

Meeting Minutes

Subject to approval at the 2025 AGM

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| Meeting | CIPFA in the Midlands Annual General Meeting |
| Date | Thursday 28 th March 2024 |
| Time | 10.00-10.30 |
| Venue | KPMG, One Snowhill, Birmingham |

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| Members Present | Officers: Theresa Channell (Regional President & Chair) Alston Owens Colin Sharpe Bev Bull Lee Yale-Helms |
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40 Members
5 Students

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| Apologies | Amy Oliver John Bloomer Modestus Okafor |
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| 1. | <p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Amy Oliver, John Bloomer and Modestus Okafor.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Minutes of the previous AGM held on 30 March 2023</p> <p>The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were received and agreed.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Regional President's Annual Report</p> <p>Theresa Channell welcomed everyone and presented her Regional Presidential report.</p> <p>The President reflected that the Regional Council is becoming stronger and more representative of the Midlands, is working well as a team, and is focussed on how to deliver effectively for the region as the post-pandemic world strives to find its new level.</p> <p>A New Year social and networking evening event in Leicester had been successful; Council had agreed to hold this AGM as an in-person only event, to rekindle old connections and enable new ones, with a timely, non-technical and cross-sector theme for the day; and the officers had volunteered for the Midlands to host the 2024 Autumn Forum where all CIPFA regions and HQ come together for two days, with engagement for the wider region also envisaged.</p> <p>The mentoring programme which originated in the Midlands is being rolled out more widely; the sixth form management games go from strength to strength, being picked up by other regions and adapted by CIPFA nationally for university students; and Council is looking to reinvigorate the local CIPFA students network as a priority.</p> <p>Council remains keen to encourage more members and students to become involved in the life of the Region, thereby improving the services offered to members, students and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The President concluded by setting out the agenda for the day on the theme of '<i>Resilience and Leadership in Public Finance</i>'. She thanked the National President for being present and similarly the speakers, and gratefully acknowledged the support from KPMG as host and Macildowie as sponsor.</p> |

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| <p>4.</p> | <p>Honorary Treasurer’s Annual Report</p> <p>Bev Bull presented her Treasurer’s report and accounts for 2023 and the draft budget for 2024.</p> <p>The Treasurer noted that the 2023 budget had underspent. This was due to less events than envisaged, that engagement of paid support was held pending national developments, and higher income from development funding. The Region had recorded a surplus of nearly £6,000 and held a retained surplus of £43,500 at December 2023.</p> <p>The 2024 draft budget shows a deficit of £11,300, due to a more active events programme, a high profile Regional Autumn Forum and ongoing development of mentoring and a student network. The Treasurer noted uncertainties, in particular that CIPFA development funding is not yet confirmed, sponsorship and other support could be higher than budgeted, and that the Autumn Forum plans are at an early stage.</p> <p>The President thanked the Treasurer for the report. The accounts and budget were noted.</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>Election of CIM Council</p> <p>The Meeting noted that the CIM officers for 2024/25 remain as expected following the previous AGM and as set out in the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Theresa Channell • Vice-President: Alston Owens • Immediate Past President: Lee Yale-Helms • Honorary Secretary: Colin Sharpe • Honorary Treasurer: Bev Bull <p>The Meeting noted that no excess nominations had been received for vacant places. The elections and co-options as set out in the agenda were therefore approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024/25 Corporate Member: Holly Hancocks • 2024/26 Corporate Members: Amy Oliver, Sean Prosser, Kelly Watson • 2024/26 Registered CIPFA Student: Modestus Okafor • 2024/25 Co-options: Katy Harding, Martin Jones |

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| | <p>The President explained that Council is keen for interested members and students to put themselves forward on an on-going basis, not just at the AGM. The need for an auditor of the CIM accounts was noted.</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>AOB</p> <p>The President thanked Chris Gill for his tireless work over many years in developing the Sixth Form Management Games which as noted earlier are a resounding success, also for developing new game leaders to continue the work. She presented him with a glass plaque and a gift to mark the occasion. Chris responded with thanks and remarked that the successes are down to teamwork.</p> |