1. Welcome

The Vice-chair opened the meeting by welcoming members to Greenock for the final meeting of the year. She thanked Ian Kearns for arranging the venue, catering etc.

2. Housekeeping

Ian Kearns detailed the housekeeping rules for the premises.

3. The Vice-chair introduced Provost Ciano Rebecchi of Inverclyde Council and he spoke on service provision, what the customer wanted from the service and what Inverclyde Council were doing within the bereavement area.

The Vice-chair duly responded.

4. Sederunt

The secretary detailed members as per the attendance book – 19 members in attendance.

5. Apologies

As per the attendance book. 13 members intimated apologies.

6. Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted by members.

Proposed by Alan Copeland.

Seconded by David MacColl.

7. Matters Arising

Item 12, under A.O.C.B. The issue of fulltime offices of the institute not accepting invitation to attend board meetings. It was agreed that the secretary write to the ICCM Chief Executive again on this matter detailing dates for meetings for 2007.

Item 13, under Guest Speaker. Bob McCulloch proposed a vote of thanks to David MacColl for his work in arranging the trip to Belfast and also dealing with sponsors without whose support we gratefully accepted. He also spoke on the format of the meeting and suggested that we look to continue this in the future. It was also noted that there were spelling mistakes in regard to
8. **Chairperson’s Report**

Due to a family bereavement, the branch chair unfortunately could not attend and therefore no report was presented.

9. **Secretary’s Report**

The secretary reported on the current membership of the branch which stands at 66 members. He also detailed the executive meetings held since the Belfast meeting and detailed that the 2007 AGM will be on 11 April in Arran by courtesy of North Ayrshire Council.

10. **Correspondence**

As detailed by the secretary.

11. **Corporate Committee Report**

The secretary detailed his report which included:

- NAMM updated Code of Practice.
- Exit survey of lapsed corporate members.
- Cemetery and Crematorium Managers Handbook.
- Committee Minutes.
- CAMEO Group.
- CYA – funding by the ICCM.
- SCCC – ICCM stand.
- Corporate seminar at Cranfield 2007.
- Resignation of Robert McCulloch.

12. **Officer Report**

As there were no officers in attendance no report was detailed.

13. **A.O.C.B.**

- **One Organisation: One Voice**
  A long and detailed debate on this issue and it was agreed that the secretary write to the ICCM Chief Executive stating that the branch do not support the one organisation point, however it does support closer working arrangements.

- **C.Y.A.**
  The issue of not supporting this event in 2007 was raised by members. The secretary and ex corporate committee member Robert McCulloch detailed reasons for this.

This was accepted by branch members.
- **Post President - Philip Ewing**
Members detailed Philip Ewing’s contribution as president and board member to the institute over the last two years with board members supporting this.

- **Scottish Law Reform Group**
Robert McCulloch and Duncan McCallum spoke on this issue intimating that the review should be complete by summer of 2007; however it could take approximately seven years to achieve a parliamentary time slot.

- **Director Resignations**
This matter was raised based on the report of the resignation of Robert McCulloch from the ICCM Corporate Committee. A full and frank debate from members and both Scottish Directors resulted in the branch members asking that the secretary write to the Chief Executive and the Board of Directors requesting explanations to points made.

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm with a vote of thanks to the Vice-chair for stepping in at the last minute.