

**Minutes of the fourth meeting of the 2007 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm May 1st 2007
Cardiff County Hall**

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146.4.0 PRESENT		
Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Richard French	John Hall
Daniel Cunliffe	Beti Williams	
John Tucker	Derek Smith	
146.4.1 APOLOGIES		
Steve Harvey	Jason Mullins	Gareth O'Gorman
Richard David	Jeremy White	M Davis
Nigel Davies	Ralph Miller	Tony Corner
Eric Llewellyn	Ieuan Johns	

146.4.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS	Actions
Report received from J Mullins. See membership secretary's report.	
Reports also received from M Davis, Tony Corner, Eric Llewellyn and R Miller. The Chair read these out.	
Absent members are reminded that a written report should always be submitted when ever possible.	All
146.4.3 WELCOME	
The Chair welcomed Richard French along to the South Wales branch meeting. Carl Allen had been in touch with the Chairman to say he may be late but would try to get along to the meeting. Unfortunately he did not make it along but the Chair will send him a copy of these minutes.	PB
146.4.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved for placing on the web.	IJ
146.4.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
JM continuing to follow up on BCS Working Party for IT – Ongoing	JM
RD had not been able to get details from Bridgend College of possible contact . PB continuing – and Gareth O'Gorman to follow up his contacts – Ongoing. David Mather was suggested as a possible contact. PB now has a phone number for David Mather.	PB, GO'G
Still to include a meeting with the Newport Statisticians and Operations researchers in the Events Plan. It was suggested that RRM discuss this with EL.	RRM / EL
Paul has contacted Cardiff County Head of IT to arrange group recruitment evening. RRM to now progress this. It was also suggested that RRM ask RD if he would like to rejoin the committee when he retires from his job. All agreed to this proposal.	RRM
There appeared to be a possibility that the Branches resource project would be revitalised. Ralph was attending first council in January. Awaiting a report.	RRM
Max and Gareth to progress the Skills Centre project although this will now be for 2008 to allow for a couple more personal networking sessions.	GO'G MD
RD had been monitoring the Branch web site and had reported a couple of errors to PB. He will continue to routinely do this but all members should also make regular checks and let IJ know of any updates, corrections and enhancements.	All

	JW to progress the ideas he aired at the January meeting.	JW
	IJ to investigate options on IT, Computers and the environment.	IJ
	It was proposed that IJ and MD would look at setting up a YPG area on the branch web site.	IJ / MD
	IJ raised the fact that the branch site was not now easy to find from the main BCS site. PB reported that he had raised this with Richard French. Richard is progressing the issue.	PB
	IJ to add a link to the Swansea February event on IT Wales where the slides from the presentation are to be available.	IJ
146.4.6 CORRESPONDENCE		
	The Chair circulates all correspondence, received by email, to the full committee. There was no further correspondence.	
146.4.7 BRANCH REPORTS		
	Membership Secretary's Report: The power point slides provided by JM were shown to the committee. It was requested if a trend could be proved of the figures for say the last five years? It was also asked if the North Wales figures could be seen for comparison.	JM
	Web master's Report No report available.	
	Treasurer's Report: It was reported via the Chair that the accounts have now been submitted to HQ. A full report will be prepared for the AGM.	
	Chairman's Report: No separate report required.	
	Branches Board/Council Reports: No one was able to attend. PB asked that a volunteer come forward for the October event.	All
	YPG: To report, Gareth and I have met to discuss future events and have agreed to defer a large skill centre event to early next year to give time to build an interest group in South Wales and to give time to plan a successful event. We have decided to run an event in the autumn in the same vein as the Tiger Tiger event, but with a view to having a set plan and speakers this time. The event will be career focussed and I've been in touch with Nurgis in HQ about getting someone from HQ down to speak about Career builder and give attendees a good idea of it's importance in IT. Any help or ideas on the event, speakers or publicity from South Wales branch members would be gratefully received. I will present more information as soon as we have it. On a personal note, I've been invited (and have accepted) an invitation to join the press and PR team in HQ, as roving reporter for South Wales, so any ideas regarding articles or pieces for the eBCS (and hopefully IT Now!) will also be gratefully received. BW reported that MD had also arranged to meet with Sally from IT Wales to discuss ideas.	All MD
	Schools: No report. Universities: DC provided feedback to the committee on the April Universities event. This had apparently been well received and future events are intended with a further meeting in late August. A set of next steps had also been agreed. He also outlined a proposed University Partnership with the BCS. RRM is preparing a full set of notes.	RRM
146.4.8 2005/2006 Events Programme		
	The events planner was updated. An event is still currently required for February. All to investigate possible events.	All

