

The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining

Manchester Polymer Group

AGENDA

31st AGM of The Manchester Polymer Group

6th June 2022

Venue :-The Henry Royce Institute, University of Manchester, M13 9PL

1. Apologies for Absence: D Wetters
2. Present – Dr C Fenn (CF), Dr G Ogden(GO), Dr C Williams (CW), Dr C Picken (CP), D Baker (BD), S Patrick (SP), Adele Royle (AR)
3. Minutes of 29th AGM had been circulated
 - a. Proposed as a true record – G Ogden,
 - b. Seconded C Williams
 - c. All in favour
4. Chairman Report(CF)
 - a. CF thanked the committee for its support over his tenure as Chairman. CF had attended Jan Czerski's funeral which was also available as a webinar.
 - b. CF made comments about the formation of The Rubber Club GB in Manchester in 1921, which was the forerunner of MPG. CF also gave a potted history of MPG.
 - c. The 100th Anniversary of MPG was in 2021 and an excellent celebration dinner was held at the Edwardian Hotel in January.
 - d. The 2023 Dinner to be held on 27th January 2023.
 - e. CF to forward a full copy of his report

5. Treasurer Report (DW) . DW had forwarded the Treasurer Report which is attached

- a. Proposed GO
- b. Seconded SP
- c. All in favour

6. Election of Officers

- a. Chairman- Dr G Ogden
- b. Vice Chairman Dr C Fenn
- c. Secretary D Baker
- d. Treasurer D Wetters
- e. Committee members – S Patrick, Dr C Williams,
- f. All were elected en-bloc

7. Chairman GO

- a. GO proposed New Committee Members – Dr C Picken, A Royle to the committee and both were elected en-bloc
- b. GO thanked Roy Shankhachur for his service on the committee and wished him well in his new role.

8. Any Other Business

- a. None

9. Date and Venue of 2023 AGM

- a. TBA



Accounts 2021-2022.

Balance sheet at	31/3/2022	31/3/2021
Deposit Account	£ 23613.69	£ 23611,33
Cheque Account	£ 16913.34	£ 19253.27
Petty Cash	£ 267.12	£ 267.12 (a)
Capital account	(-£2337.63)	
Income and Expenses	<u>£ 40,527.03</u>	<u>£ 43,131.72</u>

a. Balance on G Ogden petty cash float.



Accounts 2021-2022.

Profit and Loss at £!/£/2022.

Expenses.

Advertising, Promotion, Entertaining	£ 2121.00 (a)
Awards	£ 95.00 (b)
Charity Donations	£ 500.00 ©
Committee Out of Pocket	£ 147.90 (d)
General Admin costs	£101.30 (e)
Postage	£ 12.70 (f)
Student Prizes	£ 200.00 (g)

Income

Interest of deposit account	£ 2.36
IOM3 Grant	£839.00
Totals	£ 3178.93 £ 841.36

Profit/Loss transfer to Balance sheet (£2337.63)

Notes on accounts.

- (a) Centenary Dinner
- (b) David Baker service award
- (c) Donation in memory of Arthur Wilkinson
- (d) Payment to D Wetters for extra drinks at Centenary Dinner put on personal card
- (e) Software licenses, grace gift etc
- (f) Costs of send Student vouchers via secure mail
- (g) Amazon Vouchers for student prizes.

Treasurers Report Year 2021-2022.

This has been a very quiet year from a financial standpoint. The highlight being the Centenary Dinner at the Edwardian Hotel in Manchester which was used to show our sponsors for the Annual Dinner we were still going and keen to get back to pre-Covid levels of activity.

We did receive a grant from the IOM3 which was based on the previous year's activities but for the past financial year we agreed not to claim our grant due to our low level of activity.

The accounts have been prepared and submitted for committee approval.

We made a donation to the Heart and Lung Association in memory of Dr Wilkinson who was a good friend to the Polymer Group and whilst not an active Committee Member will be sadly missed.

We have eventually managed to establish a credit line with the Hilton Group paving the way for "business as usual" in January 2023 with the Dinner Dance.

Overall we made a small loss over the financial year but with our healthy bank balance it is not too much of a concern and the prime expense was on the Centenary Dinner which was both important for us as a group and also was important generator of goodwill with our main "hosts" at our Dinner Dance.

