

Summary of Council Meeting

The Council met on 2 February 2017 from 11.30am to 4.30pm. There were 12 items on the agenda.

The Council considered reports from the Veterinary Education and Training Committee, the Practice Premises Committee, the Veterinary Nursing Committee and the Preliminary Investigation Committee.

Veterinary Education and Training Committee (VETC)

The VETC met on 18 January 2017 from 10.30am to 12.30pm. There were 10 items tabled on the agenda and there were no items of correspondence.

The VETC considered two CVE waivers, three applications to join the Specialist Register and two applications for the Registration Examination.

The VETC also considered the draft CVE Regulations. Registrants will be invited to comment on these draft regulations before they are put forward to the Minister.

Practice Premises Committee (PPC)

The PPC met on 19 January 2017 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. There were 12 items listed on the agenda.

The PPC agreed to grant certificates of suitability to six new premises and to revoke the certificate of suitability for one premises.

Veterinary Nursing Committee (VNC)

The VNC met on 24 January 2017 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. There were 10 items tabled on the agenda and there was one item of correspondence.

The VNC discussed forthcoming education provider visitations and in this context it will be reviewing benchmark competencies. A report on the recent ACOVENE meeting was also presented.

Disciplinary Matters

The Council considered six applications for an Inquiry involving six veterinary practitioners. The Council was notified of two fitness to practise inquiries.

The Council also considered two reports, per section 76 (2) (b) of the Veterinary Practice Act, summarising activity concerning Part 7 of the Act between 1 July 2016 and 31 December 2016.

Report of Authorised Officers

The Council considered a report from its authorised officers in respect of an alleged breach of the Veterinary Practice Act by a registered person.

Changes to the Registers

The Council confirmed the changes to both Registers which had taken place since the last meeting.

Register of Veterinary Practitioners - It was reported that there are 17 new entries to the Register and 7 names restored to the Register under section 49 (2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 28 veterinary practitioners who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

Register of Veterinary Nurses – It was reported that there are 6 new entries to the Register under section 95 of the Act and 4 names restored to the Register under section 49 (2) of the Act. It was

agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 10 veterinary nurses who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

It was reported that there had been five deaths since the last meeting: Padraig Connolly (61/67), Malachy Coyle (62/70), Michael Joseph O'Connor (35/68), Cornelius O'Driscoll (21/53) and Patrick O'Hart (23/53). A minute's silence was observed in their honour.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 6 April 2017 @10.30am.

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