



The Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate Management

SCOTTISH BRANCH

Chairperson:

Eddie McLaughlan CEng, FIHEEM

Secretary:

Dr Harry S Campbell, CEng, FIHEEM

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th November 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

1.0 Present:

Michael Carroll	Ian Sandford	Stephen Murphy
Graham Souter	Jason Bell	Matthew Sinclair
Jim Leiper	Lewis Anderton	Mark Cunningham
John McEwan	Garry Nicholson	Harry S Campbell
Ross Hogg	Bryan Hill	Ross MacInnes

Apologies:

Robert Allan
Graeme Dunn
Paul Hogg
Eddie McLaughlan

1.2 Previous Minutes

Jim Leiper Deputy Chairperson will take the Chair for this meeting in Eddie's absence.

Jim, was pleased to welcome all members to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous Scottish Branch Meeting of Wednesday 2nd October 2024, were accepted as accurate account of the meeting.

Action

Harry, to distribute the minutes to members and post onto the Scottish Branch's landing page on the IHEEM website.

1.3 Work Plan

No change in the Annual Branch Work Plan.

Jim asked members, if they had any topic(s) that they would like to be included in the Work Programme please send your suggestions to Harry.Campbell@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk.

Action

Harry Campbell to post same onto the Scottish Branch's landing page on the IHEEM website.

2.0 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3.0 **Committee Members Roles and Responsibilities**

3.1 **Terms of Reference Scottish Branch**

There was no further discussion about the ToRs of the Scottish Branch

4.0 **Reports**

4.1 **Chairperson/ Deputy Chairperson: Jim Leiper**

John Connolly, retired Assistant Director at Health Facilities Scotland, died yesterday morning. John was a key member of the team at HFS and worked effectively for many years with professionalism and integrity.

He was greatly admired and held in great esteem by many Estates & Facilities professionals across Scotland. In addition to his leadership role at HFS, John provided guidance and assistance to the Scottish Government Directorate of Health & Social Care.

His wise council will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Kathleen and his extended family.

IHEEM Had a successful conference in Manchester between 8th – 10th Oct. 2024. Some items of note about the conference -

Lifetime Achievement Award

Lifetime achievement award presented to Eddie McLaughlan at the recent IHEEM Conference in Manchester for significant service to the Institute over many years. The award was presented to Eddie by the motivational speaker Kevin Keegan.

The Scottish Hospital's Public Inquiry

The Scottish Hospital's Public Inquiry continues. Both Eddie McLaughlan and Jim Leiper have given written and oral evidence to the Inquiry. The Inquiry will continue into next year, and after all the evidence is heard, Lord Broadie will produce the Inquiry findings. It is hoped that the Inquiry findings and recommendations will help to improve the quality and delivery of new hospitals and major capital refurbishments in Scotland. Both live and historic evidence can be followed on YouTube.

4.2 Secretary: Harry Campbell, informed the Group that they have received a number of enquiries with regards to membership. Also an encouraging number of outside organisations and members wish to present papers at the Scottish Branch meetings. The customary thank letter sent out to Stephen Murphy for their presentation on "Comparative study of pre-cleaning methodologies on the cleaning efficacy of challenging instruments".

4.3 Treasurer: Robert Allan

In the absence of Robert, Harry Campbell informed the Branch members that the Scottish IHEEM Branch accounts are currently showing £338.17.

4.4 Council Member: Jim Leiper

Jim Leiper was accepted as the IHEEM Council member for Scotland at the IHEEM AGM in Manchester.

Jim, gave a brief overview of the changes IHEEM management:

Pete Sellars, IHEEM CEO has set a challenge for the Institute to reach out to and encourage young engineers and the IHEEM is to redouble efforts in schools showing the potential career opportunities in the NHS.

Alison Ryan stepped down from the Presidency of the IHEEM after serving for her 2 year tenure. The new IHEEM President, Nigel Keery, OBE, was voted in at the IHEEM AGM. Nigel has been a member of the IHEEM for over 30 years. He is a very experienced engineering professional and founder member of the IHEEM Northern Irish Branch.

5.0 Technical Committee

5.1 Further discussion will be required about the potential to establish a Branch Technical Committee at the appropriate time. Discussion will explore the scope and range that a Technical Committee would cover. If any member is particularly interested in this particular future endeavour, please contact either Eddie or Jim to discuss.

6.0 Suggestion for Programme

6.1 There were further discussions on the content of the Work Programme, all suggestions to be sent Harry.Campbell@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk

7.0 CPD Seminars and Events

7.1 The Jim welcomed and introduced Stephen Murphy MSc Medical Device Decontamination Authorising Engineer (Decontamination) NHS Scotland Assure. who presented their technical paper on **“Comparative study of pre-cleaning methodologies on the cleaning efficacy of challenging instruments”**.

The presentation generated a number of questions and discussion within group.

Jim thanked for Stephen for his time and interesting presentation on the ‘Comparative study of pre-cleaning methodologies on the cleaning efficacy of challenging surgical instruments’ within a Healthcare setting.

Action

Harry Campbell, to distribute the presentation and said case study to branch members, & to ensure same are published on Branch’s landing page of IHEEM website.

8.0 Any Other Business

8.1 No other competent business was discussed

9.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

9.1 Jim thanked everyone for attending and highlighted the next meeting Wednesday 5th February 2025 and the anticipated presentation

**“The role of the Authorising Engineer for Water Services”
by Craig Morning MWMSoc MIHEEM Senior Engineer AE (Water) NHSScotland Assure**

The Scottish Branch IHEEM Meetings dates were accepted as below: -

2025: Wednesday 5th February 12:30hrs

2025: Wednesday 5th March 12:30hrs

Action: Once the minutes of the Branch Meeting are approved, Harry Campbell will send a copy of the minute to IHEEM (as required).