

# Minutes of the Safety Group Fife

Held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at

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

## Present

John Johnston	FMC Technologies
Ian Norton	North British Distillery
Neil Holden	Forbo Nairn
Sally Eddington	ADM Milling
William Miller	Strath Safety
Tom Cunningham	Fife Council
Cathy Welsh	Fife Council
David Jones	Velux Company Ltd
David Cant	Carnegie College
Peter Ager	Fife Council
Colin Sparling	Carnegie College
Mark Russell	Dunfermline Building Society
William McLaughlin	MTC
Martin Brown	ARCO
Chris Dron	Self
Tom Canning	Babcock Marine
Tom Heath	Self
Richard Wilson	QM University
Glyn Beech	Phoenix Safety
Andy Martin	Fife Health & Safety
Alan Harwood	FMC Technologies
Linda Bell	Business Medical LTD

## Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from David Birrell, Annette Torley, Duncan McNab, Annmarie Smith, Andy Fowler, Sheena Johnston and Bob Crewes

## Chairman's Opening Remarks

In Andy's absence, Davy Cant assumed the role of Chair. He opened by welcoming everyone along to the first meeting of 2008. He introduced David Mercer from Exxonmobil who was going to present to the group on Emergency Planning.

David introduced himself and explained his role within the company, his introduction covered emergency planning, not disaster recovery, as he stated that things would have gone too far by then!

David stated that it was essential that emergency planning was built into every system and process, the key was to prevent incidents happening in the first place.

David discussed the planning and live training scenarios that Exxonmobil go through with the emergency services each year in order to test plans and processes. He also talked about the checks and balances that are built into processes to manage risk.

Unfortunately, due to business security reasons it is not possible to issue a copy of Davids presentation.

DC thanked DM for his presentation and opened the floor for any other business.

### **AOB**

David Jones from Velux gave everyone a stark reminder of why we work to the current health and safety standards. He read out an email from one of his operatives who was working down in London and witnessed a building collapse.

David has allowed us to distribute a copy of the email with the minutes, I would encourage you to read the contents. It certainly brings home the importance of health and safety.

Peter Ager mentioned that Julie Hacket had been appointed Head of HSE in Scotland, he also mentioned that he had attended a meeting where the HSE/HSC merger had been discussed and that there will be no increase in the number of inspectors.

Alan Harwood mentioned that Graham Waller had been newly appointed as the HSE inspector for Fife Area, he would be approached about possibly joining the Safety Group.

### **Conference Update**

MR advised that over 20 exhibitors had confirmed attendance for the SCOS conference on 26<sup>th</sup> February, anyone interested in attending should contact him, as he had access to subsidised tickets.

The Date of the next meeting is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30pm and the speaker for the evening is Lynn McCaffrey from Healthcare Connections discussing Pandemic Influenza. DC thanked everyone for attending and brought the evening to a close.

Mark Russell  
Secretary  
Safety Group Fife