

Minutes of the Safety Group Fife

Held on Monday 12th May 2008 at

Dunfermline Building Society, Caledonia House, Carnegie Avenue, Dunfermline

Present

Alan Harwood	FMC Technologies
Ian Norton	North British Distillery
John Auld	Quaker Oats
William Millar	Strath Safety
John Greenhalgh	Exxon Mobil
Peter Ager	Fife Council
Niel Holden	Forbo Nairn
Eric Priessman	Aquarius Training Ltd
Tom Canning	Babcock Marine
Annemarie Smith	NHS Fife
Martin Brown	ARCO Ltd
Steve Blyth	Fife Council
David Jones	Velux Company Ltd
Andy Martin	Fife Health & Safety
Tom Heath	Self
David Cant	Carnegie College
John Johnston	FMC Technologies
Sheena Johnston	FMC Technologies
Mark Russell	Dunfermline Building Society
Euan Drysdale	Keegan Pennykidd

Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Andy Fowler, David Birrell and Sally Eddington.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Davey Cant chaired the meeting in Andy Fowlers absence. DC welcomed everyone along to the AGM meeting. He went on to introduce Euan Drysdale from the Insurance brokers Keegan and Pennykidd who would present before the official business started.

Euan spoke about the insurance industries approach to risk management and also touched on the Corporate Homicide Act that was introduced in April of this year.

A copy of Euan's Presentation is attached .

DC thanked Euan for his presentation , he opened the floor for general questions. A discussion followed.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the 14th April 2008 were approved.

AGM Business

DC opened the official AGM Business by letting the group know that Andy Fowler had tendered his resignation as Chair of the Fife Safety Group due to reasons of health, DC wished AF a speedy recovery and thanked him for his efforts in supporting the Group. It was hoped that we would see him at future events held by the group

Minutes of previous AGM dated 14th May 2007

The minutes of the last AGM which had been previously issued were approved.

Chairman's Report

In AF's absence DC gave the Chair's report, DC stated that he had been extremely pleased with the level of attendance at the monthly meetings and the quality of speakers that had presented to the Group over the last session and hoped that the group would grow in strength over the coming year.

Secretaries Report

MR Stated that the 2007/2008 had been an extremely successful session for the group with a diverse range of speakers covering a broad range of subjects, ranging from, The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, Carbon Trust, Emergency Planning, Young Persons at Work, Pandemic Influenza, Radiation Protection and Health and Safety in Charities, to name a few.

Attendance over the session has been fairly steady, ranging from 14 to 21, the group is well supported and always open to new members.

2008 was a successful year for the group in the Scottish Chamber of Safety awards, the Group retained the Albert Porter Memorial Trophy and our entrant, Fife Council Business Support Team won the Lord Cullen Trophy, congratulations to them!

Looking forward to the 2008/2009 session, we will do our utmost to create a balanced programme of speakers and topics, the changes within the CDM legislation will be covered, the REACH legislation, corporate manslaughter, is another area that we may cover.

As always we are open to suggestions, if anyone has heard a good speaker that they think the group may be interested in hearing please let me know.

MR closed by thanking everyone for giving up their free time and continuing to support the Group.

Interim Treasurers Report

Cathy Welsh had produced an interim report on the Groups finances, the actual Treasurers report will be presented at the first meeting of the new session. The interim report shows the Groups finances to be in good order with very little out goings for the current session.

Election of Office Bearers

DC raised the topic of the office bearers, With Andy Fowler standing down as chair, DC was asked if he would consider stepping up from Vice Chair, DC stated that he would be delighted to assume the role of Chair, this was quickly seconded by EP.

The position of Vice Chair was opened to the floor, Peter Ager was nominated and seconded for this post. CW and MR agreed to remain in their posts as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Executive Committee Members

Both Peter Ager and Ian Norton had been approached prior to the meeting and asked if they would consider joining the Executive Committee, both agreed to do so.

They join the existing members listed below on the committee – Alan Harwood, Andy Martin, David Birrell, Sally Eddington, Eric Priessman, Dougie Collins, Jim McKay and John Johnston.

Annual Awards Ceremony

In Sally Eddingtons absence, MR introduced the awards, he stated that there were limited entries and that we should extend the entry date to the next meeting. There was a general discussion around this, before it was agreed that the entry period would be extended.

MR stated that he would send out the entry forms with the minutes and encouraged as many people as possible to enter the competition.

Site Visit

DC stated that the summer visit to the Forth Rail Bridge was off, Network Rail had let us down last minute. DC stated that this was disappointing as up until the last minute they were giving positive messages. DC mentioned that Tom Canning was investigating the possibility of a site visit to Babcock, a date will follow once this has been set.

Golf Match

DC mentioned that an attempt would be made to arrange the Safety Group Fife Golf match, there is a prestigious trophy up for grabs! MR investigate and make the arrangements, details to follow.

Website

John Johnston said that there was a minor issue with the mailing list on the website but that he was in the process of fixing it.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the group will be 7.30pm on Monday 8th September 2008, speaker to be confirmed.

Mark Russell
Secretary
Safety Group Fife