



SCOTTISH BRANCH

Minute of Meeting

Held on Friday 7 June 2024 at 10.00am
Remote Access Meeting via MS Teams

Present:

Andy Moir (AM)	Willie Martin (WM)	Robert Harkness (RDH)
Scott Hughes (SH)	Morag Angus (MA)	Audrey Galloway (AG)
Tom Fulton (TF)	Alastair Kay (AK)	John Smith (JS)
Emma Stewart (ES)	David Baird (DB)	Stuart Beveridge (SB)
Alastair Watson (AW)	Kate Paton (KP)	Graeme McGartland (GMcG)
Michael O’Gorman (MOG)	Ian Martin (IM)	Kenneth Forbes (KF)
Neil Strachan (NS)	Tom Burns (TB)	Colin Freeman (CF)
Jonathan Janes (JJ)	Scott McEwen (SMcE)	

Apologies:

Calum Morman (CM)	David Allan (DA)	John Gahagan (JG)
Russell Munn (RM)	Kate Leer (KL)	Gerry McParland (GMcP)
Douglas Henderson (DH)	Caroline Patrick (CP)	

Agenda	Notes	Action
1. Minutes of Branch Meeting held on 02/02/24	1.1 The minute of the Scottish Branch and AGM meeting held on 21 February 2024 was proposed by DB and seconded by AM.	Noted
2. Matters Arising	2.1 At the invitation of Chair, Willie Martin opened by to extending condolences on behalf of ACES and paying tribute to the passing of Tom Fleming Past ACES President (2012/2013) and former Branch Chair. Tom was well known both in Scotland and in UK for his contribution both to ACES and surveying and his generous personality. Willie was a long-time colleague and friend all those who knew Tom both professionally and personally over many years in ACES and within Glasgow City Council will miss him greatly.	Noted

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3. Correspondence and Membership	<p>3.1 <u>Consultations/Correspondence</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email ACES Secretary 06/06/24. ACES Avison Young Espresso Briefing and EG Future of workplace event. 2. Email J. Scott/ DB. Infrastructure Levy Scottish Government Discussion Paper. 3. Email ACES Secretary 28/05/24. Branch membership overdue fees. 4. Email ACES Secretary 19/05/24. Certificate of Employers (ACES) Liability Insurance documentation sharing. 5. Email ACES Secretary 03/05/24. Funeral of Tom Fleming 04/05/24. 6. Email DB. 01/05/24. City lets PRS Data. approach via GMcG. Future presentation. 7. Email. ACES Branch Liaison Officer 18/04/24. RICS Public Sector Forum on Glasgow 05/06/24. 8. Email ACES Secretary 08/04/24. ACES E-Brief April 2024. 9. Email ACES Secretary. 04/04/24. Awards for Excellence 2024 Nominations Open. Closing date 30/08/24. 10. Email ACES Secretary. 20/02/24. ACES Mini Briefing RICS UK& I Valuation Conference. ACES/ CIPFA Strategic Asset Management Course Diploma Course (20% discount). ACES Jobs Page. <p>3.2 <u>New Members/ Retirements/ Resignations</u></p> <p><u>New Members:</u> Mary Lindsay, Forestry Land Scotland (FLS) Mark Wilcock, Forestry Land Scotland (FLS) James Higgins, Forestry Land Scotland (FLS) Mark McGee, Angus Council. Emma Stewart, East Renfrewshire Council</p> <p><u>Retirements/ Resignations:</u> John Gahagan, Aberdeenshire Council. (John was Former ACES Scottish Chair) retiring from ACES but only semi-retired from Aberdeen shire Council. Doug Henderson, Angus Council (being replaced by Mark McGee above).</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
4. Finance Report	<p>4.1 Balance - KF reported the Branch account balance of £2,381. Scottish supplement still to be received from UK.</p> <p>4.2 Arrears - Noted still arrears from some members. DB stressed need to make payments by those with outstanding accounts.</p> <p>4.3. Funding available for 2 ACES members for travel and accommodation for Annual Conference in September. JS to email members and seek nominations.</p>	<p>Noted/All</p> <p>JS/All</p>
5. Working Groups	<p>5.1 <u>Valuation Working Group (VWG)</u></p> <p>AW Head of Valuation VOA Scotland now Chair of VWG advised of discussions:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NDR pre agreements. 2. HM Treasury. Thematic Review Assets. 3. Green Battery Storage/ Solar Power 4. Q&A Session. 	

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	<p>Followed discussion on Rating of Schools and Appeals. DB/SB/GMcG/AK/MA/AW. AK agreed to host of forum of/ for contributors.</p> <p>5.2 <u>Asset Management Working Group/CIPFA (AMWG)</u></p> <p>AM advised of meeting of 14/02/24. 6 ACES bodies represented. Topics covered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance & Capital Plans • Rationalisation • RAAC • SAM Plans • Asset Management Strategies <p>Next Meeting 13/06/24. Proposed topics - Offices, Asset Transfers and Place Plans. Invitations to all members to invite those with their organisation who can contribute or benefit.</p> <p>5.3 <u>ACES Council Meeting 20/01/2024</u></p> <p>DB and WM attended. DB to provide members of minutes of meeting. UK ACES Constitutional Review being undertaken.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>DB Noted</p>
6. Discussion Forum	<p>6.1 DB and MA provided feedback to the Branch of their attendance and presentations at ACES RICS Public Sector Forum in Glasgow on 5 June 2024. This included the Single Scottish Estate and a brief overview was provided by Scott McEwan of the Scottish Government. Q&A contributions AK, AM, MA. Link below to information on the Single Scottish Estate Single Scottish Estate - Public sector procurement - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</p>	<p>Noted</p>
7. A.O.C.B.	<p>7.1 None.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
8. Presentation	<p>8.1 Forth Climate Forest, An Overview and Ambitions for Urban Tree Canopy by Forth Climate Forest by Douglas Worrall. 47 attendees. Very interesting and informative presentation.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
9. Date of Next Meeting	<p>9.1 The next meeting will be hybrid and held on Friday 30 August 2024 at 10.00am in Committee Room 3, West Lothian Council, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF and on Microsoft Teams.</p>	<p>All</p>