The meeting was opened by Steve Bergiers (SB) (Branch Chairman), who welcomed everyone to the Wales Branch Meeting of IIRSM.

**Members:**  
John O’Malley  Colin Smith (Guest speaker)  Haydn Brittain  Mal Lilburn  
Phil Thomas  Kerry Lee Davies

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

**Guest Speaker:** Colin J Smith (Avery)

**Topics discussed**

Colin topic was vehicle overloading and explained that exceeding a vehicle’s permissible weight is not only a danger to the driver and other road users; it is an illegal offence which carries with it a range of risks and penalties, from fixed fines to prison sentences.

**Discussion points**

1. Overloading a false economy?  
2. How are overloads detected?  
3. How to avoid overloading.

**Summary**

The presentation was informative and engaged with all present at the meeting with much discussion around this topic. A good range of tools to measure vehicles weight was also provided.

2. **Engaging members**

The new ‘iirsm’ logo was discussed and Steve explained about the insignia for the institute.

The next meetings are as follow

- 12th May 15.00pm Cardiff, Taffs Well RFC, Glan Y Llyn Square, Maes Gwyn, Taffs Well, Cardiff CF15 7JD – Topic is “Air Monitoring” – presented by SKC Ltd.
- 23rd September 14.00pm SCC Building Room 003, Dyfed Powys Police HQ, Carmarthen SA31 2PD – Topic is “Mental Wellbeing and Stress Risk Management” – presented by Steve Scott
- 25th November 14.00pm Cardiff, Consult Capital, Capital Building, Tydall Street, Cardiff CF10 4RT
New branch collateral is now available from the institute and will be delivered accordingly, this would include banners and pens etc.

It was discussed that to engage with members across Wales, we should have contact email database so our communications officer can ensure that they have received an invite. This to be discussed with iirsm head office.

3. AOB

Site visits were discussed and agreed that they would be engaging. Steve to enquire if we can perhaps visit a police site.

Future meetings

4. Next meeting is the 12th May at Cardiff

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