



SCOTTISH BRANCH

Minute of Meeting

Held on Friday 2 February 2024 at 10.00am
Remote Access Meeting via MS Teams

Present: Andy Moir (AM) Willie Martin (WM) Robert Harkness (RDH)
David Anderson (DA) Allan McDonald (AMcD) Audrey Galloway (AG)
Tom Fulton (TF) Alastair Kay (AK) John Smith (JS)
Emma Stewart (ES) David Baird (DB) Stuart Beveridge (SB)
Kate Leer (KL) Kate Paton (KP)

Apologies: Katharine Swan (KS) David Allan (DA) Graeme McGartland (GMcG)
Scott Hughes (SH) Morag Angus (MA) Gerry McParland (GMcP)
Alastair Watson (AW) Nick Allan (NA) Kenneth Forbes (KF)
Michael O’Gorman (MOG)

Agenda	Notes	Action
1. Minutes of Branch Meeting & AGM held on 27/10/2023	1.1 The minute of the Scottish Branch and AGM meeting held on 27 October 2023 was proposed by DB and seconded by KL.	Noted
2. Matters Arising	2.1 Meeting opened with DB extending condolences on behalf of ACES and paying tribute to the untimely passing of David Mitchell of ACES Executive, Chair of Valuation Working Group and RICS. David’s widespread and valued contribution to RICS, Scottish Government, ACES and Valuation Working Group over many years was admired and acknowledged by all. Noted many ACES member absent from Branch meeting for David’s funeral.	Noted

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3. Correspondence and Membership	<p>3.1 <u>Consultations/Correspondence</u></p> <p>01/11/23 Email from ACES UK Secretary on Recommendations for Approval of Association: request to vote for recommendation for Sara Cameron (ACES President).</p> <p>03/11/23 E-mail DB circulated Registers of Scotland November newsletter advising of Register of Scotland webinars for CPD.</p> <p>14/11/23 Email from ACES UK Secretary AGM Nominations for Honorary Membership of past presidents. Members vote.</p> <p>27/11/23 ACES Winter Terrier Deadline 05/1/24.</p> <p>30/11/23 Email from ACES UK Secretary on ACES Council following UK AGM.</p> <p>3/12/23. Email from ACES UK Secretary on ACES Junior Vice President nomination. Members vote.</p> <p>16/01/24 Email from ACES UK Secretary Winter Edition Terrier uploaded.</p> <p>16/01/24 Email from ACES Branch Liaison Officer Marcus Perry. Branch social media – LinkedIn.</p> <p>3.2 <u>New Members/ Retirements/ Resignations</u></p> <p>No membership changes since last meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4. Finance Report	4.1 KF unavailable to report. DB advised the Branch account balance is £3,056.05.	Noted
5. Working Groups	<p>5.1 <u>Valuation Working Group (VWG)</u></p> <p>To be advised.</p> <p>5.2 <u>Asset Management Working Group/CIPFA (AMWG)</u></p> <p>Last Meeting 14 November 2023, with next meeting arranged for 14 February 2024. Future meetings proposed for 13 June and September.</p> <p>The group is seeing a reduction in Councils subscribing to CIPFA Benchmarking Group – previous membership stood at 23+ last year this stood at 16 with only 7 Councils making any submission. Reduction is assumed as being associated with Councils reviewing expenditure along with benchmarking data not being mandatory.</p> <p>Group continues to be excellent forum for asset management issues and approaches, and processes and procedural exchange, with a call for ACES colleagay to backfill the void created by reduction in those attending through CIPFA membership.</p> <p>5.3 <u>ACES Council Meeting 20/01/2023</u></p> <p>20 ACES members not registered online.</p> <p>Income from Asset management course circa £30K. Amount affecting ACES non-profit status. Suggestions sought for use of funds i.e. training, sponsorship UK wide.</p> <p>AGM. Mid November. Location London. Conference. Mid-September. Location Norwich.</p>	<p>Executive</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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6. Discussion Forum	<p>6.1 <u>Police Scotland</u> Single Scottish Estate - Branch would welcome Calum Morman to attend next branch meeting to discuss. DB/KL</p> <p>6.2 <u>Heating Buildings</u> Heat pumps, Building upgrades Costs of improvements. Projects undertaken. KL queried availability of assessment tools for authorities to assist bodies or any other tools utilised. AM/DA/KL/DB</p> <p>6.3 <u>Common Good Issues</u> Public consultation approaches, alienability and Court costs. DB/ES/SB/AM/KL</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7. A.O.C.B.	<p>7.1 <u>RAAC</u> Scottish Government Working groups. Query how well is this functioning for members. Is it useful to allow additional funding allocations? Assessments lead to technical solutions lead to budget requirements/ financial allocation. KL/DB</p> <p>Inspection regimes and frequency DB.</p> <p>Leased properties AMD.</p> <p>Schools Assessment. Asset management Working Group AM. KL/AMD/AM/DB.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
8. Presentation	<p>8.1 "Renewables" by Gavin Falconer. Head of Renewables at Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) – 45 attendees. Excellent presentation on windfarm battery storage valuation.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
9. Date of Next Meeting	<p>9.1 The next meeting will be held on Friday 7 June 2024 at 10.00am via Teams.</p>	<p>All</p>