

Summary of Council Meeting – 16 April 2015

The Council met on 16 April 2015 from 11.30am to 5.15pm. There were 13 items on the Agenda and 30 pieces of correspondence were tabled for consideration.

The Council considered reports from the Audit and Finance Committee, the Veterinary Education and Training Committee, the Practice Premises Committee, the Preliminary Investigation Committee and the Fitness to Practise Committee.

Audit and Finance Committee (AFC)

The AFC met on 9 March 2015 from 09.30am to 12.00pm and again on 14 April 2015 between 10.30am and 12.30pm. The audited accounts were agreed. Internal audit reports on three areas of expenditure were reviewed. The Council achieved 100% compliance with its prompt payments obligations in the first quarter of the year.

The Veterinary Education and Training Committee (VETC)

The VETC met on 25 March 2015 from 11.00am to 12.45pm. There were 13 items tabled on the Agenda and there were three items of correspondence for consideration.

The Committee agreed a policy on dealing with repeat CVE non-compliance offenders. A proposal to carry out a comprehensive survey of the veterinary nursing profession was agreed by Council, this survey would be carried out by Behaviour and Attitudes. Applications from four people to join the specialist register were considered and it was agreed to allow three of the four to join the register. The committee continued to discuss support initiatives for young graduates.

It was confirmed that a Mr Da Cruz had had his name removed from the register for providing false information in his registration application. He had failed to disclose the fact that he had been convicted of an offence triable on indictment in the UK and had been struck off the RCVS register.

The Practice Premises Committee (PPC)

The PPC met on 2 April 2015 from 10.30am to 14.00pm. There were 12 items tabled on the Agenda and there were three items of correspondence for consideration. Dr L Vaughan attended her first meeting of the committee as a co-opted member.

Twenty two premises had passed their revisit assessment; two premises had applied for and been granted a renewal of their COS and it was agreed that nine new premises could be granted a COS. The committee discussed a number of other issues all of which are ongoing matters.

Disciplinary Matters

Eight applications for a Fitness to Practise Inquiry involving ten practitioners were considered. One Fitness to Practise Committee Report was considered.

Report from Authorised Officers

Two reports from the authorised officers were considered by the Council.

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 28 new entries to the Register and 5 names restored to the Register under section 49(2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 55 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 12 new entries to the Register under section 95 of the Act and 3 names restored to the Register under section 49(2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 36 veterinary nurses who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

The Council considered a report on those who had not paid their Licence to Practise fee for 2015. It was agreed that the names of these people would be removed from the relevant register.

It was reported that the death of 3 veterinary practitioners had occurred since the last Council meeting – Robert John (Jack) Powell (01/48), Fintan Cooney (25/63) and Patrick Bradley (52/73). A minutes silence was observed in their honour.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 @ 10.30am.