David Wetters

5/6/2022.

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Chairman's Report – C R Fenn

Welcome to you all to this the MPG's AGM.

This is my first face to face AGM since my election to office as Chairman two years ago and what a strange period that has been. I was elected during a Zoom AGM in the middle of the lockdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Last year's AGM was also held via Zoom.

One of my first duties on becoming Chair was to write the obituary of a stalwart for many years of the MPG, our dear friend and colleague Jan Czerski who died in June 2020. I attended Jan's funeral in a period when funerals were restricted and it was difficult to celebrate the lives of those who had died. So, in November 2020 we held an on-line webinar in memory of Jan entitled "Elastomers and Polymers - Can the Demand for Improved Sustainability be satisfied?" where Dr Helen Czerski, Jan's daughter and television presenter gave her "Perspective, polymers and a planet: what next for sustainability?" The afternoon webinar was a great success with six speakers from academy and industry with over 250 registrants and 170 attendees on the day. This was our first big venture into on-line presentations and followed our efforts in around 2010 when we were early pioneers in holding on-line presentations when we held our evening meetings at Trafford College.

2021 saw the 100th Anniversary of the forerunner of the Manchester Polymer Group. Our roots started with the conception of the Rubber Club of Great Britain which was incorporated on 21st July 1921. Manchester saw its inaugural meeting on 7th November 1921 (just over a 100-years ago) at the Midland Hotel just up the road and where in recent years until 2020 we have held our Annual Dinner Dances in January each year. Early in 1923 the group was renamed as the Institution of the Rubber Industry at that time there were approximately 150 members and the annual subscription was one guinea. The Institute of the Plastics Industry was founded in 1931 and later changed its name to The Plastics Institute (PI) in 1947. During the late 1960s and the early 1970s talks were held

between the IRI and the PI which led to the amalgamation in 1975 under the name of The Plastics and Rubber Institute (PRI).

In 1986 the PRI became an affiliated body to the Institute of Metals (Engineering Council) and in 1993 the Institute of Materials was established with the Institute of Ceramics, the PRI, the Institute of Metals and what was then the British Composites Society. Since then there have been many other additions to the family including the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy and the Packaging Society to name but two and is now called The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (or IOM3 in short).

We celebrated the 100th Anniversary at the Edwardian Manchester on the 22nd October where Committee Members hosted around 40 of our principle guests who host tables at our Annual Dinner and Dance held in January each year. At the celebratory dinner the opportunity was taken to publicly present our Honorary Secretary, David Baker with the IoM3's Outstanding Service Award which he had been awarded earlier in the year for service to the Manchester Polymer Group.

It was not possible to hold the Annual Dinner and Dance in the past two years due to Covid but we will be back in 2023 on 27th January at our new venue the Hilton Manchester Deansgate Hotel, so I hope to see you all there.

Now before I get to my thank you to Committee Members, I started my service with a death of a long serving member of the MPG with the passing of Jan Czerski and my term of office was drawing to a close when the untimely death of Dr Arthur Wilkinson was announced a few months ago. Arthur had been an active member of the MPG during his early years at the Universities here in Manchester. Arthur was our friend for many years and a dear colleague to many here at the Royce, Arthur's passing will lie heavy in our hearts.

Today we have six of seven of our current Committee here – David Baker our Honorary Secretary with around 40 years' service to the MPG, Gary Ogden our Social Secretary (21 years' service), Stuart Patrick who looks after our Education activities (40 years' service) Chris Williams our Immediate Past Chairman (15 years' service) and our newest member Christina Picken who with your approval later in the meeting will start her membership on Committee taking the place of Shankhacur Roy who served for three years before he moved to a new roll in Bristol. Unfortunately David Wetters our Honorary Treasurer (35

years' service) is unable to be with us today but together with my Committee Membership of 45 years to the Manchester Polymer Group we have a combined service of over 200 years. That is amazing and shows the dedication to our Professional body and local Group. Thank you to you all for supporting me during my term of office as Chair.

Later in the meeting I will be handing the office of Chair to Dr Gary Ogden. Gary may I wish you well in your role moving forward.

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