

Minutes of the meeting of
Safety Group – Fife
Held on 10th September 2007 at the
Dunfermline Building Society, Caledonia House
Carnegie Avenue, Dunfermline

Present

Martin Brown	Arco Limited
Peter Ager	Fife Council
William Miller	Strath Safety
John O'Rourke	Queen Margaret University
David Birrell	Fife Council
Sam Dimeck	Self
Cathy Welsh	Fife Council
Andy Fowler	AF Associates
Ralph Herriott	Scobie & McIntosh
William McLaughlin	MTC
Andy Martin	Fife H&S Consultants
Tom Cunningham	Fife Council
Annette Torley	Fife Council
Mark Russell	Dunfermline BS

Chairmans Opening Remarks

Andy Fowler opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of the 2007/2008 session. He apologised for our lack of speaker, John Carson of the Forth Tunnel Action Group had been booked in to present but had failed to turn up.

Andy continued by welcoming Tom Cunningham of Fife Council and Ralph Herriott of Scobie & McIntosh along to their first meeting of the Group. AF thanked everyone for their efforts in the last session and went on to mention the next two speakers for October and November which are David Latto of Fife Fire and Rescue who will cover the impact of the Fire Scotland Act 2005, one year on and Brendan Reid of the Carbon Trust, who will talk about the role and workings of the Trust.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Eric Preissman, David Jones, Alan Harwood, John Johnston, Colin Syme and Sheena Johnston.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated 14th May 2007 were offered for approval, these were approved.

General Discussion

Due to the lack of a speaker, Andy opened the floor to for any business.

Cathy Welsh started by presenting the 2006/2007 accounts for the Group, a copy of which is attached for information. CW stated that in the reporting year the Group had minimal income from subscriptions a number of members and companies had not paid. CW thanked the Dunfermline Building Society for hosting the meetings, without this the Group would run at a loss.

AF encouraged the members of the Group to pay their subscriptions , MR stated that he would send out subscription notices with the minutes.

AF mentioned that he had hoped that someone who had attended the June site visit to Exxon Mobil would be able to give a synopsis of the visit, unfortunately none of the dozen or so who attended were present. MR commented that the feedback that he had been given had been very positive. David Cant will be asked to provide an update at a later meeting. MR commented that he had approached Exxon Mobil to present at a future meeting on their disaster/crisis management procedures.

AF reported on the Groups Golf outing which was held in the summer (it still rained) at Pitreavie Golf Course, he passed on his congratulations to Andy McKay who had won, scoring a hole in one in the process! Andy passed round the trophy which was sponsored by AF Associates Ltd, arrangements will be made to get this to Andy McKay.

MR reported that himself, Alan Harwood and Jim Spence had been tasked with re-vamping the SCOS conference. Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh had been picked as the venue and a date was to be set in February 2008. MR stated that the format and content of the conference would be changed, attempts were being made to get Nichola Sturgeon MSP to deliver the keynote speech at the breakfast session promoting the Scottish Centre for Healthy Working Lives.

Safety, Health and the Environment were being considered as themes for the presentations, the local safety groups will be offered subsidised places at the conference as a benefit of being members of SCOS.

A general discussion started on local transport issues, in particular the Forth bridge and the Tunnel option. General consensus was that the tunnel presentation would have been extremely interesting.

Presentation

The Group would like to thank Peter Ager of the Fife Council Intervention Team who stepped in to deliver a presentation on Slips and Falls that he had with him.

Peter talked about the surftronic slip measurement tool that the intervention team have used to great affect, it allows them to measure the roughness of hard floor surfaces. PA talked about the dangers of under diluting detergents when cleaning floors. He referred group members to the valuable advice available on the HSE website.

A copy of Peter's presentation is attached for information.

The meeting concluded after the presentation with no further business from the floor. Andy Fowler thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next meeting would take place on Monday 8th October at 7.30pm, the speaker for the evening will be David Latta of Fife Fire and Rescue, the subject of his presentation will be the workings of the Fire Scotland Act 2005.