



West of Scotland  
Branch

## Branch Meeting

### Minutes

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 13:00 hours, Online meeting via Zoom

1. **Chair of Meeting:** Fred Cullum

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting inviting new members or visitors to introduce themselves via the chat icon. He advised that the speaker would be followed by branch business and advised that any questions for the speaker be posted using the chat icon and these would be addressed after the presentation.

**Speaker**

The Chair introduced and welcomed the speaker John Cairns from Cairns Consultancy Ltd. John has a varied background which included being the PPE Coordinator with Strathclyde Fire and Rescue before setting up his own business. He has been Chair of Safety Groups UK and has long association with LOCHER.

Vice Chair Alex Petrie thanked John for his thought provoking and interesting presentation.

2. **Sederunt**

There were 60 attendees for the meeting.

3. **Apologies**

The Chair asked that any apologies be communicated through the branch email [westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com](mailto:westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com)

4. **Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 branch meeting was reviewed and deemed accurate record proposed by (Malcolm McIntyre) seconded by (Malcolm Tierney). Copies of the minutes will be provided on request from the Branch Secretary ([westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com](mailto:westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com))

5. **Current Vacancies**

Any vacancies should be emailed to the [westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com](mailto:westofscotland@ioshnetworks.com)  
Two vacancies had been brought to the attention of the committee.

CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland) – looking for a Health and Safety Adviser  
CBES Ltd – Looking for a HSE Trainer

## 6. Group reports

### Construction: **George Mills**

- Control of Asbestos – stakeholder survey
- 2021 Annual Science Review
- HSE Noise exposure calculator had been updated.

### Public Services: **Susannah McIntosh**

- HSE Management of risk webinar held on 25<sup>th</sup> May is now available online.

Environment and Waste Management: No report

## 7. AOCB

- **Certificate of Merit** – The Chair reminded members that the Certificate of Merit award ceremony will take place at 1600hrs on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021, still time to register and join in the celebration.
- **Committee members**  
The Chair paid tribute to the work of Joan Thomson who held the post of Communications Coordinator since it was created and Brian Beck who was Environmental Group chair within the Branch. Both had give around 10 years voluntary service to the Branch and it was fitting to record thanks to them for their valuable contribution over the years.

## 8. Next Meeting

Date/time of the next Branch meeting will be 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 1300hrs.  
Presentation from BTO

## 9. Branch Meeting closure

The chair thanked attendees before closing the meeting at 1401hrs.