

# Institution of Occupational Safety and Health West of Scotland Branch



**Branch Meeting:**

## Minutes

<b>Date and Time :</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> of March 2018, 1300 hrs.
<b>Venue:</b>	Bain suite, Hampden Park Stadium

	items	Action by
1	Welcome	
	<p><b>Chair of Meeting:</b> George Mills The chair welcomed the attendees speakers were introduced to the audience</p>	GM
2	Presentation (13:00)	
	<p><b>Topic:</b> Working together to beat Occupational Cancer / spotlight on Silica  <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Malcolm McIntyre</b>, IOSH; <b>Amanda Parker</b>, BOHS; <b>Mark Ashby</b>, HSE</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Malcolm; provided some statistics on the number of deaths from lungs cancer due to exposure to silica dust. Worldwide; 28,000 people die every year. In Great Britain alone 800 deaths every year (averages of 15 people every week). Malcolm also presented the audience with the cross-industry commitment to tackle silica exposure at work. Spoke about IOSH silica virtual industry focus group and the top five barriers to effective silica exposure control.  Amanda; spoke about the harmful particles and how the damage happens, also measurements and tests for exposure, and spoke about the three main steps to manage the risk of silica dust Recognise (what materials and activities that involve silica exposure); Evaluate (consider who/where to sample, sampling options, when, how long, and how many); and Control (design, prevention, engineering, work practice, and PPE),  Mark; spoke about the HSE new strategy for health and safety “Helping Great Britain work well”. Spoke about the priority areas in relation to Respiratory Crystalline Silica.  Workers at risk, high risk industries (construction, brick making, quarries, stone works, etc.)  A good quote to share with regards to silica dust “<i>don’t let your eyes deceive you. The most hazards dusts are those that you can’t see</i>”</p> <p>An abridged version of the presentation will be available on the Branch Website.</p> <p>The speakers were presented with a gift on behalf of the Branch</p>	
4	Sederunt	
	75 members registered their attendance	
5	Apologies	
	Apologies received from; PG, JT, FA, LM, SM	
6	Review and Approval of Minute of Previous Meeting	
	<p><b>Proposer:</b> Alex Petrie                      <b>Seconder:</b> Douglas Connell  The minute of the previous branch meeting “February 2018” was adopted as an accurate record.</p>	

7	Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.	
8	New Members
4 new members introduced themselves to the audience. 1 member has become chartered membership.	
9	Vacancies
HSE Manager , Tennent Glasgow	
10	Group Reports
<p><u>Construction</u> : <b>David Allan</b></p> <p><u>Environment and Waste Management</u>: <b>Brian Beck</b></p> <p><u>Public Services</u>: <b>Susannah McIntosh</b> (Apologised ): Nothing to report</p>	
11	AOCB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmina D'Alessandro The chair addressed the passing away and the funeral of (Carmina D'Alessandro)</li> <li>• AGM nominations: Members were reminded of the nominations for volunteering for the branch committee are still open.</li> <li>• IOSH Scotland Safety day IOSH Scotland safety will be held in Perth on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2018</li> <li>• Validation of IOSH certification The certifying body for new IOSH training courses is not recognised in Scotland, it is recognised in Northern Ireland, England and Wales. The training courses provider is in contact with SQA to get recognised.</li> <li>• IOSH Council West of Scotland branch keen to support FA nomination for the IOSH council</li> <li>• IOSH websites and IT systems. Jim O'Donnell, the Director of Transformation and Technology at IOSH; briefed branch members on the major renovation and upgrade of IOSH websites and IT systems.</li> </ul>	
12	Next Meeting
<p><b>Date:</b> 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 <b>Venue:</b> Bain suit , Hampden Park  <b>Time:</b>13:00 hours, <b>Topic:</b> Avoiding utility strikes <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Paul O'Donnell</b>, The Utilities Avoidance Group  <b>Time:</b>14:00 hours, <b>Topic:</b> IOSH Presidential Team Update <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Graham Parker</b>, IOSH Immediate Past President  <b>Time:</b> 15:00 hours, IOSH West of Scotland <b>Annual General Meeting.</b></p>	