	The October event was discussed. The Cairman' letter needs to be sent out to promote this event. This is with IJ to post on the web and RRM to email with the next event email. JT to also discuss the event at the May meeting in Swansea.	
146.4.9 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES		
	DC reported that he is now in a position to progress this and plan a launch for the new site. He also stated that he would like to retain the webmaster role for this site.	DC
146.4.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES		
	No further discussion at this meeting, but PB will continue to update these as required.	
	PB has passed the updated documents to IJ to post on the secure site.	IJ
146.4.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
	JT raised the issue of a Welsh BCS similar to that now in place for Scotland. RF agreed this would be a welcome suggestion and agreed to send contact details for Scotland to PB. PB to also contact North Wales committee members to assess their support.	PB
146.4.12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS		
	6pm Thursday 21st June 2007 at Port Talbot Social Club	

Appendix 1 Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
2007			
Thur 17 th May 2007	PB	Title: Photography Speaker: Mr David Lewis, From: Bridgend College Venue: Faraday Lecture Theatre (Formerly Esso Theatre), University of Wales Swansea Synopsis:	Joint presentation with IET. Paul Davies and B Williams have organised the buffet and rooms.
Thur 24 th May 2007 (AGM)	ND / JH (Venue)	Title: The Future of Communications Speaker: Ian Hughes, Futurologist From: BT Labs, Martlesham Venue: Cardiff University Synopsis:	Arrangements now in place and on the web site.
Early September but date still to confirm. Joint presentation	ND/DC (Venue)	Title: Computer Forensics Speaker: From: Venue: Glamorgan Synopsis:	ND has secured an offer from the Information Security Research group (Uni of Glamorgan) to provide the basis for a half day on computer forensics, possibly to include some trade stands. To follow up on input from Prof Neil Barrett.
Wed, 26th September 2007	RM	Title: Repeat of BT data centre Speaker: From: Venue: Cardiff Synopsis:	Ralph to provide details.
Oct	JT	Title: 50 th anniversary event Something historical? Speaker: From: Venue: Synopsis:	Photos Membership input SIG input?
Nov 2007	Beti Williams	Title: A management topic Speaker: From: Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	Beti would like to develop a high profile event that would become a regular BCS event at Swansea. This would be the first of these. Beti is currently considering a number of possible topics for this.
Dec 2007	JW	Title: British Computers in Space (Prof Pilger?) Speaker: From: Venue: Synopsis:	JW has a number of ideas on this topic and will progress them.
January 2008	Jeremy White	Title: Speaker: From: Venue: Synopsis:	Repeat the IT in extreme environments presentation Could this be an extra one in the west of the branch.

February			Currently available slot.
Thursday 20 th March 2008	RD	Title: Speaker: From: Sky? Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	This is to be a joint event with IET. A broad topic on computers and entertainment covering topics such as IP/TV, pod casting, Skype, etc. RD to approach organisations such as Sky for a speaker. Both BW and JH said they might be able to help with contacts.
	IJ	IT, Computers and the environment	IJ had ideas on the topic that he wished to explore
		Microsoft Sharepoint?	These topics were requested via feedback