

Minutes of the meeting of

Fife Chamber of Safety

Held on 11th December 2006 at the

**Dunfermline Building Society, Caledonia House
Carnegie Avenue, Dunfermline**

Present

Sam Dimeck	Self
John O'Rourke	Queen Margaret University College
Les Roberts	Fife Council
Tom Heath	Self
Andy Martin	Fife Health & Safety Consultants
Richard Wilson	Queen Margaret University College
John Johnston	FMC Technologies
Billy McLaughlin	MTC
Mark Russell	Dunfermline Building Society
Rita Keyte	Fife DAAT
David Cant	Lauder College
Alan Harwood	FMC Technologies
Colin Sparling	Lauder College
Ian Norton	North British Distillery
Jim McKay	Self
Brian Ingram	Phoenix Safety
Sally Eddington	ADM Milling Ltd

Apologies

Apologies were received from Robert Crewes, Brian McLoughlin, Ian McGlashen, Cathy Welch, Eric Priesman, David Birrell, Cris Dron, Annette Torley, Andy Fowler and Ivie Callison.

Chairmans Opening Remarks

Alan Harwood opened the meeting by wishing everyone Seasons greetings and all the best for 2007. He mentioned that the Chambers Web Host had closed down our site early, following notice being served on them. A new site provider has been found and the site will be up and running again shortly.

AH mentioned that John Johnston had agreed to accept the position of Web Master, John's extensive knowledge and experience of running web sites will be invaluable going forward.

AH asked that all changes and updates on email addresses are updated to Mark Russell, about a dozen email addresses are bouncing back the minutes when they are issued.

AH stated that it was pleasing to see such a good turnout on such a miserable night, it has proved that our recent decision to change the day of the meeting and the venue has been the right one.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 13th November 2006 were approved.

Presentation

AH introduce Rita Keyte from Fife Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Rita introduced her presentation by giving some of the history behind the DAAT Groups, primarily the groups were set up to provide a forum for key service providers (Police, NHS, Council etc) to make strategic plans at Chief Executive level giving a combined focus on drugs and alcohol issues.

Rita stated that the DAAT's role was to co-ordinate prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and employment strategies with its partners. She discussed substance misuse in Fife covering alcohol and drugs issues.

A copy of Rita's presentation is attached as well as some additional supporting documentation.

A lively discussion followed Rita's presentation, with several views being stated covering the ethical, health and economic implications of drug and alcohol use. Its quite clearly a topic that everyone has an opinion on.

HSE Update

The HSE have finally agreed to provide HSE Documents on free download from their Web Site from April 2007. Also examples of HSE approved risk assessments are now available on their Web Site.

Open forum

David Cant has agreed to investigate the possibility of another visit to Mines Rescue in Crossgates, the date is to be confirmed, but anyone interested in attending should email their contact details to dcant@lauder.ac.uk

David also mentioned that he along with two other colleagues from the panel were looking into the possibility of running a H&S seminar for SME businesses at the BLCC, the hope is that we can generate additional membership from this.

MR mentioned that subscriptions were due for payment, he will attach a copy of the subscription notice with the minutes.

Les Roberts stated that there were links on the Fife Intervention Web site covering sample risk assessments, policy documents etc, and also information concerning what to expect when an inspector calls.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of FCOS will be held on Monday 8th December at 7.30pm in the offices of Dunfermline Building Society, Caledonia House, Carnegie Avenue, Dunfermline. The speaker for the evening will be Mr John Johnston on the Disabled Discrimination Act

Mark Russell
Secretary
Fife Chamber of Safety