The Institution of Engineering and Technology

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Minutes of the Meeting of the
COUNCIL
held on Thursday, 25 March 2021 at 3.00 pm
via virtual meeting

Present:	Mr David Hogan (Chair)
	Mr Andrew Ball
	Ms Kerrine Bryan
	Professor Yue Chen (Minutes 9-12)
	Mr John Cowburn
	Dr Ozak Esu
	Miss Anni Feng
	Mr James Garnham
	Professor Danielle George (President)
	Dr Edward He
	Miss Justina Ho (Minutes 1-9)
	Mr Bhagvat Joshi
	Mr Ian MacGillivray
	Eur Ing Dr Carol Marsh
	Ms Orla Murphy
	Dr C Muthamizhchelvan
	Dr Ronjon Nag
	Professor Ian Phillips
	Mr Adam Pocock (Minutes 9-12)
	Mr Graham Prebble
	Mr Sam Presley
	Colonel Andy Rogers
	Dr David Smith
	Dr Christopher To
By invitation:	Dr Bicky Bhangu (Trustee) (Minutes 1-9)
	Professor Bob Cryan (Trustee)
	Mr Joe Dunn (Trustee)
	Ms Rachel Hurst (Trustee)
	Professor Paul Needham (Trustee)
	Ms Dawn Ohlson (Trustee)
	Professor Kate Sugden (Trustee)
In attendance:	Ms Toni Allen (Director of International Strategic Marketing and Engagement)
	Mr Richard Best (Director of IT and Digital Services)
	Ms Katherine Bunting (Manager, Volunteer Support)
	Mr Simon Edwards (Director of Governance and External Engagement)
	Mr Nigel Fine (Chief Executive and Secretary)
	Mr Giles Grant (Director of Knowledge Services and Solutions)
	Mr David Lakin (Education 5-19 Manager)
	Ms Eloisa de la Maza (Governance Executive)
	Ms Michelle Richmond (Director of Membership and Professional Development)
	Mr James Robottom (Sustainability and Climate Change Lead)
	Mr Andrew F Wilson (Head of Governance)

1. Welcome

1.1.   The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

1.2.   The President spoke about recent IET activities including the Young Woman Engineer of the Year Awards virtual ceremony, International Women's Day and the launch of the Digital Poverty Alliance.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Rafael Cepeda Lopez, Dr Ejay Nsugbe and Miss Mamta Singhal.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2021 (CO(21)M1) were <u>approved</u> and <u>signed</u> as a correct record.

5. Actions Taken or Outstanding

5.1.   Council <u>noted</u> a report on actions taken or outstanding since the previous meeting of Council (CO(21)5).

6. Matters for Approval

6.1.   Council <u>approved</u> the Annual Report of Council to be presented at the virtual Members Annual Information Event on 13 May 2021 (CO(21)6).

6.2.   Council <u>approved</u> its proposals on IET Strategy for submission to the Strategy Input Meeting on 11 June 2021 (CO(21)7).

7. Report on Digital Poverty Alliance

7.1.   Mr Lakin introduced and Council <u>noted</u> a briefing on the Digital Poverty Alliance (CO(21)8).

7.2.   It was <u>noted</u> that the IET had agreed to work with The Learning Foundation to establish an alliance with other organisations to tackle the challenge of digital poverty, with the target of ending digital poverty in the UK within 10 years.

7.3.   Council members asked a number of questions about the Alliance's plans and Mr Lakin replied.

8. Behaviours for Volunteers

8.1.   Ms Ohlson introduced and Council noted a proposal for new Behaviours for Volunteers (CO(21)9).

8.2.   It was <u>noted</u> that the IET's values (Integrity, Excellent and Teamwork) and the Supporting Behaviours had had a positive influence across the IET. Five different behaviours had recently been identified and agreed for IET staff and the Volunteer Engagement Board had decided to develop behaviours for IET volunteers that mirrored the behaviours for IET staff but linked them to the IET values. Council was invited to discuss how to communicate the Behaviours to volunteers.

8.3. Professor Phillips suggested that the IET should communicate the issue to members and volunteers via *E&T* magazine. He believed that the magazine ought to publish more information about the IET's position on topical issues and matters of interest to the membership.

8.4. It was <u>agreed</u> to continue the discussion on Yammer until 8 April 2021.

9.   Breakout Session

9.1. Mr Robottom presented an oral briefing on the Societal Challenge of Sustainability and Climate Change, one of the five Societal Challenges that the IET currently addressed. He drew attention to the IET's application to participate in the United Nations COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow in November 2021.

9.2. Mr Hogan introduced a paper on the Council Breakout Session to discuss "Climate Change and the IET" (CO(21)10).

9.3. Council then discussed on Yammer, in World Café style, the question "What actions do you think the IET should be taking to address the Climate Change issue?". The discussion focussed on three aspects: societal, professional and corporate.

9.4. A large number of comments were made at the meeting and on Yammer. It was <u>agreed</u> to continue the discussion on Yammer until 8 April 2021, to ensure that all relevant points were captured. Mr Hogan and Professor Phillips would prepare a report on the discussion for submission to the Board of Trustees.

10.   Volunteer Engagement Board

Ms Olhson drew attention to the newly launched IET #PresentIn10 competition, an opportunity for engineers and technicians aged 18-35 to pitch a 10-minute presentation to a panel of experts about how engineering and technology can help to solve a real-world societal challenge.

11.   Report to the Board of Trustees

It was <u>agreed</u> that the outcome from the World Café discussion should be reported to the Board of Trustees (Minute 9 above refers).

12.   Feedback on Council Meeting

Mr Hogan invited Council members to give feedback on the Council meeting and a number of members commented positively on the virtual Council meeting experience.

13.   Dates of Next Meetings

13.1. Thursday, 10 June 2021 at 3.00 pm (BST) (Council Meeting) (virtual meeting).

13.2. Friday, 11 June 2021 at 9.00 am (BST) (Strategy Input Meeting) (virtual meeting).