

Annual General Meeting of the Engineering Council

Held via Zoom Virtual Meeting,

Thursday 23 June 2022 at 5.30 pm

- 1 The meeting was chaired by Professor Chris Atkin. A full list of those present is attached at **Annex A**. The Chair welcomed those present.

2 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 June 2021**

The Chair invited approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM, held on 10 June 2021, as published in unconfirmed form on the Engineering Council Partner Portal.

The meeting **approved** the 2021 minutes.

3 **Trustee Changes**

The members **noted** the incoming and re-nominated Trustees with effect from the 2022 AGM as follows:

New Trustee

- **Prof. Steve Burnage CEng CEnv FIMechE FSOE IMAAEEES** – nominee for Society of Operations Engineers (replacing Mr Steve Catte)

Re-nominated Trustees

1. **Dr Rob Best** – nominee for IChemE
2. **Mr Michael McLoughlin** – nominee for IMechE
3. **Mr Phil Nelson** – nominee for IStructE
4. **Mr Neil Phelps** – nominee for Group B Institutions
5. **Mr Anthony Gibson** – nominee for Group C Institutions
6. **Ms Ann Francke** – nominee for EngineeringUK
7. **Mr Dave Short** – nominee for EngineeringUK

Retiring Trustees

The Chair thanked the retiring Trustee (Steve Catte) for his commitment, support and work on the Engineering Council Board. He reminded the meeting that although Dr Woodrow had stood down as a Trustee at the previous AGM, he had remained as a Non-voting Board member as Chair of the International Advisory Panel. Having completed his final year as Chair of the IAP year was standing down as a Non-voting member. The Chair thanked Dr Woodrow for his efforts in support of the Engineering Council for many years.

4 **Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

Prof Atkin presented the 2021 Annual Report and Accounts which had been previously circulated. The Licensed Members **received** and **approved** the Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021.

5 **Appointment of the Auditors**

On the recommendation of the Board, the Licensed Members **approved** the re-appointment of haysmacintyre as auditors for the Year Ending 31 December 2022.

- 6 There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair of the Engineering Council

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Post-meeting Address from the Chair of the Engineering Council

Prof. Atkin opened his address by saying that this would be his last opportunity to address the wider population of the Engineering Council's Licensed Members, Professional Affiliates and Associates. He expressed his enjoyment at working with a very rewarding and tremendous range of individuals. He thanked all the staff and volunteers across the engineering profession for their work and support. He said that although the Covid pandemic seemed to have come to an end, the Russian invasion of Ukraine had presented new challenges.

He considered the major objectives for engineers is the drive on ethics brought about by the Grenfell Tower disaster. This has led to a very substantial amount of work on Contextualised Registration.

With regard to diversity and inclusion matters, Prof. Atkin made the point that perhaps the engineering community is not as inclusive as it believed itself to be. More work is needed to change behaviours and progress initiatives to become a more diverse profession.

Other topics requiring continuing work is the modernisation of the UK-SPEC and programmes on cyber-security.

All in all, there was a great deal of activity and therefore a need to recruit further registrants and other members of the PEI community to support this work. As well as delivering these improvements to standards and to professional conduct, there was a need to increase the reach and impact of these initiatives. It would be unwise to rely on Government to champion the Engineering Council's codes of conduct, so it was important that the engineering profession looked at how it could increase awareness and impact of its initiatives. Prof Atkin particularly queried whether a total of approximately 200,000 registrants was sufficient to influence both the engineering profession and the wider public. Linked to this was the apparent lack of engagement of some Registrants. He considered that engagement with the public was critically important for the engineering profession going forward. All engineers should 'beat the drum' about how important engineers are to society. The profession must promote the benefits of its work to improve standards and professional conduct to increase the awareness of the value of engineers.

Prof. Atkin closed his address by saying that he was looking forward to an enjoyable, but nevertheless challenging final year as Chair.

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Attendance List

First Name	Last Name	Licensed Member/Organisation	Role at Licensed Member/Organisation
Jon	Accornley	Institution of Royal Engineers	Chief Executive
Chris	Atkin	Engineering Council (RAeS - Royal Aeronautical Society)	Chair of Engineering Council
Paul	Bailey	Engineering Council	Operations Director Engineering Council
Vicki	Ball	IFE - Institution of Fire Engineers (LM)	Chief Executive
Rob	Best	IChemE - Institution of Chemical Engineers	Engineering Council Trustee
Justin	Blades	ILP - Institution of Lighting Professionals (LM)	Chief Executive
Steve	Burnage	SOE - Society of Opeerations Engineerins (LM)	Incoming Engineering Council Trustee
Darren	Byrne	IStructE - Institution of Structural Engineers (LM)	Deputy Chief Executive
Steve	Catte	SOE - Society of Operations Engineers (LM)	Outgoing Trustee
John	Chudley	IMarEST - Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology	Engineering Council Trustee
Alasdair	Coates	Engineering Council	Chief Executive - Engineering Council
Nigel	Dingley	Engineering Council	Governance Manager - Engineering Council
Matthew	Dixon	Engineering Council	Engineering Council Associate
Richard	Dolman	IDE - Institute of Demolition (PA)	President
Gavin	Dunn	CABE - Chartered Association of Building Engineers (LM)	Chief Executive
Dave	Edwards	RAeS - Royal Aeronautical Society (LM)	Chief Executive
Terry	Fuller	CIWEM - Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (LM)	Engineering Council Trustee
Matt	Gantley	Engineering Council	Engineering Council Trustee
Andy	Knight	IRSE - Institution of Railway Signal Engineers(LM)	President
Mike	McLoughlin	IMechE - Institution of Mechanical Engineers (LM)	Engineering Council Trustee
Gabrielle	Mandell	IWater - Institute of Water (LM)	Chief Executive
Phil	Morgan	IPEM - Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medecine (LM)	Chief Executive
Phil	Nelson	Engineering Council (IStructE - Institution of Structural Engineers) (LM)	Engineering Council Trustee
Neil	Johnstone	CIHT - Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (LM)	President
Isobel	Pollock-Hulf	Engineering Council	Engineering Council Associate
John	Pottle	RIN - Royal Institute of Navigation (PA)	Chief Executive
Jon	Prichard	IChemE - Institution of Chemical Engineers (LM)	Chief Executive
Wanda	Proctor	Engineering Council	Finance Manager
Alastair	Revell	BCS - The Chartered Institute for IT (LM)	Engineering Council Trustee
Andrew	Rowe	CIBSE - Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (LM)	Engineering Council Trustee
David	Short	EngineeringUK	Engineering Council Trustee
Liz	Turner	PWI - Permanent Way Institution (LM)	Professional Registration Manager
Katy	Turff	Engineering Council	Head of Professional Standards
Graham	Woodrow	IOM3 - Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining	Chair of International Acvisory Panel