



CIEH SOUTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING HELD ON THE 25th JANUARY 2007 AT THE TRAVELLERS REST – CHAPELTOWN – SHEFFIELD.

1. Present.

Andy Barr, Lesley Beevers, Fiona Boothroyd, John Bryson, Sue Coulter, Bob Crosby, Andrew Delany, Jonathan Fail, Scott Forbes, Roger Hart, Janice Manning, Neil Morton, Craig Murgatroyd, Gary Pritchard, David Purchon, Mohsun Raza, Frank Shepherd, John Staniforth, Janet Szlamp, Dawn Terry Robert Thorpe, Steve Turner, Nicola Wade, Nick Wellington, Martin Wilcock, Paul Williams, Nigel Wilson.

2. Apologies.

Chris Galley, Gail Hancock, Pat Hodgkinson, Peter Hubbard, Robert Monks, Steve Sampson Tim Simpson, Richard Sprenger, , Nigel Transmer.

3. Welcome By Frank Shepherd (Chair).

I must thank you all for making the effort to attend the Branch Meeting. I am sure that the temptation to stay at home on a cold winter's evening must have been an attraction hard to resist. Once again, I must thank Roger for organising the venue and Scott for all his efforts in preparing the Minutes and the Agenda, together with all his other Centre Council duties.

I am anticipating another interesting presentation this evening from our speaker, Richard Cooper. I look forward to learning about the work that Bolsover District Council did to promote European Union Safety Week.

We have been very lucky with our speakers on the subject matter they have covered. You will recall previous talks, one being on the Nuclear Industry in relation to energy and the one by David Purchon on his trip to Siberia, which was absolutely fascinating to have a true insight of life in those distant parts.

With hardly a week passing without the Media mentioning carbon emissions and global warming, I thought I would have a few words on this subject concerning housing and my current role in carrying out Home Condition Reports and Energy

Performance Certificates in the Private Sector. I have found it interesting in respect of the wide variety of properties that I have inspected and roughly what the differences are in energy efficiency and environmental impact. Houses which most people would and do think of as desirable and elegant do not always score well within the RDSAP rating. In straightforward terms, the RDSAP is looked at on a scale of one to ten, with one being a tent in a field with an electric fire and ten being a property with very high thermal values. The ideal spacious Edwardian country villa, although now fitted with good zone control central heating and up to the minute loft insulation, might come out below four, a typical sixty's/seventy's house might come out at six with up to date insulation, seven being a possibility. Recent three storey mews and town type properties perhaps come out at eight plus. Surprisingly though, Victorian inner terraces can be made to demonstrate good performance with loft insulation, condensing boilers, double glazing and the inside of the outer walls 75mm rigidly insulated.

But even with great savings from the benefits of insulation, boilers and structural matters, size plays its part on environmental impact. A huge well-insulated building is more likely to release more carbon than a small moderate dwelling.

To conclude, in some respects the jury is still out on global warming. My local farmers seem not to believe in it and some ex colliers say that there might be natural climate change anyway but in any case that there is enough coal in the ground to secure our future warmth if the Gulf Stream goes and we get colder winters!

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Accepted as a true record.

5. Items from last meeting further discussed.

Item 5.7 – Nick W has spoke to SOFHT who are looking to arrange a visit around March/ April time this year.

6.0 Any Of Business.

6.1 South Yorkshire Environmental Health Ramblers Group (AKA – Wilcock's Walkers) .

Martin's Report:

Next planned walk:

Hope Valley/ Win Hill/ LoseHill/ Hollins Cross/ Edale/ Nags Head on Friday 27th April 2007, meet at Hope Railway Station at 10.00am. Train back from Edale station.

6.2 The next presentation will be undertaken by Sue Coulter (Senior EHP) on the health & safety issues surrounding aromatherapy and hand massaging. Which will take place at the May 2007 branch meeting.

7.0 Discussion by David Purchon regarding the Draft Business Plan for consultation.

Please refer to the attached copy, and return your comments to Scott Forbes, via e-mail:

Scott.forbes@doncaster.gov.uk

8.0 Presentation by Richard Cooper (EHO) speaking on "The Work that Bolsover DC did to promote the EU Safety Week" as reported in EHN.

Safe Start' 23/10/06 – 27/10/06

- Emphasis on the occupational health and safety of young people (16-24 years old).
- 2006 UK campaign partnership: HSE / IOSH / TUC / LSC / BSC / EEF
- Promotional Events, publications, activities.
- Raising awareness among young people, parents, employers and supervisors.
- Web-site: <http://ew2006.osha.eu.int>

Accident Statistics – Young Workers

- 4000 young people seriously injured at work in the UK annually.
- 15,000 over 3 day injuries.
- 12 young people killed in 2004/05.
- A young worker is seriously injured at work every 40 minutes.
- 'Hazards Magazine' www.hazards.org/2young2die/index.htm.

Planning the event Derbyshire County Council

- Child Protection Service.
- Education Welfare Officers (EWOs).
- Advice Leaflets.
- Freebies!
- Keen to promote message that <18s cannot serve alcohol and school leaving dates.

HSE Leaflets

- The Right Start (INDG364).
- Stay Safe – Building Site (Misc 447).
- Stay Safe – On the Farm (Misc 403).
- Preventing slips/trips in kitchens (CAIS 6).
- H&S for Waiting Staff (CAIS 20).
- H&S of Children and Young People in Catering (CAIS 21).

East Midlands Designer Outlet

- Management team keen to cooperate.
- Area reserved in the 'Food Hall'.
- Provided table and chairs.
- Set up prior to the EMDO opening.
- Information boards / posters / etc.

Event Evaluation – Positive aspects

- Helped to raise the awareness of occupational health and safety of young people in the District.
- Lots of positive comments from members of the public and businesses.
- Raised morale of department.
- Raised profile of BDC, CBC and DCC.

Improvements

- No visitor statistics.
- Wrong location within EMDO.
- Social Marketing issues
- Shirebrook market – a washout?

9.0 Any Other Business.

9.1 Discussion took place with regards to joining the EHIED and Disaster Relief.

David also mentioned RedR - Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief.

RedR-IHE believes it is important to deliver its services in areas directly affected by humanitarian crises and currently has programmes running in Sri Lanka, Sudan and Kenya. Their programmes aim to develop and promote good practice in humanitarian response worldwide.

10.0 Closing The Meeting.

10.1 Frank Shepherd (Chairman) closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, the excellent presentation, and the information provided by David Purchon. A bottle of wine was presented to the main speaker (Richard Cooper), and the free raffle was won by Steve Turner who also received a free bottle of wine.

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