

# Gloucestershire Branch South West Region



## Minutes

### Meeting of Gloucestershire Branch

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007

Council Chamber, Cotswold District Council

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#### Present

Martin Pill – Vice Chair	Judith Heybyrne	Nicky Wyman	Claire Ride
Richard Griffiths	Steve Moreby	Jonathan Wye	Mike Hammond
Dave Vosper	M Brazendale	Martin Earp	Barbara Harrison
Ray Brassington	Ruth Price	Dennis Fettis	Phil Jones
Caryn Hall	Peter Watkins	Rhys Thomas	R Wooldridge
Richard Cowling	David Griffith	R P Mair (EA)	K Bishop
Kathryn Hill	John Bateman (EA)	Paul Kenyon	Ed Pomfret
Haydn Brookes	Mike Ryder	Kelvin May	Gavin Probert
Bethan Hawkins	Hilary Beach	Jo Furby	Bob Symcox
Gill Ragon	Mandy Morgan		
Suzanne	Phil (HSE)		

Meeting commenced 13.45

Meeting finished

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1	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Given by Martin Pill especially to visitors including the EA, HSE and from other departments within LAs.</p>	
2	<p><b>Attendance and Apologies</b></p> <p>Attendance noted above and apologies were received from, Denise Powell, Sarah Scott, Phil Park, Melanie Grey, Roger Garbett, Maurice Brennan, Jerry Whitney, Paul Symonds</p>	
3	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Buncefield Explosion</b>  <b>Lessons Learned and Experiences from the Front Line</b>  <i>John Clarke – Head of Public Protection – Dacorum Borough Council</i></p> <p>JC presented on the response by DBC to the explosion in Dec 2005. JC stressed the importance of an early and flexible response which EH was able to provide. DBC was key in the support in recovery following the incident and also demonstrating its resilience.</p> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p> <p>Q. What was the cost to DBC?</p> <p>A. Hundreds of thousands of pounds but a significant amount was recovered through the Belwin Scheme.</p> <p>Q. What has been learnt in terms of chemical knowledge following the incident?</p> <p>A. Most agencies have learnt something from the incident. The Health Protection Agency Chemical Hazards and Poisons Division (HPA CHaPD) has changed some of their way of working in light of Buncefield.</p> <p><i>Philip Rodger Scientific Adviser – Bureau Veritas</i></p> <p>Philip presented on the response of his organisation in terms of monitoring undertaken at the incident. The key focus being in respect of monitoring for Fire and Rescue staff, police and local residents. The suites for chemical monitoring were shown and how sites were chosen (with health and safety considerations in mind). Philip showed the various types of monitoring equipment used and types of sampling including air quality monitoring and how the handover was achieved.</p> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p> <p>Q. What risk assessments were undertaken for staff who initially arrived at the scene?</p> <p>A. A reactive style on scene RA was undertaken as each situation is unique, but the staff at the company respond to fires on a regular basis so there is a generic element to them.</p> <p>Q. Was evacuation considered?</p> <p>A. Tend not to evacuate as the logistics are difficult. Sheltering advice is usually given.</p> <p>Q. Who made the decision for Bureau Veritas to be called to</p>	

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	<p>the site?</p> <p>A. The Fire and Rescue service and the HPA made the decision in conjunction with the other emergency services as it was decided that real time monitoring was required on this occasion.</p> <p>MP proposed thanks to the presenters for their lively and informative contributions.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (24/01/07)</p> <p>Agreed and signed by MP</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><b>Membership Issues</b></p> <p>CH advised on the updating of the membership database and requested that when a member advised the CIEH know of a change of details that they also notify the Branch as the information flow from CIEH HQ back to Branch was limited.</p> <p><b>ACTION ADVISE SECRETARY WHEN CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP DETAILS ARE MADE</b></p> <p><b>Legal Update Course/Training</b></p> <p>PP had sent his apologies as he was not able to attend the meeting due to leave so no membership update at this time.</p> <p><b>Teleconferencing</b></p> <p>Teleconference had been delayed and would be advised to the membership when it was ready to go ahead.</p> <p><b>ACTION NOTIFY MEMBERSHIP WHEN TELECONFERENCE TRAINING WILL START</b></p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CH</p>
6	<p>Membership and Communication</p> <p>Members were advised that a membership survey would be sent out and requested that everyone take some time out to complete it.</p>	
7	<p>Regional Board - update</p> <p>No one was available to attend the last regional Management Board. Arrangements had been discussed at Committee to ensure that someone from Glos does attend future meetings.</p>	
8	<p>Meetings/Training/Attendance</p> <p>MP requested that everyone present encourages people to attend Branch meetings and training events that will be run in the future.</p> <p>MP advised of the low cost events promoted by CEIH HQ.</p> <p>MP advised that the next meeting was likely to be early July on warehouse safety and FLT safety.</p>	

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9	<p data-bbox="331 230 411 264"><b>AOB</b></p> <p data-bbox="486 275 1300 409">CIEH mailings read out. MP advised the Branch that the Branch Management Plan was being prepared which would outline the proposed work of the Branch for the next year.</p>	
10	<p data-bbox="331 454 687 488"><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p data-bbox="486 521 1230 555">That the next meeting of the Branch will be in July 2007.</p> <p data-bbox="486 633 1086 712">Signed: _____ (Chairman)</p>	