

CIPFA IN THE MIDLANDS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2009 AT AFC TELFORD UNITED

Attendance

Carole Mills-Evans – CIM President

Steve Wellings – CIM Vice President

Sue Smith – CIM Secretary

Paul Hector – for CIM Treasurer

Caroline Mawhood – CIPFA President

There were 73 delegates, which included 48 CIPFA members, and 6 CIPFA students

Apologies were received from 10 members

Welcome from Carole Mills-Evans, President of CIPFA in the Midlands, and from Bob Groome, Mayor of Telford

Carole Mills-Evans welcomed everyone to the CIM 2009 AGM.

Bob Groome welcomed CIPFA in the Midlands and everyone present to Telford, and especially to AFC Telford United. He welcomed Caroline Mawhood, CIPFA National President and presented her with a small momento to mark her visit.

Lisa Commane gave a presentation on what CIM does, and how people can get involved. She explained the Regional Activities Model, and the roles that make up the CIM Council. Lisa then went on to describe CIM's role in relation to CIPFA, CPD, networking and links with the training providers. She finished by asking everyone to think about volunteering.

Apologies

10 apologies had been received.

Minutes of the 2008 AGM

These were received as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

2008 Annual Report

The CIM President brought the 2008 Annual Report to everyone's attention, and briefly mentioned a few of the highlights of the year. Carole paid tribute to 2 members of CIM Council who were standing down after many years, John Haste, and Lesley Piper who will stand down as Regional Representative in June.

There were no comments or questions. The report was accepted.

2009 Development Plan

The report was accepted.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

Accounts to 31st December 2008

As neither the Treasurer nor the Deputy Treasurer were able to attend, Paul Hector presented the accounts to the meeting and gave an explanation of the final outcome for the year.

There were no questions. The accounts were approved.

2008 Budget

Paul Hector explained that reserves would be used to cover the shortfall predicted for 2009.

The budget was noted.

Election of Officers and Members for 2009

Carole Mills-Evans proposed Steve Wellings as CIM President for 2009/11, this was seconded by Mark Lawrie. The Presidents badge of office was handed over. Steve Wellings took over the remainder of the meeting.

Steve Wellings proposed Lisa Commane as Vice President for 2009/11, this was seconded by Chris Gill. The Vice Presidents badge of office was handed over.

Secretary for 2009/10 – Sue Smith

Deputy Secretary for 2009/10 – Ben Jarrett

Treasurer for 2009/10 – Andy Morley

Deputy Treasurer for 2009/10 – Paul Simpson

Regional Representative for 2009/10 – Brian Berry

Members for 2009/11 – Brian Roberts, Paul Hector, Mark Lawrie, Tony Kirkham, Andy Burns

New members for 2009/10 (due to John Haste and Mike Burns standing down) Steph Simcox and Michael Kitts

Members for 2009/10 (second year of office) – Alison Jarrett, Sean Pearce, Jon Crockett.

Brian Berry to become the Regional Representative to CIPFA National Council from June 2009.

Mike Burns to be co-opted to the position of HFMA Representative.

There were no objections to the election of officers or members. All appointed.

The CIM President thanked Lisa for her presentation and spoke of the need to give something back to the Institute, he encouraged people to volunteer. He said that he was looking forward to working with Lisa over the next two years, and thanked Carole for her great leadership stating that she would be a hard act to follow.

Any Other Business

There were no items for consideration and the meeting was formally closed.

Steve Wellings introduced Mark Lawrie who gave a presentation on 'The Role of the Financial Director'

The Role of the Financial Director

Mark's presentation covered the FD's place in the organisation, the challenges the FD faces, and discussed the four faces of the FD – the catalyst, the strategist, the operator and the steward.

Mark answered several questions including what he considered the main relationships shared by the FD and the key abilities of an FD to be.

Steve thanked Mark for an inspiring and pro-active presentation.

The meeting adjourned for a refreshment break.

Coaching Presentation

The meeting continued with an inter-active presentation on coaching by Eleri Sampson. Eleri used the Rudyard Kipling poem 'Six honest serving men' to illustrate the 'what, why, when, how, where and who' of coaching. The delegates were then split into groups of three to look at speaking/listening and observing.

Steve Wellings thanked Eleri for a valuable and interesting presentation and mentioned the coaching pool at the LGA, details available on the CIM website.

CIPFA President's Address

Caroline Mawhood thanked CIPFA in the Midlands, the officers and especially John Haste and Lesley Piper for their long service to CIM.

Caroline then went on to discuss the economic and political challenges faced by CIPFA, and the huge challenge the public sector faces in maintaining public services. She said that CIPFA members should see this as an opportunity to use their financial skills and influence the agenda. Caroline then went on to talk about CIPFA's influence in central and local government and internationally. Caroline concluded by asking that all members play their part in CIPFA by volunteering for panels, activities and the regions.

Presentation of Certificates to Newly Elected Members

The CIPFA President presented 11 newly elected members with their certificates.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm