



West of Scotland
Branch

Branch Meeting

Minutes

Thursday 25th November 2021, 13:00 hours, Online meeting via Zoom

1. Chair of Meeting: Fred Cullum

The Chair welcomed everyone to the last Branch meeting of 2021 and advised that the speaker would be followed by branch business and any questions for the speaker be posted using the chat icon and these would be addressed after the presentation.

The Chair then requested members to remain for the Branch business as there were some important updates.

Speaker

The Chair introduced and welcomed the speaker Peter Bennett OBE before inviting him to share his presentation titled “ Working at height – Getting it right”

The presentation, which highlighted statistics and emphasised the importance of competence and training whilst reflecting on the impact on families. Information was provided on sources of information and organisations that could offer advice and concluded by giving insight on the work of the All Party Group looking at falls from height and being struck by falling items and the Charity No Falls Foundation. The presentation generated a number of questions which were answered by Peter, including reference to the use of technology which ranged from virtual training, including virtual reality, to the use of robots for cleaning gutters. The Chair then thanked Peter for his presentation and brought the session to a close before reverting to Branch business.

The presentation was recorded and will be placed on Branch webpage or IOSH YouTube in due course.

2. Sederunt

There were 65 attendees for the meeting.

3. Apologies

Given the meeting was virtual there were no apologies.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 30th October 2021 branch meeting was reviewed and deemed an accurate record proposed by (Fiona Duff) seconded by (George Mills), following the meeting.

The minutes will be posted on the Branch website in due course.

There were no matters arising from the minute.

5. Current Vacancies

Any vacancies should be emailed to the westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com

The following vacancies were intimated:

- Health and Safety Officer NHS, based in Inverness
https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/2809538269/?eBP=JOB_SEARCH_ORGANIC&recommendedFlavor=ACTIVELY_HIRING_COMPANY&refId=cE%2FTSKYJh2v2dBWVa7y9pg%3D%3D&trackingId=fYebhOZsBbmPOBq4I4cXg%3D%3D&trk=flagship3_search_srp_jobs&lipi=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Ad_flagship3_search_srp_jobs%3BsvjgK5x4QbmkGZ4wLHIVjA%3D%3D&lici=fYebhOZsBbmPOBq4I4cXg%3D%3D
- HSE Manager, Multi-site Management throughout Scotland, Head office in East Kilbride
- Phoenix UK are looking for trainers in Scotland contact Phoenix direct.

University Liaison

Many of you may know that we have liaised with Glasgow Caledonian and West of Scotland Universities to provide support for students, where we can. The University of the West of Scotland are looking for employers who may be able to provide placements for students from March 2022. If your employer is interested in providing support please email the secretary westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com and we will pass information to them.

6. Group reports

Construction: **George Mills**

Public Services: **Kenny Brown**

Environment and Waste Management: **Susannah McIntosh**

Rail: **Keith Lyall**

Copies of the reports will be included with the minutes on the Branch Website.

7. AOCB

The chair intimated the following points for information:

- Membership Grades – Privy Council have now approved the changes and is now awaiting final sign off. IOSH are unable to provide any indication of date as this rests with UK Government.

- A review of IOSH Networks has commenced with some views already discussed with Branch Chairs. In January 2022 members of Branch Committees will be invited to contribute to the review. Rather than feeding committee members views alone we will be seeking the views of branch members through a short questionnaire. Since this will help shape the future of branch meetings and events. Currently, globally IOSH have setup a pilot for the first quarter of 2020 looking at applying a hybrid model of virtual and face to face meeting – x1 F2F and x2 virtual. Please respond to the branch questionnaire on how you would like to see meetings moving forward. We recognise that there are benefits from both virtual and F2F meetings but we need your views on how best to meet your need as members in a hybrid model.
- HSE Working Minds Campaign – HSE looking for participation from Employers and Trade Unions, in particular and individual comments. For information visit campaigns@hse.gov.uk

8. Next Meeting

Date/time of the next Branch meeting will be on 27th January 2022 at 1300hrs.
The speaker will be David Write speaking about personal security

9. Branch Meeting closure

The chair thanked attendees and wished them season's greetings for a safe, healthy and enjoyable time before closing the meeting at 1410hrs.