

**Minutes of the meeting of**  
**Fife Chamber of Safety**  
**Held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at the**  
**Dunfermline Building Society, Caledonia House**  
**Carnegie Avenue, Dunfermline**

**Present**

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| Annette Torley   | Fife Council                      |
| John O'Rourke    | Queen Margaret University College |
| Les Roberts      | Fife Council                      |
| Tom Heath        | Self                              |
| Andy Martin      | Fife Health & Safety Consultants  |
| Rose Martin      | Fife Health & Safety Consultants  |
| Richard Wilson   | Queen Margaret University College |
| John Johnston    | FMC Technologies                  |
| Billy McLaughlin | MTC                               |
| Mark Russell     | Dunfermline Building Society      |
| David Cant       | Lauder College                    |
| Alan Harwood     | FMC Technologies                  |
| Colin Sparling   | Lauder College                    |
| Ian Norton       | North British Distillery          |
| Jim McKay        | Self                              |
| Sheena Johnston  | FMC Technologies                  |
| Cathy Welsh      | Fife Council                      |
| Ian McGlashan    | Concrete Products                 |

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from David Birrell, Andy Fowler, Eric Priesman, Sally Eddington and Ivie Callson

**Chairmans Opening Remarks**

Alan Harwood opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy new year. He introduced Sheena Johnston, environmental officer with FMC Technologies who has joined the Chamber as a new member.

AH mentioned that the notice for subscriptions had been issued with the last set of minutes and encouraged everyone to pay their contributions timeously.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006 were approved.

## **Presentation**

AH introduced John Johnston from FMC Technologies who was going to talk about the Disabled Discrimination Act. He explained that John was employed as an independent DDA Consultant by FMC to carry out an accessibility audit on their properties, they were that impressed by his work that he was employed on a fulltime basis in a Health and Safety role within the company.

John introduced his presentation by discussing the fact that everyone has the right to expect the same level of service and provision, the main basis for the introduction of the DDA was to provide a vehicle and structure for adjustments to be made.

A copy of John's presentation is attached for reference.

Following John's presentation a lively debate ensued on the subject of "reasonable adjustments" and what this constituted. Physical adjustments to buildings were discussed as well as altering service provisions. John pointed out that not all disabilities are physical, the DDA Act is much further reaching, taking in mental health and stress.

AH thanked John for his presentation and John was presented with a FCOS Paper Weight by Cathy Welsh in appreciation of his efforts.

## **HSE Update**

There was no official update, although AH did mention an interesting article that he has been following on the IOSH Website, a fire officer from Humber Fire Brigade posted a question about the installation of smoke detectors in houses on the site which has lead to 67 subsequent postings on the site, the result of which has lead the HSE to threaten to serve an improvement notice on the Humber Fire Brigade. The crux of the matter comes down to having three points of contact on the ladder at any time.

## **Open forum**

David Cant raised the issue over the proposed site visit to Mines Rescue in Crossgates, to date he has had very little response. David reminded everyone just how interesting and educational the last visit had been.

David has subsequently notified me that the date of **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.30pm** has been reserved, anyone wishing to go should reserve a place by emailing David – [dcant@lauder.ac.uk](mailto:dcant@lauder.ac.uk)

AH reminded the Executive Committee that there would be a meeting held at the Dunfermline Building Society, starting at 7.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

## **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of FCOS will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the offices of Dunfermline Building Society, Caledonia House, Carnegie Avenue, Dunfermline. The speaker for the evening will be Mr Jack Pryde, Supplier

Relationship Manager with Dunfermline Building Society on the subject of Fleet Management and the Duty of Care that surrounds it.

Mark Russell  
Secretary  
Fife Chamber of Safety