

The IMechE Dorchester Area Committee Meeting  
The Trumpet Major - 02 February 2017  
Minutes of the 201 Annual General Meeting

**Present**

Steve Stubbing (School Liaison Officer (SLO)), Andrew Samways (Chairman (C )), Nick Fryer (Treasurer ), Andrew Kenny (Secretary (S))

**Apologies** None

**Minutes and matters arising**

The Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted without alteration. Any matters arising are dealt with in the following minutes and those of the 53rd Ordinary Meeting, which followed on immediately after the AGM.

**The Chairman's opening remarks and report**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**The Chairman's report**

Over the past 12 months we have organised six lectures in conjunction with the IET. Lectures on the whole were well attended and a good proportion of those attending were non-members who had been attracted by our diverse lecture programme. We also organised one industrial visit to the RNLI at Poole which was well supported.

Through the efforts of our Schools Liaison Officer supported by the Dorchester and Weymouth Area volunteer committee, we have organised and supported many technical school visits and after schools events throughout our area targeting students in school Years 4 to 13 (8 to 18 years).

We endeavour to build our membership and volunteer committee. To these ends, Andrew Kenny, Honorary Secretary, has used the 'Informer' database to send welcome letters to all new and upgraded members within our catchment area with the aim of increasing the number of volunteers on our committee and thus reduce individual work load.

I would like to thank Andrew Kenny, Hon Sec, for representing Dorchester and Weymouth at the Wessex Region Social Media workshop and the Salisbury Area Presidential Visit reception.

Our Honorary Treasurer, Nick Fryer, has continued to work with the Wessex Region on budget planning and reporting throughout 2016. I would like to thank Nick for his efforts and his budgeting accuracy.

This year has started well with the many of our lecture for the year at an advanced state of planning with our colleagues from the IET. Budget restrictions for 2017 have been challenging for us particularly our educational activities budgeting. Nevertheless, we will endeavour to use what budget we have wisely, maximising its effectiveness per head of student.

Efforts will continue to recruit new members, particularly young members and Engineering Technicians to bolster our committee.

### **The Secretary's Report**

The secretary agreed to attending a meeting for induction of new members and awards upgrade in membership status in Salisbury in April 2016. The IMechE president will present the certificates to the members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Through the efforts of Nick Fryer, our Honorary Treasurer, funding has been secured for the coming year, in conjunction with the Wessex Region, to allow us to continue to put on lectures and visits and allow our Schools Liaison Officer to continue to support STEM visits and activities within schools in our catchment area.

For the Dorchester and Weymouth Area Committee a budget is for the previous fiscal year 2016 in appended to the end of these minutes.

### **School Liaison Officer's Report**

Through the efforts of Steve Stubbing, our Honorary Schools Liaison Officer, the IMechE Dorchester and Weymouth Region provided much appreciated support to schools, teachers, and students boosting science and technology education in the Region.

The SLO has provided us a separate schools Activity report for 2016 which is appended to the end of these minutes.

### **Election of Officers for 2017**

The following Officers were re-elected

Chairman    Andrew Samways    elected

Treasurer    Nick Fryer    elected

Schools Liaison Officer    Steve Stubbing    elected

Secretary    Andrew Kenny    elected

**2017 AGM Meeting Adjourned and followed immediately by 53th OGM**

