

Summary of Council Meeting

The Council met on 17 May 2018 from 11.00am to 7.30pm. There were 11 items on the agenda and there were 3 items of correspondence.

Appointment of Acting Registrar

William J. Cashman was appointed as Acting Registrar. The Council agreed that Mr Cashman would remain a Council Member but would not participate in any decision-making.

Veterinary Nursing Committee (VNC)

The VNC met on 13 April 2018 from 10.30am to 11.45am. There were 9 items tabled on the agenda, including 1 piece of correspondence.

The VNC considered annual reports from each of the Veterinary Nurse Course Providers. The VNC discussed a number of other matters, all of which are ongoing.

Veterinary Education Committee (VETC)

The VETC met on 13 April 2018 from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. There were 10 items tabled on the agenda, including 2 pieces of correspondence.

The VETC considered reports following visitations which had taken place in late 2017 to St Johns Central College and Athlone Institute of Technology. The VETC considered two CVE waiver applications and four applications to join the Specialist Register.

The VETC discussed a number of other matters, all of which are ongoing.

Audit, Risk and Finance Committee (AFC)

The ARFC met on 19 April 2018 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. There were 9 items tabled on the agenda and there were 2 items of correspondence.

The committee reviewed its terms of reference and agreed a change of its title to Audit, Risk & Finance Committee to comply with the requirements in the 2016 Code of Governance for Non-Commercial State Bodies.

The three months accounts, January to March 2018, together with the first quarter figures and the budgetary comparisons were reviewed. The Council achieved 100% compliance with its prompt payments obligations in the second quarter of the year.

The ARFC agreed its Internal Audit Programme for 2018.

Practice Premises Committee (PPC)

The PPC met on 19 April 2018 from 10.30am to 2.30pm. There were 8 items listed on the agenda.

The PPC reviewed the Standard Operating Procedures in respect of the Premises Accreditation Scheme assessment process. The PPC agreed that the majority of premises inspections are to be announced and a percentage of unannounced inspections will take place on a random basis. This policy will be communicated to the veterinary profession in the next newsletter.

Certificate of Suitability (COS) Register

The Council agreed to grant certificates of suitability to 2 newly registered veterinary premises, to renew certificates of suitability in respect of 87 existing premises and to revoke certificates of suitability in respect of two premises.

Legislation and Ethics Committee (LEC)

The LEC met on 26 April 2018 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. There were 9 items on the agenda and there were 1 item of correspondence.

A number of ongoing matters were considered, including AMR Awareness, the definition of an Animal under Veterinary Care and ownership of veterinary practices.

Disciplinary Matters

The Council considered two applications for an Inquiry concerning two veterinary practitioners.

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.

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 20 new entries, 6 names restored to the Register of Veterinary Practitioners. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 50 veterinary practitioners who had made application to do so. In addition, it was agreed to remove the names of a further 29 veterinary practitioners who are not renewing their license to practise for 2018 and who are in the process of submitting an application to remove their name under section 49 of the Act.

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 33 veterinary nurses who had made application to do so. In addition, it was agreed to remove the names of a further 22 veterinary nurses who are not renewing their license to practise for 2018 and who are in the process of submitting an application to remove their name under section 49 of the Act.

It was reported that there had been four deaths since the last meeting: Mr Vincent Lynch (1/47), Mr Joseph Clarke (18/52), Mr Edward PJ Kelly (35/64) and Desmond Barnwell (6/74). A minute's silence was observed in their honour.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, 15 June 2018 @10.30am.

The UCD Graduation Ceremony will be held in the afternoon.