

IIRSM Wales Branch Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 18th Feb 2014 14.00pm

Location: SCC Building, Dyfed Powys Police Headquarters, Llangunnor, Carmarthen, SA31 2PD

The meeting was opened by Steve Bergiers (SB) (Branch Chairman), who welcomed everyone to the Wales Branch Meeting of IIRSM. He introduced Haydn Brittain (HB) (Branch Secretary) and Karen Hoskins (Online Training) IIRSM. The introductory process then was passed around the table.

Members:

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| Malcolm Lilburn (Communications Officer) | Kevin Marsh | Chris Pritchard |
| John O'Malley (Branch Treasurer) | Clive Rees | Helen Rees-Byrne |
| Phil Thomas (Branch Membership Officer) | Simon Breen | Kevin Stuart |
| Andy Langford | | |

Apologies were read out for those members who were unable to attend.

Guest Speaker: Simon Breen HM Inspector of Health & Safety at the HSE

Topics discussed

Health & Safety at the HSE presentation

Simon Breen delivered a presentation on the following topics:

- Strategy of the HSE mission
- Background & work this year
- Fee for intervention
- Workplace & focus 2014/15
- Campaigns
- Enforcement
- Triennial Review
- Who's who in the regions

The presentation was informative and gave a good insight into the HSE focus and campaigns, the informal discussions whilst the presentation was delivered were very much appreciated and good discussion points were raised.

The overarching strategy and direction of the HSE is to provide further myth buster challengers and promote sensible health and safety management. The HSE are encouraging strong leadership, increasing competence and encouraging worker involvement. There is a focus on health (vs safety) and help for SME's on H&S

Further information can be found at: www.hse.gov.uk/strategy/strategy09.pdf

Engaging members

2. Karen Hoskins advised that new member can have their fees discounted, providing they quote a code to state that they have attended the Wales Branch meeting. Further details can be sourced from Phil Thomas (Branch Membership Officer)

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3. Guest speakers to be sourced and a list collated for future events were discussed. The next guest speaker needs to be identified for the May meeting.

Andrew Langford offered to speak with his colleagues around the H&S issues in relation to contingency and resilience planning for extreme events. He will confirm if they would be prepared to speak as a guest at the next IIRSM Wales Branch Meeting in May.

Other suggestions put forward:

- Emergency management presentation
- Electricity
- Mock Trial

A site visit could be planned for the September meeting

Future meetings

4. Planned meetings are to be arranged for May, September and November. Haydn Brittain (Branch Secretary) is to establish local groups meeting dates, as to avoid meeting clashes.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman who thanked everyone for their contribution