



## Gerry Harvey reports on the last Council meeting

March Council is a sad event as it is the last time several long standing members will be attending. This year was no exception and was made even sadder by the retirement of our long standing Treasurer, Stephen Chandler. It is a sobering thought to realise that this year over 50 years of Council knowledge and experience will be lost – and never again will the dulcet tones of "ow much" be heard from a member north of Watford echoing around the room every time expenditure is mentioned. Council started late due to Membership Committee over running (as usual) – let's hope the new chairman can keep a tighter control. Officers were elected for 2008/9 and thanks given to retiring members Stephen, Chris Bowley, Simon Bennett and myself. The regional members were re-elected for another year, but the Nominated Members will be decided later, on recommendations from the officers. There was a bit of change among the Ordinary Members of which more later. The best news of the day was the presentation

of the audited accounts, not normally a cause for celebration. These showed that a deficit of £29,000 originally forecast for the year had been turned around into a small surplus of about £6,000 – no mean feat considering the current state of the industry. Due thanks were made to the staff for achieving this the turnaround, in some part due to administrative savings. Nevertheless deficits are forecast for the coming years and we must remain watchful, implementing savings wherever we can. Some more good news was the decision from Engineering Council to renew our accreditation licence to register Chartered Engineers for a further 12 months and to add a licence to accredit chartered level degrees. Reports were received from the five main committees and the Construction Industry Council. The President also gave a report on the "jollies" she had been on over the last three months. The meeting closed at about 4.30 just in time to miss the evening rush hour.

## Industry News

- Building for Life has published an online guide for developers on producing well designed developments worthy of its awards. Good place making and sustainability are as much a part of Building for Life criteria as architectural quality. [www.buildingforlife.org](http://www.buildingforlife.org)
- TfL's Guidance for Residential Travel Planning in London requires plans for all new development of over 80 units and suggests they be self enforced by Section 106 agreements to cover the cost of any subsequent action to deliver targets. The targets themselves could be the number of trips per household or the percentage of households using internet shopping. There is also a guide on workplace travel plans. [www.ihie.org.uk/gateway](http://www.ihie.org.uk/gateway)
- Focus on danger reduction not casualty reduction argues CABA's thought piece Civilised Streets and you will achieve safety and quality. [www.cabe.org.uk](http://www.cabe.org.uk)
- LTN 1/08 follows up Manual for Streets with designs for traffic management schemes that consider and enhance the streetscape, minimising signs, lines and street furniture. [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)
- TCPA is publishing worksheets for implementing the government's EcoTowns. "Water" advocates maximising sustainable drainage systems (SUDS). "Transport" envisages pedestrian and cycling priority in street design with "limited and managed" car access; chargeable car parking separate from housing; 15 mph design speeds on all but distributor roads; no more than 25% to 40% of journeys to work by private car. [www.tcpa.org.uk](http://www.tcpa.org.uk)

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