (SE), Roy King (SW), Marc Knighton (EA), Donal Lucey (SW), Lauren O'Toole (NW), Christina Reade (LO), Chi-Wei Clifford-Frith (SE), Poppy Crooks (EA), Ruth Haigh (SE), Michelle Hill (WM), John Robertson (SW), Holly Rowland (EA), Paul West (LO), Neli Zhecheva (LO), Peter Bassett (WM), Richard Batt (YO), Ian Bishop (SW), Katherine Briggs (EM), Jane Catterall (WM), Shirley Cefai (OV), Janet Clarke (SC), Jennifer Cooke (LO), John de Bruyne (EA), Simon Douch (LO), Joseph Empsall (NW), Michael Holden (NW), Iain Johnston (LO), Christine Leadbeater (SE), Richard Lever (WM), Danielle Millbank (SE), Gary Paterson (SC), Gaynor Roberts (EA), Mark Ruth (NW), Richard Saward (EM), Andrew Sumner (WA), William Taylor (NW), Samantha Wood (EM), Ian Wyre (NO), Miriam Holland (LO), Fanny Lorrillard (NW), Henry Sanders (SE), Daniel Bray (SO), Stella Sudekum (LO), Jennifer Dean (NW), Soumya Singh (WA), Alice Blows (LO), Russell Frew (LO), Kate Harris (YO), Wesley Lyster (SC), Iain Masterman (SC), Amy Aquilina (SC), Genevieve Arblaster-Hulley (WA), Natalie Barker (YO), Jamie Barnes (SW), Gordon Barr (SC), Stuart Bowler (SE), Laura Bradbury-Stewart (SW), Lloyd Britton (WA), Keith Brown (EA), Ricky Burns (EM), Katherine Buxton (SW), Andrew Caird (SC), Phoebe Claxton (SC), Chris Connelley (SE), Stephanie Croston (NW), Kirsty Curnow Bayley (SW), Lorna Davies (SE), Jessica Dill (OV), Sean Doran (LO), Shannon Edwards (YO), Tom Evans (SE), Catherine Fenghour (NW), Lydia Foss (WA), Catalin Grigoras (SO), Tom Hassard (LO), Rachel Higgs (SW), Charlotte Howe-McCartin (YO), Mark Kilby (NW), Marcin Krzewicki (LO), Philip Leahy-Harland (SW), Sarah Lewis (YO), David Lewis (SE), Katy-Jayne Lintott (EM), Phil Lord (SW), Ally Yueh-E Lu (YO), Bogdan Marcu (SO), Joseph Mathieson (LO),

Jennifer McCracken (SW), Sam Mundee (LO), Tom Nixon (LO), Prashant Patel (LO), Michael Patrick (OV), Bozhana Pawlus (LO), James Pemberton (NW), Blair Poole (NW), Toby Roddham (LO), Michael Roy (SC), Christiana Shovlin (NW), Tiffany Snowden (YO), Jessica Stileman (WM), Lorna Theophilus (WM), Katie Towner (NW), Sophie Waite (LO), Zoe Walheim (SE), Alexander Walter (LO), Jacob West (SW), Natalie Winspear (EA), Alexandra Best (SW), Edward Cartwright (YO), Robert Dunn (LO), Sabhyata Halli (YO), Katie Langridge (EA), Daniel Lewis (WM), Petra Sprowson (SE), Garry Summers (WA), John Duffy (EA).

As usual, all have been welcomed and congratulated on their appointment to the corresponding membership categories and Branches noted above.

Branch updates, reports and our Branch Events NewsBlog

Trustee meetings necessarily focus on statutory, regulatory and related general duties, including corporate plan delivery and oversight of finance and risk. Under our new Articles this is increasingly the case.

Recognising these restrictions, our individual <u>Branch webpages</u> carry such updates as part of our national support for local member networks. Local Branch content should be sent to IHBC's IT consultant, Peter Badcock, at <u>it@ihbc.org.uk</u>.

Our website <u>NewsBlog</u> service also carries some local Branch news *etc.*, with suggested content to be passed to our Professional Services Officer, Michael Netter, at <u>services@ihbc.org.uk</u>.

NB: All Branches are especially encouraged to announce their activities and publications on the IHBC's LinkedIn Group, and take advantage of this open network to advertise their achievements across our digital networks.

Getting involved

Remember: The IHBC is always very keen to secure, support and of course benefit from volunteers – Branch representatives and board members especially – and the best way to prepare your skills for these roles is to join your Branch or National Committees as a volunteer, as discussed below.

IHBC Volunteering & Governance: An update

A cover note from our Chair David McDonald:

The IHBC is a charitable trust with a Board of Trustees responsible for its management. Any Full Member or Associate wishing to become a trustee needs to be well acquainted with the Institute's policies and ways of working. This can be achieved by any, or all, of the ways mentioned below, and by reference to our Yearbook and our website links from www.ihbc.org.uk.

As we all know, the strength of the IHBC lies in the willingness of its members to contribute to its activities. The Institute is always pleased to hear from members willing to contribute their skills, time and experience, either at local or national level.

It is easy to become informed about the IHBC and involved in its processes through our NewsBlogs, Membership Eletter and our in-house publications, Context and our Yearbook all of which offer opportunities for comment and feedback.

Starting points for active involvement for IHBC members of all classes of membership may be through the new national Council and at national and regional Branch levels, where we offer programmes of meetings and CPD that many will wish to attend, participate in and advise. There are opportunities, also, to contribute to the governance of our Branches. Details may be obtained from Branch contacts and secretaries listed at https://www.ihbc.org.uk/branches/index.html.

Our Annual School – even in 'Virtual' mode - gives members the opportunity to engage with members from other regions as well as the Institute's national officers, who use this event to help keep in contact with the wider membership.

Those with particular expertise or interest in aspects of conservation or development of policy might like to consider joining one of the national committees, panels or relevant working groups. Participation can lead to further responsibility in that area or in the general governance of the Institute.

More recently, following the IHBC's review of its corporate structure, the Institute has agreed new <u>Articles of Association</u> that will enhance member accessibility, engagement and interest. While we are still involved in the transition of operations to align with those Articles, they are designed to accommodate the best of recent developments including our new Council – previously 'Council+' and our more flexible Working Group arrangements. For now, current practice and guidance on volunteering remains largely unchanged.

Details of the legal duties and obligations of trustees and the various roles of the Institute's officers are also evolving, while current papers may be obtained from the IHBC Secretary, Jo Evans, at ihbcsecretary@ihbc.org.uk.