

# Institution of Occupational Safety and Health West of Scotland Branch



**Branch Meeting:**

## Minutes

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| <b>Date and Time :</b> | 25 <sup>th</sup> of October 2018, 1300 hrs. |
| <b>Venue:</b>          | Bain suite, Hampden Park Stadium            |

### items

1 | Welcome

**Chair of Meeting:** George Mills

The chair welcomed the attendees and speakers  
speakers were introduced to the audience by Jim Tassel

2 | 1st Speaker's Presentation (13:00)

**Topic:** Asbestos: Real, Perceived Risk and commercial consequences

**Speakers:** Prof **Roger Willey**

**Summary:** Roger; provided background on the history of Asbestos in the ship industry particularly in Glasgow and the West of Scotland region, and how the IiWW has influenced the use of Asbestos material in rebuilding of hundreds of thousands of homes, schools and other public buildings especially during the 50s, 60s, 70s; that (9.4 million) properties has used asbestos to some level. The background included his huge works and contributions on the studies and researches of the subject; which includes 40 years of research, consultancy and training. Over 100 000 different asbestos related contracts worldwide. And over 650 reports in legal cases. Then Roger has provided some empirical evidence and statistical figures to support that Asbestos is still a real problem but the perceived risks of Asbestos are not proportionate to the real risk, and the assumption that "ONE fibre kills" is not correct and these unrealistic views of REAL risk, has led to "over the top" work procedures.

An abridged version of the presentation will be available on branch website once technical issues resolved. However presentation can be obtained from branch secretary([secretary-westofscot@ioshnetworks.co.uk](mailto:secretary-westofscot@ioshnetworks.co.uk))

The speaker was presented with a gift on behalf of the Branch

3 | 2nd Speaker's Presentation (14:00)

**Topic:** Asbestos – the demolition contractor's view

**Speakers:** **Ricky Hay** Director, Dem-Master Demolition Ltd

**Summary:** Ricky provided audience with a presentation on the Demolition & Temporary Works on St James Centre building in Edinburgh by Dem-Master Demolition Ltd and IKM Consulting Ltd. The centre was a major retail mixed use development in the heart of Edinburgh

consisted of 4 levels of retail, leisure, 4 star hotel, offices, restaurants, residential and 3 basement car park levels. The presentation highlighted the Waste Management & Recycling challenges encountered in the project particularly the Asbestos materials (over 400 tonnes) in addition to the gross volume of (416,800 m<sup>3</sup>) of debris. Ricky highlighted the site Constraints including running businesses and bus station next to the site. The presentation also included details on the engineering solutions applied and the use of Ultra High Reach Demolition plants.

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#### 4 Sederunt

132 members registered their attendance.

#### 5 Apologies

Apologies received from; 4 members

#### 6 Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Due to technical issues with branch web page the minutes were not uploaded, only the Exec members were able to view the minutes, however the minutes were reviewed and deemed actual record proposed by (FC) seconded by (BLB).

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#### 7 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 8 New Members

3 member introduced themselves as new members joining from other branches  
1 member has been successfully granted a charter membership. on behalf of the branch, the chair (GM) has congratulated her for this achievement

#### 9 Vacancies

2 vacancies were announced by HSE Solutions Ltd

- H&S Assistants
- Health and Safety Consultants

Applicants are requested to send their CV to web@hse-solutions.co.uk

#### 10 Group Reports

##### Construction : **David Allan**

(Apologised ): report sent

- UK construction industry will need to recruit and train 158,000 workers between 2018

and 2022 to meet future demands, this will require the contracting supply chain to work together to attract, train and retain more young people in the industry creating a more diverse workforce with higher numbers of woman, ethnic minorities and those with disability.

- the Construction Leadership Council has published (Guidance for Employing Young People and Inexperienced Workers) which can be downloaded from this link <http://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Young-person-statement-June-2018.pdf>
- Throughout October; construction firms across Great Britain have been targeted by HSE on their Health Standards, focusing on respiratory risks and occupational lung disease.
- BSC Safety management Magazine reported that Waste industry one of the most dangerous in the UK, and dangerous driving on pavements happened 30,000 times this month
- A construction company and its managing director have been sentenced after poor conditions at a building site (in London) were found to be dangerous. HSE inspector found evidence of poor health and safety conditions and practices including dangerous work at height, lack of suitable equipment, lack of training and without adequate supervision. The company was found guilty of breaching regulation 15(2) of CDM Regs 2015 and was fined £80,000. The MD was also was found guilty of breaching section 37(1) of HSAWA and was ordered to carry out 150 of unpaid community work for a period of 3 years, and was disqualified from being a company director for a period of 3 years.

Environment and Waste Management: **Brian Beck**

(Apologised ): Nothing to report

Public Services: **Susannah McIntosh**

PHASS Health and Work Summit Scotland, 1/11/2018 at Hampden Park, Glasgow it is a free event, places still available booking is required

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| 11 | AOCB         |
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| 12 | Next Meeting |

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 **Venue:** Glasgow Caledonian University. Room\*

**Time:**17:00 hours, **Topic:** Employee engagement with safety in the construction industry

**Speaker:** Prof **Billy Hare**

**Time:**18:00 hours, **Topic:** Employee engagement – an industrial case study **Speaker:**

**Darren England** and **Kirsten Begg** from Devro Scotland Ltd

\*TBC