

## **Summary of Council Meeting**

The Council met on 22 March 2018 from 11.00am to 4.30pm. There were 12 items on the agenda and there were 7 items of correspondence.

### Chairs of Committee

The following Council members were appointed to chair the various committees of Council – Vivienne Duggan, Veterinary Education and Training Committee; Séamus McManus, Practice Premises Committee; Kevin McConnell, Legislation and Ethics Committee; Séamus McManus, Conjoint Committee; Joanne Gallagher, Veterinary Nursing Committee; and Joe Moffitt, Audit & Finance Committee.

### Audited Accounts 2017 and Annual Report

The Council confirmed the audited accounts and annual report for 2017. Both documents will be available on the Council's website in early April.

### Ownership of Veterinary Practices

The Council decided that further review and analysis of the issue of ownership of veterinary practices should be carried out before any further guidance can be given to the profession. To this end, the Council agreed to commission an independent report from an external consultant to carry out this review. The Council agreed to publish an update regarding this review process by the end of June 2018 and again by the end of September 2018 with a view to publishing a final position by the end of March 2019. The Code of Professional Conduct will be maintained in its current format pending the conclusion of its review. The Council agreed to advise registrants via the newsletter and the website that the Council is carrying out this review and they will be invited to make submissions in due course.

### Certificate of Suitability Register

The Council agreed to issue Certificates of Suitability to 8 newly registered practices and to renew Certificates of Suitability in respect of 284 premises.

### Disciplinary Matters

The Council considered four applications for an Inquiry concerning four veterinary practitioners and one veterinary nurse.

### Reports of Authorised Officers

The Council considered one report from its authorised officers in respect of alleged breaches of the Veterinary Practice Act 2005, as amended, by a non-registered person.

### Changes to the Registers

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

It was reported that there are 42 new entries, 5 names restored to the Register of Veterinary Practitioners. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 27 veterinary practitioners who had made application to do so.

It was reported that there are 9 new entries to the Register of Veterinary Nurses. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 22 veterinary nurses who had made application to do so.

It was reported that there had been two deaths since the last meeting: Mr Patrick Joseph Morgan (54/71) and Patrick Desmond Nolan (68/62). A minute's silence was observed in their honour.

#### Council Meetings 2018

Council meetings for 2018 will take place on 22 January; 22 March; 17 May; 15 June; 12 July; 8 November and 13 December.

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