

Institute of Quarrying

Minutes of the Derbyshire Branch Annual General Meeting Held at Buxton Rugby Club on Wednesday 30th April 2025

Attendees: Nigel Morton, John McGough, Chris Rowan, John Austin, Dean Turner, Mark Packham, Sarah-Jane Owen, John Hattersley, Chris Wainwright, Debbie White, Frederico Almeida, Darren Mooney, Adam Revitt, Joe Garea

1. Apologies

Pat Bowles, Emily Noble, Lewis Pinch, James Thorne

2. Minutes of 2024 AGM

Accepted as a true record – Proposed: Chris Rowan, seconded: Sarah Jane Owen. All Agreed.

3. Matters Arising - No comments made

4. Chairman's Report

Chris Rowan opened the meeting and thanked the branch and committee members for all their support and in particular the programme secretary Nigel Morton who had been in the roll for over 20 years. He said the branch had continued to deliver a varied and relevant CPD activities though out the year and had included the Hillhead Show, a site visit to Tunstead Quarry, 6 x technical events and a very well attended Health and Safety Conference at Chesterfield. He went on to say that last year's Dinner Dance ticket prices had increased for the first time in 3 years to £85.00, though still achieved record numbers and was well oversubscribed and thanked Sarah – Jane Owen for her fantastic organizational skills in making the event such a success. An impromptu auction was held on the night for one of the most generous prize donations given by Finning UK and this raised a considerable amount that was added to the branch's charity donations. He went on to say that going forward, the Dinner Dance may in the future require to have its own event security after a couple of people who was hanging around the donated prizes were challenged and had no connection to the event. This cost would then be added to the future ticket prices. Chris also reported that he had received thank you letters from Harpur Hill Village Hall who were presented with a defibrillator that had kindly been donated by EPC-UK and from the Charity Tough Enough to Care who was given a £500.00 donation to by the branch after they had presented at one of our technical evenings. Chris finished his report with actioning himself at ways of increasing the head count at technical meetings.

5. Secretary's Report

John reported that branch numbers had decreased in membership by 33 from 428 to 395 members. He reported that the branch had planned six face to face technical evenings meeting in this year's calendar events. 2 were cancelled due to speakers been ill, however Pat Bowles from MP awards stepped in and did a last-minute presentation to cover one of the events. The attendance at the technical the evenings ranged between 13 – 34 people with an average of 23 people per event. The Branch and Committee WhatsApp groups were working well and an

effective way of communication. The Raffle Money cash float was £ 326.60 at the 23rd April 2025. The Rugby Club had confirmed that the facility at Sunnyfields was still available to us for 7 x events in the upcoming new programme which the branch would like to continue to use. Food has been served at technical meetings though out the year and at the AGM with positive feedback. John discussed a succession plan to the role of Branch Secretary and Debbie White from HQ advised that she would help out and assist as part of HQ branch support but would not be able to take on the role

6. Treasurer's Report

John McGough ran through the accounts for the year 2024 - 2025 The accounts show a yearly trading profit of £ 1,063.09. The 2024 Conference profits of £224.12 have not been included as they remain to be passed onto the branch from HQ. Interest generated from the Reserve Bank account was £ 476.09 Donations of £800 each for the chosen charities, Air Ambulance, Macmillan Nurses and MNDS was paid and a further £500 was donated to Tough Enough to Care and £200 to the Dorset Wildlife Trust following presentation from speakers associated with the causes. This year's chosen charities are still to be agreed by the committee and these payment figures will show in the 2024 – 2025 Accounts. The 2024 Dinner Dance showed a profit of £ 3,020.50 which was boosted with the impromptu auction that made £300. Technical Meeting sponsorship has been received from Longcliffe and MP Skills. EPC have advised they will be covering the March presentation by Andy Littler. The Cath Picket presentation was sponsored by Finning UK and £150.00 was paid by them to HQ, this amount is outstanding and still to be repaid to the branch. Raffle monies are held by the Branch Secretary

Note. It was agreed at the meeting to Donate £1000.00 each to the charities Mind @ Matlock and the Air Ambulance

7. Branch Programme Report for 20223 / 2024

Nigel reported that in 2024, 20 advertisers placed a total of 22.5 pages of advertising. This generated an income of £4,455 which after printing costs gave a profit of £2,554.80 1,000 copies were printed of which 200 were sent to Hillhead for distribution.

This year, 800 copies have been ordered. This will allow 350 copies for branch distribution. Nigel asked all the committee and others to try and get these into as many workplaces as possible. The target date for this publication is the 1st August 2025

The advertising rates are once more unchanged and to date 12 pages have been sold. These are the same rates as 2005 when Nigel first produced the booklet, and he said that he would like to record thanks to Panda Press for keeping their rates very competitive over the years.

Following on from his report Nigel reminded the committee that at the previous years AGM he said he would like some assistance and would produce the 2025/2026 programme, then it would be time for him to step down from the roll of Programme Secretary which he has now done for 20 years. Emily Noble will join Nigel as the joint Programme Secretary for 2025/2026 with Emily taking over the role from May 2026

8. Council Reps Report

Mark opened his report thanking all at HQ for arranging the Council Meetings and making it a friendly and informal event. He went on and said that there had been 3 council meetings over the last year, 2 via Zoom and 1 Face to Face.

He reported that one of the main topics is the concern over the low branch membership at Technical Evenings generally around the UK, also Requests for Smart membership cards has been raised several times, discussions on better ways for the branches to contact its members, how to increase membership and what do members get out of the loQ ?

10 Election of Branch Officers for 2024 – 2025

Chairman	- Chris Rowan	(2 nd Year Term)
Joint Vice Chair	- Lewis Pinch	(2 nd Year Term)
Joint Vice Chair	- Sarah-Jane Owen	(2 nd Year Term)
Treasurer	- John McGough	(Proposed by CR, seconded by NM)
Secretary	- John Hattersley	(Proposed by CR, seconded by SJO)
Council Rep	- Mark Packham	(Proposed by CR, seconded by JA)
Joint Prog. Sec	- Nigel Morton	(Proposed by CR, seconded by JA)
Joint Prog. Sec	- Emily Noble	(Proposed by CR, seconded by NM)
Correspondent	- John Austin	(Proposed by CR, seconded by JH)
Member	- Pat Bowles	(3 rd Year Term)
Member	- Phil Shimwell	(3 rd Year Term)
Member	- Dean Turner	(3 rd Year Term)
Member	- Jason South	(3 rd Year Term)
Member	- Chris Wainwright	(2 nd Year Term)
Member	- Debbie White	(1 st Year Term)

9 2025 Dinner Dance

The Dinner Dance for 2025 will be held on Friday the 28th November 2025 at the Palace Hotel in Buxton. Bands/Disco to be reviewed. CR to follow up.

10 AOB

11 Date of next AGM

The next AGM will be held Wednesday 29th April 2026.