



The Institute of Asphalt Technology

North East and Cumbria Branch

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Agenda

22nd May 2019

Royal County Hotel, Durham

AGM 6:00 for 6:30

Technical Evening 6:30 til 7:30

BPO Asphalt Planning Software

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of Previous AGM held on the 16th May 2018
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Membership Report
6. Election of Officers and Committee members
7. Any Other Business
8. Close of meeting and Technical Evening



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Minutes of the meeting held at Tarmac Offices, Fell Bank, Birtley on 16th May 2018 5.30pm

Present: Jim Beecham, Graeme Hall, John Ramsay, David Jones, John Jeffries, Bob Bolden, Roger Rivers, Chris Wright and Stephen Frost

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Patrick Coulson, Ian Carr & Michael Atkinson

2. Minutes of Previous AGM held on the 25th April 2017 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Branch Report 2017

2017 was a busier year for the North East and Cumbria Branch and a busy time again for the Region regarding workload.

The A1(M) Leeming to Barton saw completion to the widening scheme in July 17 with improvements in journey times immediately apparent.

The continuation of work on the new Silverlinks Interchange in North Tyneside and works at the Lindisfarn Interchange in South Tyneside should all see improvements along the A19 corridor in Tyneside.

The new Wear crossing is nearing completion with the main asphalt paving works and tie ins the only outstanding items

Local authorities budgets however come are still under pressure in 2017 and maintenance budgets saw a further decline. This has however been balanced by 'pot hole' and 'flood damage' capital across the Region securing a large proportion of this value stream for repairs to the network.

Membership in the branch has stagnated again at around the 50 members and this year saw a drive to improve numbers and in particular with student membership.

In March we held a Social Evening at Ramside Hall to celebrate 50 Years of the IAT. This included gaming tables where members and guests could chance their arms and not their wallets using the not for profit cash vouchers provided!



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April saw our Branch technical evening focus on the Local Morpeth Bypass scheme with a presentation by Carillion on a Computer Generated Construction Model which allowed structures to be 'built' and any potential issues to be ironed out prior to the 'actual' Construction phase of the works.

September brought our annual training day at the Ramside Hall in Durham which was again well attend with 51 delegates and remains our most popular Branch Event. Speakers included MacRebur – updating on their efforts to get our Industry to recycle more Plastic into our Asphalt products. Dr Robert Hunter gave an update on the combined Asphalt Standard BS 594987. There was a session then on Sampling Best Practice delivered by Allan Moffett and an overview of the A1 Leeming to Barton Project by the Scheme Director David Lowery.

Our Branch Technical Event in October was a Site Visit and Project overview for the New Wear Crossing presented by the Construction Main Contractor Farrans. This was a joint visit with the Concrete Society and again was well attended by both Branch Members and guests (photos attached)

In 2018 we are looking forward to hosting the 2018 National Conference with a theme of Highways Innovation – Asphalt Technology Solutions and a hopeful boost in membership as a result of the Institute exposure this will bring

G Hall – Branch Chairman



4. Treasurer's Report

Due to the resignation of the Treasurer G Hall reported on the financial status of the branch. The finance report and accounts have been fully scrutinised and audited and agreed as a true record.

The Branch remains in a good financial state with circa £23k held in reserve. A minor loss in the year of £1926.98 was recorded mainly to the expense of the 50 year celebrations.



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We have funded a number of items of expenditure for the national conference but fully expect this to return a positive outcome to the financial status by the end of the year.

Thanks were recorded for the work Charles Ford has carried out for the institute over the past 30 years and the branch agreed to present a memento of our thanks to Charles.

5. Membership Report

Branch membership although steady through 2017 has seen a dip in 2018 with the resignations of a number of members due to retirement from the industry and other personal issues.

Membership at Dec 2017 was 54 fully paid members

Current membership for April 2018 is 50 fully paid members and 6 outstanding.

It was viewed at the meeting that due to the age profile of the branch and committee we need to attract and retain younger members going forward. Discussions to be held and actions agreed at the next committee meeting.

6. Election of Officers and Committee members

Proposals for the various posts were made from those present and agreed as follows:-

Chairman: Graeme Hall

Vice-Chairman /Secretary: Jim Beecham

Treasurer: Chris Wright

Membership Sec. / Press Officer: Roger Rivers

Functions committee

Graeme Hall, Jim Beecham, Michael Atkinson, + committee members as required

Committee Members:

John Ramsay, John Jeffrey, Patrick Coulson, Bob Bolden, Michael Atkinson, Stephen Frost, Ian Carr

7. Future diary dates

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| 13 th June 2018 | Presidents dinner | Slayley Hall, Northumberland |
| 14 th June 2018 | National Conference Committee Meeting – Membership review, Training day and action plan | Slayley Hall, Northumberland |
| 27 th June 2018 | | Tarmac, Birtley |



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| 26 th Sept 2018 | IAT Training Day (AM) | TBC |
| 26 th Sept 2018 | IAT Golf Day (PM) | TBC |
| 15 th Nov 2018 | CIHT Young Professionals Conference | Leeds |
| 28 th Nov 2018 | Committee meeting and Technical Evening | TBC Cumbria |
| 15 th May 2019 | IAT AGM and technical briefing | Tarmac, Birtley |

8. Any Other Business

None

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 18.20 hours