

ISLE OF MAN CONSTRUCTION FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD AT THE ISLE OF MAN CONSTRUCTION FEDERATION OFFICES, ONCHAN

Friday 24th November 2017

Present

Gary Crittenden, SCS Limited	Chairman
Brian Butler, Bell Burton Associates	Secretary
Gordon Leach, Burroughs Stewart	Vice Chairman
Seymour Corkill, Colas	Contractor
Stan Yellop, Safety Management Services	Planning Supervisors
Peter Tyreman, Ellis Brown	Architects
Julie Edge MHK	
Jeff Magee, Magee and Co	Quantity Surveyors
Ian Copley, Curtins Consulting	Engineers
Clive Callister, Colas/Auldyn	Contractors
Mark Pearce, Ellis Brown	Architects
Tony Lloyd-Davis, Cornerstone Architects	Architects
Kris Killip, Tooms Bros/Island Drainage	Contractors
Neil Callin, Attorney Generals Chambers	Procurement
John Cryer, Marshall Cryer Architects	Architects
Corelli Bentham	UCM
Jeremy Reece	DOI
Steve Woodward	IOMCF
Matt Bond	DOI
Simon Watson, Attorney Generals Chambers	Procurement
Shirley O' Neill	MUA
Andrew Bentley, Andrew Bentley Architects	Architects
Andrew Coleman, Camada Limited	Contractors
Hugh Logan, Hugh Logan Architects	Architects

Apologies for absence

Steve Moore, Carl Hawker, Steve Carter, Andy Bostock, Rob Callister MHK, Nick Black, Ralph Peake MHK, Stephen Smyth

1.0 Welcome and introduction

The Chairman (GC) welcomed Forum Members.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were recorded above.

3.0 Previous Minutes

AC reiterated that there was a 4 % increase in NI Contributions from the Construction Industry.

4.0 The Procurement Portal Presentation – Neil Callin and Simon Watson, Attorney Generals Chambers

Simon Watson provided an overview on the reasons for the introduction of the Procurement Portal before Neil Callin presented an example of a scheme on the Portal with Simon responding to queries from the floor.

A new Procurement Policy was approved by Tynwald commencing on 1 August 2017 with the intention of making dealing with Government easier.

All contracts with a value in excess of £10,000 must be advertised on the Portal or go through a formal tender process.

The Local Economic Benefit must be considered when considering tenders/prices.

Social values, employing local people, procuring local products and services and providing training along with Environmental factors may also be considered.

95% of opportunities will be advertised to assist the local economy.

Registrations from Off-Island Suppliers are accepted but are not invited, Off-Island Suppliers can be awarded contracts.

The registration process is simple with yellow boxes being mandatory, the business classifications now reflect the MACCS categories, however, it is advisable to check the categories regularly.

Further discussions are to be held regarding how Consultants information, drawings, specifications, bill of quantities etc, are to be uploaded onto the portal for tendering purposes. All tenders will have a quality:price ratio with some pass/fail questions and minimum scores, notification of not making it through to a stage can be appealed and reinstatement onto a tender list is possible.

Concern was raised regarding smaller contractors struggling to complete the forms, however, assistance is available if required.

Individual departments are responsible for the provision of information on the Portal.

Design Quality/Competition has not been used on the Portal yet but will be discussed.

Feasibility work will be paid for with Schemes then procured through the Portal, it may be that some schemes are procured wholly through the Portal.

The Portal is currently for Central Government only.

There may be a number of issues on the Portal that require updating.

Anybody with feedback and/or queries on the Portal are requested to contact both Procurement Services and the relevant Department.

5.0 DED Update

The DED is to be renamed the Department for Enterprise.

SM advised the Premier Inn construction had commenced and that the North Quay Development announcement should be made shortly.

6.0 Construction Federation

SW advised that he was monitoring the Procurement Portal and advising suitable contractors as necessary.

There were only a few schemes advertised through MACCS in the last month.

The Certification of Craftsmen will be administered by MACCS once the Department of Enterprise commences in January 2018.

The Construction Skills Group were in discussion with the Department of Enterprise as a number of posts had transferred to other Departments following the reorganisation of the DED and the setting up of the Department of Enterprise.

7.0 Chamber of Commerce

SS was unable to attend the meeting

8.0 Reports from delegates/Construction Demand

SY advised that there will be a reformation of the Association of Project Safety in 2018.

TLD noted that specified products were sometimes being replaced on site due to lack of availability and the process for accepting alternatives was time consuming. It was generally agreed that it should be the proposer of the alternative products that should provide all the required information and if this information was not provided the alternative should be rejected.

The tightening of tender prices was leading to problems with the allocation of staff on site with a number of schemes suffering due to the allocation of staff.

The Careers Fair was well attended and MB thanked those who gave up their time to man the Construction Stand. There was lots of interest in Construction and MB is looking to attend schools to give presentations and advice to those considering Construction as a career.

9.0 Any other Business

The Action plan to improve the planning system Consultation closes on 8 January 2018.

Please see <https://consult.gov.im/environment-food-and-agriculture/improve-the-planning-system/>

10.0 Next meeting

The meeting closed at 10:00.

The next meeting of the Construction Forum is the Annual General Meeting which is to be held at 12.00 Noon on Friday 26 January 2018 at the Isle of Man Construction Federation Offices, Onchan.