



THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH

**Branch Chairman:
Hazen Bowskill**

**Branch Secretary:
Susan Arnott**

Minutes of the IQ North of England Branch

2023 Annual General Meeting

**Held on Tuesday, 4th July 2023
Face to face and Via Google Meet**

Attendees:

Hazen Bowskill (Chairman), Iain Smith, Debbie White, Alan Connolly, Jeff Rutter, Bob Bolden, Alex Summerly, Christine Connolly, Karl Barkley, Richard Micklethwait

Apologies:

Greg Anson, Joe Banner

Previous Minutes

Taken as read

Chairman's Report

Hazen thanked the committee for the support during the past year. There was a strain at the beginning of 2023 with the departure of Susan Arnott and Hazen did discuss with Iain the possibility of the branch folding. It was decided to host two technical evenings and two industry visits.

The first technical evening hosted by Mike Tweddle of DCC was well attended, as was the soils which was organized with Wardell Armstrong.

The visit to Millers which was of great benefit was not so well attended and this was more disappointing for members that missed this opportunity for a fantastic site visit.

Hazen will look to organize a visit to Whitby Potash or Cleveland Potash towards the end of the year if possible.

Hazen thanked Susan for all the work she has put into the branch over the past years.

Hazen also thanked Alan and Christine Connolly for their dedication and help in the treasurer's role since the sudden passing of Mike.

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 (Alan Connolly)

Alan gave a detailed report of the current finances for the previous 2022 year and the fact that even during uncertain times coming out of covid, the passing of Her Majesty Elizabeth II the day before the annual dinner dance, the branch still managed to turn a £1309 profit for a very uncertain time.

Election of Branch Officers and Committee

Hazen Bowskill voted in as branch Chairman

Committee:

Chairman	Hazen Bowskill
Vice Chair	Vacancy
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	Alex Summerly

Dinner dance

Hazen thanked Karl with his help in the dinner dance. All is organised apart from a photographer so some of the committee will look into this for us.

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.

Karl will be sending a reminder mail WE 08/07/23 to try to drum up more support, and Hazen will send the details to Debbie to circulate.

AOB

Alan made comment about more help from central to assist where possible failing branches. 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 years plan is for 1 industry visit, two technical evenings and the possibility of the NYMR social event on the steam train across the North Yorkshire Moors.

The only other comment was the difficulty central have with passing emails on, and the branch are sure some members are not aware of any technical events. Debbie did assure us that this is something that is being looked into.