

The IMechE Dorchester and Weymouth Area Committee Meeting
The Trumpet Major – 1st February 2018
Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Present

Dr Andrew Samways	Chair
Dr Andrew Kenny	Hon Secretary
Nick Fryer	Hon Treasurer
Jareth Reeves	Publicity Officer
Steve Stubbing	School Liaison Officer
Tracey Boardman	Committee Member

Apologies

None

Minutes of the Previous AGM and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted without alteration and there were no Matters Arising from the previous AGM.

The Chairman's Opening Remarks and Annual Report

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Over the past 12 months we have supported local schools and also organised 3 lectures. We have also coordinated 3 further lectures with the IET.

We would like to thank our Hon Treasurer, Andrew Kenny, who has produce excellent records of our meeting and helped organise interesting lectures and visits for our local members and engaged public. Over the last 12 months Andrew has been preparing himself to step up to the office of Chair when I step down at this meeting.

Despite limited budgetary contribution from IMechE HQ, our Schools Liaison Officer, Steve Stubbing, has provided excellent leadership and assistance to schools once again in 2017. We have protected Steve Education Budget for 2018 to the same level as 2017 although we have been asked to make cut back in other areas. This will allow the Dorchester and Weymouth Area to continue the excellent work we do supporting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educational activities and visits within local schools and colleges.

Our treasurer, Nick Fryer, continues to budget and keep outstanding track of our accounts, advising us so that we are able help our local members and students.

Nick's expertise has been especially important over the last year getting the most possible support for the school's budget.

We were very pleased to welcome Jareth Reeves to our small committee mid-way through 2017. Jareth is very keen to help out and has taken up the office of Publicity Officer. He has already made significant contributions to our Social Media pages on Facebook and made other helpful contacts.

We had 3 interesting lectures last year covering Novel Developments in the Design of Helicopter Rotor Blades, Changing Times for Portland Port and the Regional Supply Grid by Wessex Water. Thanks to efforts of our outgoing Chair, Andrew Samways, we already have our first lecture for 2018 programmed in for the 26th April 2018 on Nuclear Fusion and Tokamak Reactors.

We are proud to recognise the achievements of Tracey Boardman in earned Chartered Engineer status through the IMechE in 2017. I would like to congratulate Tracey on behalf of the committee.

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

Finally, the committee expressed their thanks to the outgoing Chair, Andrew Samways, for his greatly admired leadership provided over the years since the late Gerry Pritchard stood down in 2013. Due to an increasing workload, Andrew has decided to stand down as Chair as he cannot devote the time need to effectively hold the Office. However, Andrew will still be involved with the committee supporting activities and offering guidance and support to our small but efficient committee.

Hon Treasurer's Report

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

We currently have a balance going forward from 2017 into 2018 of £312.97. Our Accounts for the 2017 FY are shown in Appendix A.

Nick has secured a budget from the Wessex Region for 2018 of £4,970, split £3,650 on Educational activities and the remaining £1,320 for use by the committee to promote lectures, visits and other engagement activities with the local community.

The Education budget is once again less that we had hoped for, nevertheless, we will endeavour to use what budget we have wisely, maximising its effectiveness per head of student.

Election of Officers

Nominations were received from the following to be elected as Officers, proposed by, seconded and duly elected:

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Dr Andrew Kenny	Andrew Samways	Steve Stubbing
Hon Secretary	Tracey Boardman	Steve Stubbing	Andrew Samways
Hon Treasurer	Nick Fryer	Andrew Samways	Steve Stubbing
Publicity Officer	Jareth Reeves	Nick Fryer	Andrew Samways
Schools Liaison Officer	Steve Stubbing	Andrew Samways	Andrew Kenny
Committee Member	Dr Andrew Samways	Steve Stubbing	Nick Fryer

There were no AOB and the 2018 AGM Meeting Adjourned and was followed immediately by 56th OGM.

Note: Next OGM (57th) will be on the 24th May 2018 @ 6pm Trumpet Major, Dorchester.

Andrew Samways

Dr Andrew Samways
Committee Member
Dorchester Andrew Weymouth Area

