

### 1. Welcome, present and apologies

- Andy welcomed everyone.
- Present: Andy, Lauren, Fred, Jonathan, Jeremy, Paul, and Mike
- Apologies: John, Neil, and Rob

### 2. Actions from previous meeting

Andy reviewed the outstanding tasks in basecamp. The task owners had updated any that have been completed, and providing clarification or updates as needed.

**NB** Please follow the link [Basecamp](#)

- a. Paul mentioned he couldn't find the agenda before the meeting. Although everyone else could.

### 3. Update from Branch Chair

#### 3.1. Membership has increase significantly

- a. Andy had checked the branch membership numbers and has notice a significant increase, which appears to be driven by new student members.
- b. The committee, agreed that while encouraging these numbers, need to be validated and perhaps further investigation needed to understand the trend.

#### 3.2. Adoption of the BCS Communities portal

- a. Andy provided an outline of the timeline, and features and links to youtube as a channel.
- b. Lauren, Paul, and Fred have looked at the site, which as an MVP is light on content and hard to navigate. It was noted that the South West branch, had already created a thread. Michael mentioned that over the next few months new structures and features were planned to be released.
- c. Mike suggested we include marketing and advertising in our budget, to maximise this new channel to engage with our increased membership. As well as our other social media channels.
- d. Andy noted that our Facebook account credentials are with a person has left the committee, it appears to be dormant with only a limited number of users and little activity for several years.
- e. Andy agreed that we perhaps don't make enough of our social media, as it's a part-time role for him, and asked for a volunteer to take over these takes. Please contact Andy if you are interested.
- f. Andy mentioned he and Michel had developed a closing slide in all events to direct people to social media. Fred mentioned that the Mid Wales branch had taken a similar approach.

**Link:** <https://community.bcs.org/>\*

#### 3.3. How can we support the new BCS Bursary Scheme?

- a. Andy provided an overview of the meeting with J Jefferies, and asked everyone to download and review the video, for a discussion at the next meeting.
- b. Everyone agreed to view the video and provide comments for the next meeting.

<https://3.basecamp.com/3429175/buckets/7092835/messages/4595916223>

#### 3.4. Members working Groups

- a. Andy agreed with Michael that given the time since this closed, perhaps we should put this on hold pending a response from HQ on their next steps.

### 4. Update from Mid-Wales Branch Chair

- a. Fred mentioned the next event is Tuesday next week, Andy had already sent an email to all members.

### 5. Update from branch treasure

- a. No spend again this month, owing to covid.
- b. Jon mentioned that he would soon start to draft a Budget for next year.
- c. Jon had been invited to a day for all Treasures that has been planned by HQ for later this month, to support next years budget.
- d. Paul asked if he could have a replacement iPad for his STEM work.

### 6. Update on Early Careers and Equality & Diversity Liaison

- a. Lauren, has spoken to Jeremy for FinTech Wales and moved this event to 7 April, which coincided with their skills month. Three or the four presenters have been agreed.
- b. Lauren was considering the offering the FinTech Wales event as taster to the Welsh universities, where discussions are still in progress for the September event.
- c. Lauren is working closely with Hannah at HQ on an approach.

### 7. Update from STEM Outreach Working Group

- a. Lewis is out of the country now; he has agreed to continue to complete the simulation software for a new video.
- b. Presentation dress rehearsal of the presentation is expected soon.
- c. Cardiff Science event has been published on their website.
- d. The team have been asked to be judges in the international 'Lego League', (IET).

### 8. Update from Events Coordinator

#### 8.1.Overall Plan

- a. Jeremy provided an update, February meeting may not happen this year, owing to availability.
- b. The only gap is for June and July
- c. Historically we don't normally have an event in July, although we could choose to do so if we wished.

**NB** These events can be accessed in [Basecamp](#)

### 9. Any Other Business

- a. Jeremy displayed the biographies for both nominations of the BCS council, the committee reviewed these and discussed the relative merits of both candidates.
- b. The committee agreed to support on candidate, based on the depth and breadth of their biography, Michael agreed to inform BCS HQ of our voting intentions.
- c. Jeremy and Michael had attended the January Policy Jam, which was more global, including UK and international topics.
- d. Michael hadn't seen any communications on the BCS Policy Jam for Wales. Andy was sure we can expect to see something soon. In preparation for the 4 Tuesday of Feb.
- e. Michael asked if Neil could be a candidate for BCS membership as a Fellow, given the contents of his recent presentation of the 'Cyber reserves'? Andy thought potentially he could but hadn't heard for him for a few weeks, he also noted that often the biggest obstacle was the additional cost of membership.
- f. Michael asked if the committee had any views on the new role of the 'Chair of the Community Support Committee', Jeremy provided an overview the rationale for the role.

### 10. Date of Next Meeting

**NB** The next meeting's date was confirmed as 2 March 2022.

### 11. Resources

- Member data [Microsoft Power BI](#).
- Branch [basecamp](#).
- Branch [website](#).
- Branch [linkedin](#).
- BCS [Discourse](#)
- BCS Organisation Membership [site](#).
- Welsh Senedd Shaping Wales Future consultation [link](#).
- STEM resources site (TBC)