



MINUTES

Committee	Northern Ireland Branch
Meeting	Annual General Meeting
Date	9 May 2008
Venue	Linenhall Library

1. Opening Remarks

Mark McBride welcomed members to the AGM. He welcomed CIPFA Vice-President Caroline Mawhood to Belfast and apologised for a number of members who were unable to make the event, many due to the pressures of the faster closing account preparation and audit timetable.

Mark added that although the Branch is one of the smaller (in numbers) it continues to enjoy a high profile in the public sector in Northern Ireland.

He highlighted the importance of the growing number of students to the future growth of the Branch and offered his continued support to the Committee.

In leaving office, Mark thanked all his colleagues on Committee as well as the staff at the CIPFA NI Office for their valued support. He expressed thanks for the sponsorship received from Brightwater.

2. President's remarks

Caroline Mawhood (Vice President, CIPFA) thanked the Chair for his comments and the invitation to attend and passed on apologies from the President.

She told members that the Institute was in good health and was involved in a number of new initiatives including an International Strategy which would give the Institute the opportunity to broaden its scope outside the UK. She highlighted the growth in membership of both members and students and in this regard noted the particular success of the Branch in Northern Ireland.

Caroline said that the Northern Ireland Branch was a 'flagship' branch and the quality of the speakers at lunchtime events, the Annual Debate and Annual Conference were an example to be followed by all regions.

She advised members that the latest Annual Report from the Institute would be available shortly.

3. Minutes

The 2007 AGM minutes were circulated. There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda. Michael Carson proposed that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, which was seconded by Jonathan Adams.

4. Secretary's Report

Patricia Blair drew on key elements of the latest Development Plan Performance Report as this year's Annual report has not been completed. She drew members' attention to the establishment of the inaugural NI Students Society, the Branch's award-winning best improved website and highlighted the wide range of activities that were organised by the Branch during the year.

On behalf of the CIPFA Branch Committee, Patricia paid tribute to the ongoing support received from the CIPFA NI Office who provided vital support and assistance needed to make the Branch the success that it is.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jonathan Adams presented his Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts for the year ending December 2007. He commented that the past year had been extremely successful culminating in a surplus of £5,080. He welcomed the sponsorship from Brightwater which amounted to £6,750 and supported the Chair's Lunch and other lunchtime events. Jonathan explained that expenditure had decreased, largely as a result of the Conference for the Regions being held in Dublin and therefore travel costs were minimal.

Jonathan advised members that some £3,200 had been used to promote and support the professional qualification – part of an undertaking that had been given at the 2007 AGM. The continued growth in reserves would be used to ensure that the Branch delivered its activities, particularly supporting the growth of the local membership.

In stepping down from role of Treasurer, Jonathan thanked his Committee colleagues and the staff from the CIPFA NI Office and staff in Robert Street for their assistance during his time in post.

Una McGuinness proposed that the accounts were adopted and this was seconded by Michael Carson.

6. Election of Officers

Trevor Salmon took over as Chair of the meeting and declared all current Branch Committee posts vacant.

The following officers were elected to Branch Committee for 2008-09:

Chairperson	Michael Carson
Vice-chairperson	Michele Woods
Past Chairperson	Mark McBride
Hon. Secretary	Patricia Blair
Hon. Treasurer	Catherine O'Hagan

Members

Una McGuinness	Steve Mungavin
Adrian Murphy	Peter Harvey
Kathryn Thompson	Joanne Devlin
Danny McConnell	
Jonathan Adams	
Michael Tattersall	

Trevor Salmon (CIPFA Council member)

David Nicholl (ex officio, as Head of CIPFA NI)

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business

Patricia Blair
13th May 2008