



FORTH AND TAY BRANCH

7th Meeting DRAFT

McDiarmid Park Perth at 7.30 pm Thursday 1 February 2018

Sederunt : A Fowler (chair), S Brown, F Burck, M Campbell, A Cathro, J Fearn, N Helps, C King, E Love, K Low, T Mellon, D Smart, P Szawlousk
Total present =13

Apologies

A number of apologies were received.

1. Welcome by Chairperson A Fowler

A Fowler welcomed everyone to the seventh meeting of the Forth and Tay Branch. He reminded the members of the emergency and administrative arrangements and asked that all present ensure they sign the Sederunt.

2. Minutes of the 6nd Branch Meeting on the 2nd November 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed: T Mellon Seconded: M Campbell

Matters arising. None

3. Correspondence

- LOcHER Project invitation 7 March, Scottish Parliament 6pm – 8pm
- Survey to be issued to members regarding structure of meetings
- Nominations for committee will be requested soon for the AGM

4. Ten Minute Speaker, A Cathro

A Cathro delivered a presentation on the IOSH 2017 annual conference. He highlighted the global approach to transforming safety and health and informed the members of the various sessions he attend.

S Fowler thanked A Cathro and mentioned that following on from the IOSH and Networks conferences in regards to IOSH Work 2022, five-year strategy, Forth and Tay Branch will refer, where possible, to the three broad aims of Influence, Collaborate and Enhance.

The Forth and Tay Branch will give reference to each of the aims during all branch meetings and deliver these through the branch programme and activities where ever possible by:

- Influence: Sharing our knowledge and learnings with local members and guests and other like-minded organisations on local health and safety issues.
- Collaborate: With other organisations in hosting/participating seminars and events.
- Enhance: Providing individuals with the tools they require. Enhancing their competence via local workshops, mentors and CPD updates.

5. Principal Speaker John Fearn Asbestos Action Tayside

Asbestos Action Tayside is a Scottish charity that was created to assist sufferers of asbestos related diseases in Scotland. It was formed in 2002 and 90% of its funding is through donations. John and his two assistants provide one to one support for those diagnosed with an asbestos related illness giving advice on benefits and compensation, assisting with the completion of forms and offering ongoing emotional and practical support to sufferers and their family.

They are currently covering an area from Elgin to Edinburgh with Joiners being their highest number of clients. Last year they supported 300 clients and there is no sign of the numbers declining.

John described the five main asbestos conditions. He also suggested that the continuous trend of DIY may be causing inadvertent exposure.

John also spoke on the many ways they campaign to maintain and improve awareness of the dangers that asbestos still poses to workers and communities.

Euan Love, partner, Digby Brown gave a brief history of asbestos risk. The first case was recorded in 1924 (Nellie Kershaw) and thereafter a report was written in 1930 on the occupational risks in the asbestos industry. Regulations were introduced in 1931 to limit exposure and from the 1960s to the present day there have been numerous media articles.

The evening was very informative with heartfelt presentations on how individuals and their families are supported.

6. Vote of Thanks

This was given by S Brown and a gift was presented to John Fearn and Euan Love

Next meeting Thursday 19 April 2018 Dr Alan Curly, Mind Solutions and AGM