

Minutes of the meeting of

Fife Chamber of Safety

Held on 16th April 2007 at the

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

Present

Sheena Johnston	FMC Technologies
John Johnston	FMC Technologies
Martin Brown	ARCO
Ian Norton	North British Distillery
Mark Russell	Dunfermline B Soc
Tom Heath	Self
John O'Rourke	Queen Margaret University
David Cant	Lauder College
Cathy Welch	Fife Council
Annemarie Smith	Fife NHS
Tom Canning	Babcock B.E.S.
David Jones	Velux
William Miller	Self
Andy Fowler	AF Associates
Sally Eddington	ADM Milling
Sam Dimeck	Self
Andy Martin	Fife H&S Consultants
Billy McLaughlin	M.T.C
Annette Torley	Fife Council
Alan Harwood	FMC Technologies
Les Roberts	Fife Council

Apologies

Apologies were received from Bob Crewes, Ian McGlashen, Eric Priessman and Ivie Callison.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Alan Harwood opened the meeting by announcing the Chambers recent successes at the SCOS Conference. He congratulated John Johnston of FMC Technologies who won the Lord Cullen Trophy for his health and safety website. Due to John's success the Chamber also won the Albert Porter Trophy.

AH went on to introduce the evenings speaker, Anna Graham from the Business Environment Partnership.

Anna started by introducing herself and explained her role with the BEP, she stated that she had responsibility for Fife and Tayside. She mentioned that there were a couple of events coming up which may be of interest to panel members, a Green Business Fife business breakfast starting at 8.00am on Wednesday 9th May at the Dean Park Hotel in Kirkcaldy and Measurement & Benchmarking (Waste) Workshop, 4th May at 12 – 2pm at the Business Learning & Conference Centre, confirm attendance to www.envirowise.gov.uk/scotlandmeasurement

AH thanked Anna for her presentation and opened the floor to questions.

A question was asked about recycling Nicad batteries locally, AG stated that she was unsure where these could be recycled but that she would find out and reply via this forum. [AG has suggested contacting www.g-pbatt.co.uk](http://www.g-pbatt.co.uk) they are the biggest collector of batteries in the UK.

A discussion about the mercury content in low energy light bulbs ensued, comment was made that condensing lamps are due to be banned shortly on the continent.

A question was asked about composting kitchen waste from businesses, AG commented that it could only be vegetable matter that was composted, no meat products could be recycled of in this way. AG stated that she would investigate composting units and feedback her findings.

AH thanked Anna Graham for her presentation and presented her with a small token of thanks on behalf of the panel.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting dated 12th March 2007 were approved.

General

AH reminded everyone that next month would be the AGM, he stated that anyone wishing to stand for the executive committee or the office bearer posts would be more than welcome. Anyone who has an interest should contact Mark Russell.

AH reminded everyone that Monday the 23rd April was the closing date for entries to the Fife Chamber Awards, submissions should be addressed to Sally Eddington.

David Cant suggested that the Fife Chamber should put an entry into the Health and Safety Practitioner Magazine Awards based on John Johnston's recent success, it was agreed that DC would submit an entry.

John Johnston updated on his progress with the website, he advised that he was making progress. He has also advised that he had added downloads of the recent speakers presentations to the existing website.

Fife Chamber Executive Committee Meeting

MR mentioned that the next executive committee meeting would be on Monday 30th April. The FCOS Awards submissions would be judged at this time.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Chamber will be at 7.30pm on 14th May, this will also be the Fife Chamber of Safety AGM. Speaker and topic of their presentation for the evening will be confirmed shortly.

Mark Russell
Secretary
Fife Chamber of Safety