

Landscape Institute Northern Ireland

LINI Secretary Report 2014-2015

Darren McKinstry, 29 April 2015

1. 44th AGM May 2015

The 44th AGM of the Landscape Institute Northern Ireland took place on the 29th May 2014 at The Belfast Barge, Lanyon Quay, Belfast and was attended by 31 members of the Landscape Institute in Northern Ireland (of which 5 were LINI committee). Apologies were received from a further 14 members.

Minutes are circulated to all LINI members with this report (available on the LINI website: <http://northernireland.landscapeinstitute.org/>).

2. Members of the 2013-2014 LINI Committee

The following positions were agreed for the 2013-2014 Committee

1. Hon. Chairperson: Emily Smyth / Peter Hutchinson
2. Hon. Secretary: Darren McKinstry
3. Hon. Treasurer: Donna Kearney
4. LINI Representative to LI Advisory Council: David Watkiss
5. Public Sector Representative: Gary McNeill
6. CIGNI Rep: Bill O'Donnell
7. Education Rep: Emily Smyth
8. Student/P2C Representative: Kieran Culleton, Raymond Ronaghan, Barry Craig
9. CPD/Events Co-ordinator: None
10. Communications / Website: Ryan Hood
11. Immediate past Co-Chair: Emily Smyth / Peter Hutchinson

The following positions were appointed after the AGM by the new committee:

1. LINI Project & Development Co-ordinator: Susanna Best, and Lowell McCreadie (assistant)

3. Meetings of the 2012-2013 LINI Committee

There have been 4 meetings of the 2013-2014 LINI Committee.

1. June 2014, University of Ulster, York Street, Belfast
2. Oct 2014, University of Ulster, York Street, Belfast
3. Feb 2015, The Paul Hogarth Company, Ravenhill Road, Belfast
4. April 2015, The Paul Hogarth Company, Ravenhill Road, Belfast

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Attendance at Meetings as follows:

- Joint Chair: Emily Smyth & Peter Hutchinson (4 meetings)
- Acting Honorary Secretary: Darren Mckinstry (3 meetings)
- LINI Branch rep to LI Advisory Council: David Watkiss (2 meetings)
- Honorary Treasurer: Donna Fletcher (1 meeting)
- Communications and Website: Ryan Hood (2 meeting)
- Project & development Co-ordinator: Susanna Best (1 meeting)
- Public Sector rep: Gary McNeill (1 meetings)
- LI Policy Consultant: Pete Mullin (2 meetings)
- Education rep: Emily Smyth (4 meetings)
- PTC rep: Barry Craig (2 Meetings)
- PTC rep: Raymond Ronaghan (2 meetings)
- PTC rep: Kieran Culleton (1 meeting)
- Committee member: Bill O'donnell (2 meeting)
- Subgroup Meetings:
 - 6 open members Big Event meetings (June – Dec 2014): variously including Peter Hutchinson, Emily Smyth, Pete Mullin, Bill O'Donnell, David Watkiss, Darren McKinstry, David Dalzell, Sonia Harrison, Paul Tully, Andy Patterson, Catherine Adams, John Reid, Barry Craig, Raymond Ronaghan, David Clarke
 - 8 conference meetings with members of the Events Team and Happening Events: Peter Hutchinson, Emily Smyth, Susanna Best, Paul Tully & Bill O'Donnell
 - 6 exhibition meetings: Peter Hutchinson, Emily Smyth, Susanna Best, Lowell McCreadie, Ryan Hood
 - 10 Heritage project meetings: Peter Hutchinson, Emily Smyth, Susan Wilson, Susanna Best
 - 1 Policy group meeting: Andrew Haley, Emily Smyth, Mansil Miller

4. Undertakings of the 2014-2015 LINI Committee

a) CPD / members events:

- LINI Big Event 2015 has been confirmed on 1st June 2015. This has been progressed with LINI events team in conjunction with Events Coordinator Happen. The LINI committee would appreciate all member support.
- BIM Two Day Module: Held at University of Ulster, Jordanstown Campus on the 19th and 24th June 2014
- Healthy Cities Conference: Tackling Disadvantage. Took Place at the Hilton Hotel, Belfast 14th November 2014. Event was aimed at showcasing how local initiatives can help create healthy cities and tackle disadvantage.
- LI Governance Roadshow. Took place on the 24th November 2014 at University of Ulster, York Street Campus. LI Board consultation relating to alterations in LI Governance structure and documents, membership categories and route to Chartership
- LINI Christmas Shindig. LINI Acheson and Glover CPD event & LINI Christmas walking tour. This took place on the 4th December 2014 at the

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University of Ulster, York Street Campus. Acheson and Glover presented their New Eco range accompanied with some food and refreshments, followed by a Belfast Walking Tour.

- LI Landscape Futures Event was held in the Long Gallery, Stormont on the 9th Feb 2015. The event focused on the challenges of designing & delivering shared space within areas of conflict. Speakers were Pete Mullin (LI Policy Consultant for Northern Ireland) and invited speakers Neil Porter, Silvia Gordon and Dr. Milena Komorava. Chaired by Emily Smyth.

b) LINI / LI administration matters:

- LINI Newsletters have been emailed to members on a frequent basis
- Minutes: of the LINI Committee meetings are approved at meetings (as above) To be sent to LI after AGM.
- Email: Emails system is running. All information is sent out to members from dotMailer system. Dotmailer generates its addresses from members' contact details stored by the Landscape Institute, for the purposes of receiving communications from LINI please could all LINI members make sure you provide LI with your correct email contact details. For all incoming email a separate email address is used.
- LINI Members Database: is managed by LI secretariat. Following revelation this time last year that potentially 30% of LINI members were not receiving LINI (or LI) communications, we believe this has now been rectified to a more acceptable position, and hope that upwards of 95% are receiving LINI (and LI) communications.
- LINI concern relating to fees for registered practices / and membership fees for sole practitioners was discussed at LI Advisory Council. See Branch Rep report.
- Additional assistance: The LINI committee is always stretched with regards to furthering the interests of members and landscape architecture in Northern Ireland. We apologise for any inability in communicating all the activities of the branch to members. No matter how little, the assistance of all LINI members to the valued time and energy of the committee members is always beneficial and appreciated whenever possible

c) Education:

- Schools careers events. LINI attended the Methodist College Belfast careers event in September 2014, Victoria College Belfast in Feb 2015, and Royal Belfast Academical Institution March 2015. Thank you to assistance from Catherine Adams, Peter Hutchinson, Pete Mullin, Paul Tully, Emily Smyth
- University programme. LINI committee continues to seek the reinstatement of a landscape architecture programme in Northern Ireland (as per ELC requirements). LI has stated their willingness to support a campaign to NI Assembly members, Northern Ireland's two Universities, and CAFRE. University of Ulster has stated they will aim to launch a programme September 2015.

d) Local Government matters:

- Policy: Pete Mullin, is LI Policy Consultant for Northern Ireland. see separate Policy report for LINI Policy matters
- LINI Co-Chairs due to meet with chairs of Scotland & Wales for the third annual meeting of the LI chairs of devolved nations, 17 May (teleconference call). See separate Chair report.

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e) LI Matters

- LI Advisory Council. David Watkiss attended 2 meetings as LINI branch representative. See separate report.
- Policy Committee. Pete Mullin attended 1 meetings as LINI Policy consultant. See separate report.

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