**Minutes of the second meeting of the 2004-2005 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00pm
Wednesday, 3rd March
County Hall, Cardiff**

119.2.1 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Ralph Miller (Sec)	Derek Smith
D Cunliffe	Richard David	Noel Cox (NC)

119.2.2 APOLOGIES

Stephen Harvey	Jason Mullins	Jeremy White
Steve Wood	Nathan Cooper (NPC)	

119.2.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING   Actions
These were approved, and passed for placing on the Web   **JM**

119.2.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES
118.1.4   **NC**
NPC to assist NC in Data Analysis and presentation – Ongoing   **and**
Post Meeting Note: PB forwarded some information from NPC on this subject to NC   **NPC**

Ken Potter, meeting and Branch Service Award – closed

Branch Allocations – Ongoing   **PB**

118.1.5
Registration with BCS Connect- done

118.1.10
HQ had confirmed that Aberystwyth is included in our Branch area, and was accredited.   **SH**
Treasurer to budget for future prizes, and contact to be made with the University to make   **,PB**
arrangements for awards.

119.2.5 CORRESPONDENCE
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Secretary reported emails from Sue Guy announcing Branches Congress Date 21st April.   **JW,**
Agreed that Jeremy and Ralph Miller to attend.   **RRM**
Agreed RRM to stand for Branches Committee.

RRM reported contact from BBC Wales re daily Mail Report on Children's relationships
with their computer. Passed to Sue Guy.

RRM reported on invitation to the Grand Challenges in Computing event to be held in
Newcastle, 29-31st March 2004

119.2.6 BRANCH REPORTS
Membership Secretary's Report:
Nothing to report, Membership appears to be on hold till May. NC announced impending   **ALL**
retirement from the Committee from April. All assessors to consider whether they wish to
stand for this committee position

WebMaster: JM reported on improvements in Web, including easier management of Events   **All**
pages. All to explore new site and provide feedback to JM.

Treasurer's Report:
Account has approx. £2,000 credit. Supported Purchase of projector.   **PB, SH**

Chairman's Report:
Chairman to write his annual letter to members.   **PB**
Branches Board/Council Reports:
No meeting in period

YPG:
NPC had discussed new ideas with PB, but report to wait for NPC at next committee. Had   **PB, NC**
included notes on "Teen Works: Young People and the Internet"

Schools:
No Officer in Post

119.2.7 2003/2004 Events Programme
DC forwarded Dec Attendance list to RRM.

Chair reported disappointing attendance at Feb meeting, but very good presentations. Scores
to be sent to RRM.   **PB**

April Technoquest meeting to be cancelled.   **DS**

RRM to arrange with JM an email survey of member's interest in a Dec meeting with   **RRM**
Families.

Chair reminded members of Wednesday 9th March Meeting.

NB1 All to consider improving Networking Opportunities before or after the Event
NB2 All members to seek to assist in Event arrangements

119.2.8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
RRM reported on the Technocamp Project, based at Swansea U, in which primary School
Children were being encouraged to participate in IT activities such as Animation, Game
theory, and internet, by Students and staff at the University. Microsoft Sponsored, but still in
need of financial support. Pilot event at end of March. Committee agreed to support the
project in principal, subject to detailed proposal from Betti Williams, the Organiser, and HQ
approval of funding and use of Logo. Betti to attend meeting on 7th April.   **RM**

Steve Wood reported on his contact with Cymru Ar–Lein Agreed to have as an agenda item   **SW,PB**
at next meeting.

DC asked if a future agenda item could be arranged for discussion on Welsh Language   **PB**
inclusion in Branch Matters.

119.2.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 7th April, 18.00 hrs, at County Hall   **ALL**

Wednesday, 5th May (prepare AGM), Thursday 20th May, (AGM)

After this a new meeting Calendar will be arranged.

119.2.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES
Committee Guidance Notes - Update to continue at future meetings   **PB**

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
Mar 11th	Jeremy White	**Title:** Computer use in home and at work by people with sight loss **Speaker:** Bob Hall, Access Technology Consultant **From:** Royal National Institute of the Blind Cymru **Venue:** Royal National Institute of the Blind, RNIB Wales, Trident Court, East Moors Road, Cardiff, CF24 5TD **Synopsis:** Staring at the computer monitor all day is a part of many people's life but this can be difficult for those with sight loss - or impossible for blind people. Yet the computer has actually been a great enabler for people with disabilities. The speaker will describe and demonstrate how this is achieved. The talk will be of general interest to all but especially to those who provide computer facilities within organisations or to the general public. Be prepared for the day when one of the 2 million people in the UK with sight loss needs to access your computer systems!	Bob Hall is the speaker contact.
April 14th	Derek Smith	**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Techniquest **Synopsis:**	## Event cancelled
May 20th	Paul Bulmer	**Title:** Visualisation **Speaker:** Nick Avis **From:** Cardiff University **Venue:** AGM at Cardiff **Synopsis:** Nick Avis (new Prof) to talk on visualization and the new visualisation suite to open early in 2004. N.J.Avis@cs.cardiff.ac.uk	Alex has proposed this speaker from Cardiff University
September 14th	Ralph Miller	**Title:** How I made my first million **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff **Synopsis:**	Speaker from Bristol branch
October 13th	Richard David	**Title:** Unix versus Windows **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Bridgend **Synopsis:**	Could try the e-Academy training company in Cardiff

Date	Speaker	Details	Notes
November 11th	Steve Wood	**Title:** Starting a Technology Company **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Pontypridd **Synopsis:**	
December 7th	Ralph Miller	**Title:** Protecting children on the Internet **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Techniquest **Synopsis:**	Start early, joint evening for members and their families. Test idea in eMail seeking members' views.
2005			
January 12th	Jeremy White	**Title:** Lawful or awful - your company's data protection? **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Swansea **Synopsis:**	To approach Assistant Information Commissioner for Wales
February 12th	Daniel Cunliffe	**Title:** Information and computer crime **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Pontypridd **Synopsis:**	To approach visiting lecturer of staff member
March 8th	Jason Mullins	**Title:** War Games **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff **Synopsis:**	
April 13th		**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Swansea **Synopsis:**	
May 12th		**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Cardiff **Synopsis:**	
September		**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	