



## THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH

Branch Chairman: Hazen Bowskill

Branch Secretary: Karl Barkley

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

Held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Face to face and via Zoom

#### **Attendees:**

Hazen Bowskill (Chairman), Iain Smith, Louise White, Jeff Rutter, Bob Bolden, Alex Summerly, Karl Barkley, Richard Micklethwait

#### **Apologies:**

Joe Banner

#### **Previous Minutes**

Taken as read

#### **Chairman's Report**

Hazen thanked the committee for its support during the past year. There was a discussion around membership updates and a 'bigger plan' from Louise.

Hazen again mentioned the difficulty of technical evenings as there still does not appear to be a 'hunger' for them from branch members.

There was a discussion about more people joining the committee and having the drive to challenge the norm, and look to a different style of technical evening, as well as a number of planned visits to industries, to see what we can learn. True learning from technical evenings and visits is the key.

It was also pleasing to donate a large sum to the chosen charity, The Angels Trust, of £5,000 raised at the dinner dance.

Also, the branch would like to extend its thanks to Tarmac for allowing us to use the facilities at Birtley for holding technical evenings.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Richard Micklethwait)**

Richard gave a detailed report of the current finances for 2023. The majority of the 'spends' were on the dinner dance which the branch took a small loss on.

#### **Election of Branch Officers and Committee**

Hazen Bowskill voted in as branch Chairman

#### **Committee:**

Chairman	Hazen Bowskill
Vice Chair	Alex Summerly
Secretary	Karl Barkley
Vice Secretary	Vacancy
Treasurer	Richard Micklethwait

Committee Member	Iain Smith
Committee Member	Jo Banner
Committee Member	Jeff Rutter
Committee Member	Bob Bolden
Committee Member	Greg Anson
Committee Member	Peter Grange
Committee Member	Kevin Telford

### **Dinner Dance**

Hazen thanked Karl for his help with the dinner dance. This year the branch is looking to use Bernice Saltzer, an events coordinator, to assist with certain aspects of the dance.

Deposit is paid and there has been a healthy interest in tables so far.

There will be a small meeting to push table sales to showcase the event to its full potential.

### **AOB**

There was a general discussion of whether there should be a push to engage with senior management more for the companies, to re-energise the branches with commitment from these companies.

Thanks to the new committee members who will help the branch move on.

Next year's plan is for 1 industry visit, two technical evenings and the possibility of a social event perhaps go karts.