

President: Bruce Parvin

Vice President: Angela Waring

Treasurer: Matt Calvert

Secretary: Lucy Glister-Byers

# Minutes

Meeting: **CIPFA North East AGM 2024**

Date and time: Wednesday 26 March 2025 at 17:00

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Executive present: Bruce Parvin (President), Angela Waring (Vice President), Matthew Calvert (Treasurer), Kevin Johnston (Social-Media and Website), Paul Ryan, Duncan McNulty, Tracy Wood, Helen Schifter (Student Rep), Fiona Cantwell, Sophie Pritchard, Kim Johnston (ICAW), Jamie Carrahar, Joanne Lucking (ICAW), Connie Hall and Andrea Hewitt (Minutes)

## 1 Apologies for absence

Judith Savage, Lucy Glister-Byers, Jason Smith, James Charlton, Catherine Herron, Rachael Crowe, Natasha Meighan, Jane Cuthbertson, Michael Brodie and David Jobson.

## 2 Minutes of AGM 20 March 2024

Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

## 3 Financial report and audited accounts 2024

MC presented the Financial Report and Accounts to all members. PR accepted them and congratulated MC on the management of the Finances. MC thanked JS for auditing the accounts.

The Accounts are looking healthy, and CIPFA NE are in a comfortable position at present. It was noted that the growth in event sponsorship is vital for keeping this ongoing. The £5000 donation for the Peter Smith prize was reported in the accounts. The region continues to achieve its target of at least one year's expenditure held in reserves.

#### **4 President's Annual report 2023**

BP welcomed all to the AGM and introduced Kim Johnston and Joanne Lucking from ICAW. Kim is the new ICAW lead. Kim gave a brief outline to all on how she is working to bring a closer relationship between ICAW and CIPFA. Members can apply for dual membership to both organisations. This is a work in progress. Kim thanked BP and FC for their assistance.

BP gave a verbal annual update noting all the successful events CIPFA NE have held in the last 12 months and how going forward we have even better plans. He stated how successful the reorganisation at CIPFA has worked and that the relationship between Central CIPFA and CIPFA NE has strengthened in the last twelve to eighteen months, since we were given our regional link Fiona Cantwell. BP thanked FC for all her assistance and noted that hopefully the relationship between CIPFA and the regions will continue to get stronger.

It was noted by BP that we have had a very affective year, and that sponsors are key to all of our events, and we would not be able to continue without them. Thanks were expressed to CIPFA for helping provide speakers at events. BP wanted to give his heartfelt thanks to all the Executive team and note that none of this would be possible without volunteers, and people giving up their time.

BP will continue as an active Executive team member going forward, he has thoroughly enjoyed the past two years and encourages all to try it.

Sometimes we look back and learn from mistakes, BP had been determined to hold the Professional Update Day on the South Side last year, this was planned for Teeside, unfortunately we didn't get the numbers and the event was cancelled, it did coincide with England games!!! We have learned from this event and with all the work already been undertaken by Tracy, BP is sure that the PUD this year being held in Sunderland, will be a great success.

BP will continue to try and address the issues regarding the Annual Dinner, and work to increase numbers.

#### **5 Election of officers and membership of the Executive 2024**

President: Angela Waring

Vice President: Matt Calvert

Treasurer: Jason Smith

Secretary: Lucy Glister-Byers

Website & social media: Kevin Johnson

CIPFA North East Council Representative: Jamie Carrahar

Student Representatives: Catherine Herron and Helen Schifter

Student Network: Connie Hall, Rosie McDine and Natasha Meighan

BP thanked members of the Executive Team for their continuing hard work and support and congratulated AW on her new Presidency. PR formally thanked BP from the Executive Team for his dedication to the role and expressed that he thought BP has represented the North East incredibly well.

AW also thanked BP for his support and mentoring to herself, and for all the remarkable work he has carried out in his role over the last two years.

It was noted that Jim Dafter has resigned from the Executive Committee today, he was formally thanked for his time as CIPFA President, Vice President and as an Executive Member, and that his dedication and input has been much appreciated. Katy Laing was also thanked for her time and dedication to the Executive Team, Katy resigned earlier in the year.

Jim Dafter was the CIPFA Council member for our region, and BP was delighted to welcome Jamie Carrahar as the new representative.

## **6 CPD Update – Sophie Pritchard**

Sophie updated the members on the changes that have been made to CIPFA's Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

The main change being that CIPFA are now using an input-based approach rather than an output-based approach to CPD. All the new requirements and changes can be found on CIPFA online, there is support available to help you familiarise yourself with the new process.

It was noted that students do not have access to the CPD platform. If you are retired or if you work for an Accredited employer, you do not need to complete your CPD and there is a link for you to declare this on your annual member statement.

Everyone was encouraged to have a look at the interesting and informative bitesize sessions, as well as the podcasts available on CIPFA online. These can all be used on your CPD. There are also resources to help you cover your Ethics topic.

CPD certificates are available for proof of your hours. We will be making these available after every event.

## **7 Any other business**

### **7.1 Future Events**

The Events programme was presented to the Committee. The following are all scheduled to take place next year.

Annual Dinner  
Accountancy Awards  
Professional Update Day  
WIF type event  
Annual Conference

There are also other events being discussed, which will be raised at the Executive team meetings.

## **8 Date of next meeting**

March 2026