

**Minutes of the sixth meeting of the 2004-2005 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch**

6.00pm

Tuesday, 7th September, 2004

County Hall, Cardiff

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123.6.1 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)
Steve Wood
Betti Williams

Ralph Miller (Sec)
Dave Edwards
Gareth Jones (visitor)

Jeremy White
D Smith

123.6.2 APOLOGIES

Stephen Harvey (Treas)
Richard David

Daniel Cunliffe
Nathan Cooper (NPC)

Jason Mullins

123.6.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft was approved, and passed for placing on the Web

Actions
JM

123.6.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

118.1.10 BMC had agreed a schedule of prizes for accredited Universities in our Branch Area. RRM to update guide document for prizes

RRM

119.2.7 Suggestions for December programme considered. Committee agreed to underwrite cost of hire of Techniquest up to £500 for an agreed number of expected guests. DS to book Techniquest and continue planning event.

DS

121.4.7 Events update: Oct 13th, Rooms booked at Cardiff University. Computacenter date changed to Oct 20th PB to continue to arrange. All other details in Events update (attached)

PB

12.4.10. Chair requested that all continue to update Guidance notes.

All

121.4.8 SW reported he had contacted Cymru ar Lein. A meeting would be arranged to inform them about BCS. Jeremy to advise

SW
JS

119.2.8

Betty Williams is now a Member of the BCS. Betty will assist us in meetings at Swansea

PB

Betty agreed to let us have suggestions for future BCS Sponsorship.

BW

121.6.5 CORRESPONDENCE

Sue Guy had informed us that Jeremy could not attend the PR workshop at the upcoming Branches congress as the PRO or deputy must attend. Jeremy to discuss with Sue Guy. (post meeting note: SW to now attend)

BMC had approved Noel's Branch Long Service Award. To be confirmed by Council.

121.6.5 BRANCH REPORTS

Membership Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report

WebMaster:

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing further to report

Chairman's Report:

The chairman introduced a guest, G Jones, to the meeting.
An update on recent communications from HQ was presented.

Branches Board/Council Reports:

Next meeting 29th Oct. RRM to attend and SW to attend for PR workshop

**RRM,
SW**

YPG:

No report.

Schools:

No report

123.6.7 2003/2004 Events Programme

It was agreed that the attempts to include Video conferencing should be delayed until a suitable level of experience was achieved.

There was much discussion on the proposed event where a debate on Widows/Linux could be arranged. Steve Wood to continue with his contacts.

Steve suggested an event on the proposal, reported in the Harvard Business Review, to stop investing in IT, as there was no value to be gained. It was suggested that a debate might be interesting, possibly at Cardiff Business School as an Annual Lecture in 2005. PB to raise this with Cardiff Business School at upcoming meeting

123.6.8 CYMRU AR-LEIN

On going.

**SW/
JW**

123.6.9 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES

This was progressing. DC to update.

DC

123.6.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES

Remaining Notes to be prepared as soon as possible.

PB

123.4.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

123.4.9 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

October 13th at Corus, Port Talbot
November 24th
Week Commencing Jan 24th at Swansea University

ALL

Appendix 1 Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
September 14 th	Ralph Miller	Title: How I made my first million Speaker: B Swindells, From: Bristol Branch Venue: Cardiff. To be booked by RRM Synopsis: on Web	This is also to be Ted Stuart Award. RRM to contact CBS. Dinner afterwards for party
October 20th (Used to be October 13 th but moved at the speakers request)	Ralph Miller	Title: XP Migration, Zero Touch deployment - myth or reality Speaker: Steve Hyde From: Computacenter Venue: Trevithick Building, University of Cardiff Synopsis: The talk will discuss how an XP migration, and ultimately a support environment, can benefit from using 'zero touch' deployment methods. It will separate the hype from the reality, and reveal how and where an installation engineer can deploy xp to a desktop remotely without local interaction. The longer-term benefits will also be discussed, in how this can benefit the operational environment and drive down the cost of support. This talk will be of interest to anyone who has to specify, install, manage, support or maintain decentralized systems, whether already XP, planning to be, or thinking about it; as well as the project and program management community. Stephen Hyde, Projects Practice Leader, Computacenter plc Steve is currently a Practice Leader for Deployments and Relocations with Computacenter's Projects Practice. His role encompasses designing and marketing project service offerings to meet the current demands of customers. A key demand is the need to migrate to XP, and Steve has been working closely with Computacenter's sales	This slot has been given to Donald Southey of Computacenter for Autumn School of Project Group. David Edwards to pursue possible Video links.

		<p>teams, suppliers and customers to design the appropriate solutions to meet this need. Computacenter has become a leading supplier of migration services and has delivered some key industry projects.</p> <p>Steve has been in the IT industry for 12 years, all focused within the project management discipline. He spent most of this time delivering projects in a Senior Project Manager role, subsequently being responsible for Project Management and Consultancy teams, before moving into the Practice Leader role.</p>	
November 11th	Steve Wood / Daniel Cunliff	<p>Title: Unix versus Windows Speaker: From: Venue: Pontypridd Synopsis:</p>	<p>Daniel Cunliffe to seek name of IBM (?) Speaker from Richard.</p> <p>2/8/04 PB Spoke with Daniel and Steve and they have agreed to now run with this. Will set this up as a debate that Steve will chair. Will consider the use of video links to extend debate to other sites.</p>
December 7th	Derek Smith	<p>Title: Protecting children on the Internet Speaker: From: Venue: Techniquist Synopsis:</p>	<p>Start early, joint evening for members and their families. Test idea in eMail seeking members' views. Children's Commissioner, Police possible other contributors</p>
2005			
January 12th	Jeremy White	<p>Title: Lawful or awful - your company's data protection? Speaker: From: Venue: Swansea Synopsis:</p>	<p>To approach Assistant Information Commissioner for Wales</p>
February 12th	Daniel Cunliffe	<p>Title: Information and computer crime Speaker: From: Venue: Pontypridd Synopsis:</p>	<p>To approach visiting lecturer of staff member</p>
March 8th	Jason Mullins	<p>Title: War Games Speaker: From: Venue: Cardiff</p>	

		Synopsis:	
April 13th	Steve Wood	Title: Speaker: From: Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	At the April 2004 meeting SW agreed to follow up his contacts with Swansea Technium with a view to a presentation on 13/4/2005.
May 12th		Title: Speaker: From: Venue: Cardiff Synopsis:	
September	Steve Wood	Title: Starting a Technology Company Speaker: From: Venue: Pontypridd Synopsis:	2/8/04 PB Placed this here for now as a reserve presentation for an earlier date if required.