

CITY OF LONDON LAW SOCIETY – CONSTRUCTION LAW COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2022
via video conference

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022 were approved and will be uploaded to the CLLS website

Membership of the Committee

The Committee approved the request to join from Ryan Fordham of Shoemsmiths.

CLLS Update

K Hart informed the Committee that David Hobart had been succeeded by Matthew Rouse as the CEO of the CLLS and that Matthew was keen to attend meetings and familiarise himself with the processes of the CLLS.

The CLLS Committee Dinner on 24 January still has some available places so please let Kevin know if you would like to attend.

Foundation Level Training Series

Feedback on the series was positive and it was well attended. The hybrid model seemed to work well but it was not easy to take questions from people on line at the end of the session. The Committee also discussed frequency and timing of the series and it was agreed to maintain the current bi-annual system in November.

New Initiatives

The Committee discussed 3 potential new initiatives:

- a work stream on which entity owns the intellectual property in SMART reporting systems;

- a thought leadership piece on first of a kind projects; and
- the application of territorial laws in the EEC.

To be discussed further in the next Committee meeting if working groups can be established to develop these new work streams.

Update on current activities

CLLS CoFT 8th Edition: Angus Dawson, Richard Hill and Fiona Edmond continue to progress this with the Land Law Committee. It is moving very slowly and nothing substantial to report on at present. This work stream is on-going.

Update to Guidance to Reporting: The Chair reported that the note has been slightly widened in scope to be a guide on reporting and the marked up draft is currently being reviewed.

Update to Novation Agreement: The sub-group is continuing to progress this work stream.

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

Update to Third party rights guidance: The sub-group is continuing to progress this work stream and is currently arranging another meeting to discuss the note further.

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.

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: L Mercer was not able to attend. The Chair reported that Louise had briefed him that the Construction All Risks market was continuing to contract which was pushing up policy premiums and restricting policy terms.

Building Safety Bill 2021: This is currently under consultation and Stephanie Canham will put together a thought piece on the practicalities and realities of the Bill so that the Committee is prepared to respond on the consultation.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Taylor Wessing (5 New Square) and via video conference on 16 March 2022.