



West of Scotland
Branch

Branch Meeting

Minutes

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

1. Chair of Meeting: Fred Cullum

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which was a joint meeting with IEMA and advised that branch business would be conducted after the speaker presentation and there would be a number of important announcements affecting Branch members.

2. Speaker

The Chair introduced Karen Jackson, a chartered engineer with Hurley Palmer Flatt who would be talking about the energy strategy and sustainability for the Event Complex in Aberdeen.

Following a number of questions Brian Beck thanked Karen for the delivery of an informative and interesting presentation to members.

3. Sederunt

There were 45 attendees for the presentation and 42 remained 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 25th February 2021 branch meeting was reviewed and deemed accurate record proposed by (George Mills) seconded by (Alex Petrie). Copies of the minutes will be provided on request from the Branch Secretary (westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com)

6. Current Vacancies

Any vacancies should be emailed to the westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com
George Mills advised that Grahams are looking for a Health and Safety Advisor for a site in Aberdeen. For details, please email above address.

7. Group reports

Environment and Waste Management: **Brian Beck**

- Brian referred to Earth Hour on Saturday 27th March 2021 with a focus on reminding people of the need to save energy.
- Brian also mentioned that World Earth day would be from 20 – 22 April 2021 and this is about raising awareness of biodiversity and the impact on habitats.

Construction: **George Mills**

- George advised that HSE still had a focus on Covid 19.

Public Services: **Susannah McIntosh**

There were no new items to report.

8. AOCB

- **Certificate of Merit** - The Certificate of Merit award ceremony will take place on 27th May 2021, but it will be a virtual awards ceremony. A mailer has already been sent to branch members providing a link to the online nomination form. Members were reminded of the closing date of 31st March and to submit nominations and to consider any non-safety persons who had contributed to improving health and safety in the workplace, worthy of nomination.
- **IOSH Position on Physical Meetings**
IOSH have advised Branches that there will be no physical (face to Face) meetings until at least January 2022. Going forward in 2022 there is likely to be a blend of virtual and physical meetings.
- **Branch Budget**
All businesses have been impacted by Covid-19 and IOSH is no different. Budgets to Branches will be allocated in Regions and it will be a matter for Branches to justify and bid for finance taking account of spending restriction by IOSH.
- **AGM** – Members were advised that the AGM would be conducted virtually, and this will be held on Thursday 29th April 2021. A Branch mailer will shortly be sent out to members. Vincent Ho, an IOSH past president will be attending. It is also hope that a few members who have recently undertaken the journey to Chartered Member or Chartered Fellow will share their journey. Members who have achieved Chartered Member or Chartered Fellow during the Past year will be recognised during the meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on 29th April at 1300hrs.

Date/time of the next Branch meeting will be 27th May 2021 at 1300hrs.

Speaker: **John Cairns** talking about the LoCHER Project.

10. Branch Meeting closure

The chair thanked attendees before closing the meeting at 1356hrs.