

# ISLE OF MAN CONSTRUCTION FORUM

## MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD AT THE ISLE OF MAN CONSTRUCTION FEDERATION OFFICES, ONCHAN

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Present

Gary Crittenden, SCS Limited	Chairman
Gordon Leach, Burroughs Stewart Associates	Vice Chairman
Bill Shimmins	MHK
Caldric Randall	Treasury
Paul Slinger	DOI
John Cryer, Marshall Cryer Architects	Architects
Hugh Logan, Hugh Logan Associates	Architects
Rob Collister, Cornerstone Architects	Architects
Tony Llyod Davies, Cornerstone Architects	Architects
Andy Kelly, Brew and Corkill	Constructor
Stan Yellop, Safety Management Services	Planning Supervisors
Paul Bergen, BB Consulting Engineers	Engineers
Steve Woodward	IoM Construction Federation
Andrew Coleman, Camada Ltd	Contractor
Kris Killip, Tooms, Caines	Contractor
Michael Hodgson	MLC
Peter Tyreman, Ellis Brown	Architects
Jeff Magee, Magee and Co	Quantity Surveyors
Les Nicol, NK Constuction	Contractor
James Cubbon, JCK	Contractor
Andy Cowie, DOI	Project Management
Matt Bond, DOI	Project Management
Stephen Smyth, Island Aggregates	Suppliers
Seymour Corkill, Colas	Contractor
Corelli Bentham	University College Isle of Man
Clive Callister, Colas Limited	Contractors
Tim Crookall	MLC

## 1.0 **Welcome and Introduction**

The Chairman (GC) welcomed Forum Members.

## 2.0 **Apologies**

Apologies were recorded as follows; Brian Butler, Shirley O'Neill, Neil Callin, Jeff Robinson, Rob Callister MHK, Ray Harmer MHK, Nick Black, Andy Bostock, Lawrie Hooper MHK, Ralph Peake MHK, Steve Moore, Geoff Boot MHK, Jeremy Reece, Jeremy Humphries, Mark Pearce, Carl Hawker

## 3.0 **Minutes of meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

Recorded as true and accurate representation of the meeting

## 4.0 **Presentation by Caldric Randall Treasury – Over view of budget**

Presentation Attached to minutes and circulated.

Questions from Forum Members (responses are not verbatim and have been rephrased).

1. How are tax and NI receipts compared to last year? – Answered in presentation document
2. The doubling of tax on income from land and property in 2015 was widely seen as a 'development tax' and instantly made the Island a less attractive place to investors compared to its competitors. How much extra tax revenue has the increase brought in since 2015?  
Response: Bill Shimmins. Corporate tax runs a year behind and difficult to assess in isolation. Some investors continue to lobby against the tax, the key thing is they are competitive in comparison to the UK and Channel Islands. The general view is that it has not negatively investment.
3. Why has there been a reduction in the actual spend against anticipated on capital projects?  
Response: Bill Shimmins. Cash spent on construction and engineering has increased from £23m to £33m. The Capital programme is also investing heavily in IT systems within Government. Paul Slinger: A quarterly report is issued to the Council of Ministers.  
Forum response: Requested to view this information
4. How many construction schemes carried out in the last financial year?  
Response: All schemes on budget. 5 projects were granted an extension of time.
5. Has there been any change to the percentage of schemes being completed on budget and on time since the introduction of reduced fees for consultant and/or the introduction of fee tendering

Response: No perceived differences

6. It was recently reported that Mr Shimmins was seeking approval to possibly tax development in green field areas, rather than taxing development would it not be better to incentivise the re-development of brownfield sites?

Response: Forum encouraged to review the Tynwald debate on Hansard and engage with the committee to put forward suggestions. The committees role is to look at options and then raise these in Tynwald. the committee does not review individual sites.

General discussion regarding the upgrade of dwellings on the promenade. Some concerns over the impacts on the value of neighbouring properties.

7. In a recent meeting with the Construction Committee of the Chamber of Commerce Mr Shimmins suggested the quality of work produced by the IOM Construction sector wasn't always up to the level Government are looking for. Would Treasury not agree that more use should be made of quality assessments during the tender selection process as price only tenders often drives down quality and potentially safety? Price may be fine for buying goods but with professional services cheapest is often not the best value.

Response: There is a consultancy framework and this is the minimum standard.

Quality and price are submitted at the same time in accordance with the Financial Regulations. Government has actively encouraged the use of BIM, bt this has nit been taken u by the consultants.

8. There is a perception that the quality question relating to contribution to the Manx Economy can benefit Off-Island Contractors as they are able to substantiate their contribution in terms of expenditure in hotels etc.

Response: There is certainly no weighting to an off Island contractor in terms of the quality submission.

9. Can you please explain the putpose of the Treasury's £5m Capital Projects Risk Contingency, how is it envisaged to be used and under what circumstances?

Response: For urgent unexpected expenditure. EG storm damage to Mooragh Prom. In terms of contractor selection all selected in compliance with procurement policy.

## **5.0 DfE Update –Adrian Moore**

Chair has been approved and will report the outcome shortly. Currently trying to recruit and export and domestic development manager. DfE structure not carved in stone and there were difficulties with vested interest the structure would be reviewed. EG as in the Hotel board. First Board meeting is around the Isle EXPo, (date to be confirmed) where the committee will be formed.

## 6.0 **Construction Federation Update – Steve Woodward, Construction Federation**

Steve Woodward reminded forum members to log on and register with the procurement portal.

Up and coming training courses, working at height, Non licensed asbestos (need asbestos awareness to take the course) and street works.

Currently renewing MACCS registrations and similar last year in terms of numbers. Construction Federation will be reviewing data storage in line with the new GDPR legislation.

Forum requested presentation on GDPR.

Construction Federation looking at course/workshop for small contractors on use of forum.

## 7.0 **Reports from delegates/Construction Demand**

Corelli Bentham shared new Higher National Certificate course designed to meet industry demand for construction engineering. UCM fact sheet attached to minutes. Promotion of Construction Industry Careers working party meet second Wednesday monthly at UCM. Matt Bond reported a visit to Anglesey to view a three piece bridge kit

[https://www.ice.org.uk/about-ice/near-you/uk/wales/education#resources\\_and\\_activities](https://www.ice.org.uk/about-ice/near-you/uk/wales/education#resources_and_activities)

Keith Jones of ICE Wales has been in touch and confirmed that they would be willing to lend us one of their three bridge kit for a 2-3 week period each year, at no cost. It comes in a horse box size trailer and the nearest one is located in Ruthin, North Wales. We would be responsible for collecting it and returning it. They have full risk assessments / manual handling assessments available, together with child sized PPE. They recommend its use with 9-11 year olds (Years 5 & 6 Juniors) and have used it with community groups, scouts, etc. as well as in schools.

Matt Bond asked for interested individuals in promoting construction to log onto Go Construct and register to become an ambassador. See link

<https://www.goconstruct.org/inspire/information-for-employers/construction-ambassadors/>

## 8.0 **Future developments in the industry/ Topics for future discussion**

.GDPR update for industry.

## 9.0 **Any other Business**

Nothing to report

**10.0**      **Next meeting**

The meeting closed at 10:00.

The next meeting of the Construction Forum is on Friday 25 May 2018 at the Isle of Man Construction Federation Offices, Onchan starting at 8.00am.