

## IChemE Teesside Branch Committee Meeting - Virtual on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Minutes

#### **Present**

Neville Blackwell      Peter Dodd      Stephen Pallant      Adrian Northey      Laurence Ashley  
Sam Gooneratne      Nick Howard

#### **Apologies**

Paul Dumain      Ralph Grob      Mark Wilson      Joseph Fisher      Molly Bell      Faisal Mahmood

Elo Okpighe sends apologies. Elo has had a job change, moved out of Teesside and wishes the committee well.

Distribution to Committee including Emily McFazdean, Peter Hunt, Dmytro Stratiychuk-Dear, Andrea Pearson, Paul Frank, Stefano Ceci and Ginette Kontcho.

**Minutes** had been circulated.

**Matters arising.** – The AGM has been arranged for 9 June at 18:15 after a talk by Nick starting at 17:30. Nick now realises there is a clash. After a debate, it was decided to still continue with Nick getting someone else to present. See below.

The talk by Chris Beck on Net Zero activities across the Tees Valley has been offered for 19 to 21 July. The committee felt that this was close to the holidays and a September date would be better. However, Chris may be aware of some announcement and therefore want these specific dates. Tuesday and Thursday were preferable.      **Action Peter D**

#### **Financial report.**

Nothing to report.

**AGM** - 9 June at 18:15, after Nick's talk. There was a need to edit last year's presentation. Whilst some people are willing to step down, there are no volunteers currently. People are willing to serve for another year. Sam has found another TU academic to possibly take her role as Schools and Universities Liaison. She would stay on as an ordinary committee member, if this happened. Do presentation.      **Action Peter D, Ralph and Sam**

Booking has been made but the specific room has not been chosen.      **Action Sam**

We need to get a risk assessment done too.      **Action Sam/Peter D**

Get more publicity out when room chosen and include the survey.      **Action Peter D**

#### **Events:**

The following webinar talks are being progressed.

- “Net zero activities across the Tees Valley.” Dr Chris Beck. Clean Growth and Innovation Director, Teesworks. Tuesday 19 July, Thursday 21 July or delay until September. Abstract and biography awaited for publicity. **Action Peter D**
- Nick Howard on the preparation required for Hazop Studies to take place on 9 June at 17:30. He will provide a title, speaker, abstract and short biography. **Action Nick**  
This will be the first face to face meeting, so a risk assessment needs to be done. Sam suggested that we use the Teesside University RA. **Action Sam**
- Safety case study on Area Classification- Faisal Mahmood. Faisal wanted this to be face to face and give students the opportunity to attend so this is October. Avoid Wednesdays. Faisal to choose date, set title and write abstract and bio. **Action Faisal**
- Plastic recycling - Ellis Marshall, Head of Recycling at TU has been contacted. Peter will get this set up, maybe for September/October . **Action Peter D**
- CF – Sam has made contact and CF are happy to do a talk. They asked for topics and we suggested carbon sequestration. This is now looking like the autumn for a slot. **Action Sam**
- Mark Wilson has some contact with the Quorn business and will ask for a talk/visit. **Action Mark**
- ABB happy to do talk in 2022. Subject is open. **Action Paul D**
- ChemEng 100 has now become ChemEng evolution. Paul Frank has agreed to talk on the evolution/history of Chem Eng. on Teesside area. He believes that this would be of interest to students too so post their return and before the centenary of the IChemE ends. End Sept to December **Action Paul F**
- The Committee has expressed interest on a talk based on route to chartership and chartered members who want to become fellows. This activity has been transferred to Olivia Callaghan. She has offered a talk for students and one for employed engineers. New graduates start back on 19 Sept so we should try for Thursday 22 September on Teesside. **Action Peter D**

Now that we are soon back meeting, we need a programme.

**Action Both PDs/FM//NH/SG**

**Quiz.** Date fixed for 15 November. He plans to go big on the quiz this year and request company sponsorship of £500 for prizes. Persuasion for Adrian is needed for Adrian to continue to do what he does so well into 2023. **Action Adrian**

**Annual Dinner** The letter did not go out to previous supporting companies. Adrian will contact Molly. The date needs to be fixed by September for the next dinner in March 2023. As it's the IChemE Teesside committee centenary celebration next year, the committee thought it would be fitting to have an after-dinner speaker. Ben Houchen has been proposed, however can't always be guaranteed to attend the event, thus a secondary speaker may be useful. **Action Molly/Adrian**

**Schools and University liaison** Sam asked for clarification on the agreement between TU and professional bodies. TU have had significant staff changes. Adrian has a copy.

**Action Adrian**



We confirmed that IChemE would pay for tea and coffee at the AGM.

## **AOB**

### **Actions review**

Biographies and photos on the website have been updated by Molly as committee members have requested.

Neville's and other offers of doing talks at TU will roll over to the new academic year. This is really down to TU asking for speakers. **Action Sam**

The programme for **Chem Eng Evolution**, the Centenary. There are 12 themes which have started but there are several still to be arranged and publicity is scant. Here is the link.

<http://www.chemengevolution.org/> We need to get information out to folk for this 100 year anniversary of IChemE celebration.

SharePoint from IChemE will soon start. There has been an email for training. SharePoint is in use for some IChemE activities. This will allow Peter/Joe to upload distribution list and meeting notes.

The event flowchart from Ralph will be placed on SharePoint when it is available along with the Event Organising Spreadsheet. **Action Peter D**

Tyneside AGM, elected Paul Bricko. Possibility of cooperating with Tyneside and Humberside committees. Need to make contact. **Action Peter D**

**Brewery tour** – useful for getting folk back together but these do not start until October. Peter to seek costs. **Action Peter D**

**Date of next committee meeting. Monday 13 June at 5:30 pm at TU**

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