



SCOTTISH BRANCH

Minute of Meeting

Held on Friday 25 August 2023 at 10.00am
Remote Access Meeting via MS Teams

Present:

Andy Moir (AM)	John Gahagan (JG)	Michael O’Gorman (MOG)
Scott Hughes (SH)	Allan McDonald (AMcD)	Robert Harkness (RDH)
Morag Angus (MA)	Alastair Kay (AK)	Angela Graham (AGra)
Emma Stewart (ES)	Kenneth Forbes (KF)	Kyle Williamson (KW)
Alastair Watson (AW)	Kate Paton (KP)	David Baird (DB)
David Anderson (DA)	Josephine Stewart (JS)	Douglas Henderson (DH)
David Mitchell (DM)	Stuart Beveridge (SB)	Graeme McGartland (GMcG)
Tom Fulton (TF)		

Apologies:

Ian Martin (IM)	Russell Munn (RM)	Paula Conway (PC)
Willie Martin (WM)	Colin Craig (CC)	Gerry McParland (GMcP)
Kate Leer (KL)	David Allan (DA)	Audrey Galloway (AG)
Katharine Swan (KS)		

Agenda	Notes	Action
1. Minutes of Branch Meeting & AGM held on 02/06/2023	1.1 The minute of the Scottish Branch and AGM meeting held on 02/06/2023 was proposed by DB and seconded by MOG.	Noted
2. Matters Arising	2.1 None.	Noted
3. Correspondence and Membership	3.1 Consultations/Correspondence 07/07/23. Email from Sara Cameron Senior VP. ACES Awards for Excellence 07/07/23. Email. from Trevor Bishop ACES Secretary Summer Terrier 2023 21/07/23. Email from D. Mitchell Scot Gov. Deadline for NDR Rating proposals extended to 31/08/23 21/07/23. Email from R. Shiels. Aberdeenshire Council. Peer review of DRC Property Types. Update 31/07/23. Email from D. Mitchell Scot Gov. Current EPC System in Scotland reform:consultation-gov.scot 31/07/23. Email from D. Mitchell Scot Gov. Existing use value (EUUV) for UK public sector financial statements July 2023	Noted

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	<p>3.2 <u>New Members/ Retirements/ Resignations</u></p> <p><u>New Members</u> Josephine Stewart (Borders) Craig Isdale (Falkirk) Paula Conway (Belfast) Douglas Henderson (Angus)</p> <p><u>Resignations</u> Cathy Reynolds (Belfast) Mandy Robinson (Angus) Katharine Swan (Dumfries and Galloway)</p>	Noted
4. Finance Report	4.1 KF advised the Branch account balance is £3,624. Online banking remains an ongoing issue for all ACES branches.	Noted
5. Working Groups	<p>5.1 <u>Executive Actions</u></p> <p>MA retires as Branch chair from November 2023. Nominations sought for position. KS resigned from Executive due to new post outwith public sector. Nominations sought for position.</p> <p>5.2 <u>Valuation Working Group (VWG)</u></p> <p>DM provided an update on VWG Topics covered: - 1. NDR appeal extension to 31/08/23 2. Existing use value (EUV) for UK public sector financial statements July 2023 3. RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) - Scotgov working group set up 4. NDR appeals penalty notices 5. EPC Scottish Gov Consultation 6. Public Sector Highland Property Group 7. Clawback. Responses circulated 8. Telecoms. SFT/ Infralink</p> <p>Discussion item: NDR appeals. Schools build rates. DA raised previously possible reduction in rates. Assuming that reductions will not be across all Councils and valuation areas. AK confirmed case law against such a possibility. Many members now considering appealing all schools in Council areas by 31/08/2023.</p> <p>Next meeting late September/ early October. Currently 50 members attending.</p> <p>5.3 <u>Asset Management Working Group (AMWG)</u></p> <p>AM provided an update on AMWG Topics covered:- 1. CIPFA big property discussion feedback 2. 20 min neighbourhoods 3. Scottish Fire Rescue Services changes for Property Managers 4. LEIP funding requirements and BIM 5. RAAC panels 6. Asset Management approaches and longer term investment plans 7. Asset reduction and disposal programmes</p>	<p>MA/ All</p> <p>DM</p>

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	<p>DB raised Common good determination of assets as a potential agenda item for next meeting.</p> <p>Last meeting 06/06/2023. Held jointly with CIPFA. 24 attendees. 16 organisations represented.</p> <p>New attendees across all disciplines involved in asset management are welcome. All meetings are TEAMS. With next meeting of the group on 27/09/2023</p> <p>5.4 <u>ACES Council Meeting 20/01/2023</u></p> <p>MA advised of Council meeting. Minutes circulated/ on website. Focus on UK Conference - 3 attendees from Scotland.</p> <p>UK AGM 17/11/2023 to be hosted by Edinburgh Council (City Chambers). All branch members encouraged to attend.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>All</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>All</p>
6. Discussion Forum	<p>6.1 Valuer Rotation - DM advised not required for public sector asset valuations.</p> <p>6.2 Battery Storage - MOG raised queries over valuation of small sites. 150-200 across Fife. Contributions from DB (NLC battery farm, contact Scott Darroch). AMD (Procurement issues, SPEN meetings on substation capacity issues). JG/AM (experience Greencat as advisors and of Aberdeenshire Council scoring methodology for selection of larger sites around sub stations.)</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7. Presentation	7.1 KLTR Ownerless Property Transfer Scheme (OPTS) – Next Steps by Richard Frew and Bobby Sandeman. 45 attendees. Slides to be circulated.	JS
8. A.O.C.B.	8.1 None.	Noted
9. Date of Next Meeting	9.1 The next meeting will be held on Friday 27 October 2023 at 10.00am via Teams.	All