



West of Scotland
Branch

Branch Meeting

Minutes

Thursday 29th October 2020, 13:00 hours, Online meeting via Zoom

1. Chair of Meeting: Fred Cullum

The Chair welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and suggested that new members and visitors introduce themselves through chat and advised that Branch business would follow the speaker's presentation.

2. Speakers

A warm welcome was extended to both speakers; Sarah Somers Head of Health and Safety in Wiltshire Police and Dennis Bray Safety Manager from Avon and Somerset Police.

The theme for the talk was dealing with health and safety at major incidents with a focus on Novichok.

Following the presentations there was a Q&A session led by Alex Petrie before the Chair thanked the speakers on behalf of the Branch.

3. Sederunt

There were 74 attendees during the presentation with 32 remaining for branch business.

4. Apologies

The Chair asked that any apologies be communicated through the branch email westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com

5. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 24th September 2020 branch meeting was reviewed and deemed accurate record proposed by (Jim Tassell) seconded by (Fiona Duff).

Copies of the minutes will be provided on request from the Branch Secretary (westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com)

6. Current Vacancies

It was noted that there was a vacancy within the Health and Safety Executive.

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

7. Group reports

Construction: George Mills

The HSE complete their current campaign on Friday 30th October 2020.

The HSE are liaising with Local Authorities who have high pandemic rates to combine resources.

CONIAC have produced a Construction Fire Safety Responsibility & Competence Matrix, which is downloadable and available from their website.

HSE are looking for a Chief Inspector of Buildings to lead the Building Safety Regulator.

Public Services: Susannah McIntosh

A news item on mental health and wellbeing will be added to the Branch Website and will contain useful links and an insight into what some of the Branch Committee do to switch off from work activities

Environment and Waste Management: Brian Beck

There was nothing to report.

8. AOCB

- **IPD** – The groups supporting members to move to chartered and chartered Fellow continue to be supported by Blair Boyd and William Lyons. Anyone looking for support should email the Branch secretary who will put them in touch.

The **AGM** was held on 27th October where Jimmy Quinn was appointed as IOSH President and Louise Hosking as President Elect. The chair, on behalf of the Branch sent a message to congratulate Jimmy Quinn and thank Andrew Sharman. The special resolution to enable changes to byelaws which would facilitate the implementation of the grading review was overwhelmingly vote for acceptance. Watch for further communication from IOSH HQ.

Sadly the death of a branch member, Stephen Campbell was intimated and his funeral had taken place earlier in the day. Thoughts are with his family at this time.

9. Next Meeting

Next branch meeting on 26th November 2020 at 1300hrs, where the topic will be Mental Health with a presentation from Mates in Mind.

10. Branch Meeting closure

The chair thanked the attendees and extend the branch thoughts to the audience and their families during these challenging times, and closed the meeting at 1415hrs