

Annual General Meeting and High Court Enforcement (Ask and Expert) – 25th January 2022

Sheffield & District Branch members and guests logged into their virtual branch meeting at 6.30pm, having done so with their own refreshments in hand. Branch committee member Jamie Thornton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone before handing over to guest speaker, Neil Jinks of Court Enforcement Services Limited.

Neil talked us through the benefits of litigation and enforcement, the history of High Court enforcement, the process and costs, attendance and powers, protecting brand and reputation and the future of High Court enforcement. Neil shared with us two case studies, one involving a landing aircraft and the other a very large mansion, before leaving us with his top 10 tips for successful enforcement. Time allowed for a question and answer session where the merits and timing of high court enforcement of regulated debts was discussed and when asked what the most problematic disposal of seized goods was, Neil warned of the issues surrounding perishable goods!

The meeting was then handed to Secretary Myron Fedak who opened the AGM and first thanked Neil for his presentation before dealing with the formalities of apologies, approval of the 2021 AGM Minutes, approval of the 2021 Branch Financial Report, nominations and elections of Committee members for 2022 and then a review of the 2021 branch events. The final item of the AGM was Any Other Business when Branch Chair, Paula Uttley, on behalf of all of the committee present and past, thanked retiring Vice Chair Carl Goodman for his years of service and excellent History Tours of Sheffield and thanked retiring Branch Secretary/Treasurer Myron Fedak for his many years of dedicated service to the branch in a number of committee roles over the years. Branch Chair, Paula Uttley, also recorded her personal thanks to Myron for his many years' service to the Branch and said that it had been a pleasure that her first task as chair in 2018 had been to nominate Myron Fedak for Meritorious Service Awards, which had been awarded and so very well deserved.

The meeting was then handed back to Myron and as all official business had been concluded, the meeting was closed. Many thanks to Neil Jinks of Court Enforcement Services Limited for his presentation, Nicola Harris for tech support and to all attending members and guests for making the evening a great success.

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