

**CITY OF LONDON LAW SOCIETY – CONSTRUCTION LAW COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 23 June 2021**  
**via video conference**

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| <b>In attendance:</b><br>Matthew Jones (Chair)<br>Francis Ho (Vice-Chair)<br>Eleanor Milne (Secretary)<br>Paul Cowan<br>John Woolley<br>Louise Mercer<br>Alistair McGrigor<br>Richard Ceeney<br>Ben Patton<br>Kevin Hart (CLLS)<br>Alex Cunliffe<br>Richard Hill<br>James Pratt<br>Paul Starkey<br>Stephanie Canham<br>Fiona Edmond<br>Victoria Peckett<br>Angus Dawson<br>Drew Norman<br>Julia Court<br>Marc Hanson<br>Nicholas Downing | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br>David Metzger |
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**Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2021 were approved and will be uploaded to the CLLS website

**Membership of the Committee**

No changes to the membership of the Committee were reported.

**CLLS Update**

The Chair reported that the AGM was going ahead this evening and was expected to be well attended. The Planning /Environmental Law Committee have been considering issues relating to cladding and Stephanie Canham will liaise on behalf of the Committee. The inaugural Greys Inn & CLLS lecture is taking place to consider the role of the Inns in the City of London post Brexit. Mental health considers to be a high priority for the CLLS and it is focusing on social mobility issues and potential scholarship opportunities, particularly in areas of law that are struggling to recruit.

**Update on current activities**

**Standardisation of CLLS Documentation:** Angus Dawson, Richard Hill and Fiona Edmond are liaising with the Land Law Committee on the need to include construction disclosures as

part of the development of the 8th Edition of the Certificate of Title. This work stream is on going.

**Update to Novation Agreement:** The sub-group is finalising the updated agreement and guidance.

**Land Committee Guidance on Insurance for Tenants Rights:** No further updates on the current status of the note from the Land Law Committee.

**Funders and third party rights:** The note has been updated and the working group are meeting to further discuss the impact of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020.

**Update to Letter of Intent:** The sub-group reported that this work stream was progressing and that the revised draft of the LOI will be made available for review.

**Update to Borrower Reporting:** The Chair reported that the note is in final form and will be shared shortly.

**Foundation Level Training Programme:** The 2021 Programme has been circulated for review. K Hart will engage with the CLLS publicity team to discuss promotion for the training and put them in touch with the Chair.

**Innovation Working Group:** Members will consider on an ongoing basis if there are any new areas that should be considered by the Committee. The group will concentrate on ESG matters in general given its ever increasing importance to clients. The focus will be on looking at opportunities to influence industrial development, such as working with the Chancery Lane Project.

#### **Other business**

**Insurance market update:** Louise Mercer advised that the PI market continues to be very difficult and the cost of PI cover continues to increase. Contractor renewals are taking place but these are for smaller contractors with much lower levels of cover. The market seems to be hardening towards total cyber exclusions. BLP is providing residential latent defect coverage and is backed by Areva.

**Approach from the Institution of Structural Engineers:** The Committee was approached by the Institution of Structural Engineers to provide assistance with its development of a digital panel of experts. It was agreed that the Committee could assist with publicity but not the construction of a digital platform.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Taylor Wessing (5 New Square) and via video conference on 29 September 2021.