



Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the 2012/13 Session
 Committee of the South Wales Branch BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT
 6.00pm, Wednesday, 9th January 2013
 County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff

194.4.0	Present Mikhaila Burgess (Chair/Sec) (MB) Fred Long (Skype) (FL)	Jeremy White (JW) Rosemary Dale (Skype) (RD)	Carl Allen (CA)
	Apologies Paul Bulmer (PB) Nigel Davies (ND)	Tom Crick (TC) Helen Phillips (HP)	Alan Boyce (AB) Daniel Cunliffe (DC)

194.4.1	Welcome Mikhaila welcomed everyone to the meeting.	Actions
194.4.2	Minutes Of Previous Meeting The minutes of the December meeting were accepted and will be published online.	
194.4.3	Matters Arising From The Minutes From section 193.3.3: AB due to report on branch finances: was not able to attend last meeting due to technical issues with Skype. This therefore needs to be followed up. Welcome email to new branch members: work in progress DC to report on “Welsh Language, Technology & Digital Media Group”. His report can be seen late in the minutes. DC also to investigate IET’s approach to engaging with members to see if we can learn anything as a result to improve branch membership engagement: work in progress TC to suggest individual(s) for branch YPG role(s): work in progress From section 193.3.6: JT proposed a number of potential future branch activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition at National Waterfront Museum, Swansea • History of IT in Wales publication 	AB MB/CA DC TC JT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links, as appropriate, with Swansea University Distinguished lecture Series • Event with DVLA, with possibility of linking this with the Data Centre Specialist Group • Talk from Martin Guest of HPC Wales/Cardiff University • Unspecified event at The Sennydd. An AM is needed for this – David Rees AM would be a potential contact for this. Event idea needed before proceeding further. <p>SAW summit in March – AR to find out more and report back if relevant to branch</p> <p>CA to investigate possibility of a rerun of the successful & filly-booked Kanban event.</p> <p>From section 193.3.10:</p> <p>Carl’s Space Mission: Work in progress. CA to continue feasibility study and report back in future.</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
<p>194.4.4</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Notification has been received from Head Office about the 2013 BCS/IET Turing Lecture. This event is again returning to Cardiff, at Cardiff University, on Thursday 21st February. Booking for this event is now open.</p> <p>We have received a notification from the Member Groups Team. A consultation on Member Group rules is currently being undertaken, with opportunity for us to take part, via the Volunteer portal, by 15th February.</p> <p>The next Member Groups Convention will take place in London on Thursday 14th March. If anyone is interested in attending please speak to MB. (Note: This is the same day as the Bloodhound event in Swansea).</p>	
<p>194.4.5</p>	<p>Branch Reports</p> <p><i>Chair’s Report:</i></p> <p>In order to allow more time for people to get to meetings it is proposed that future committee meetings will begin for refreshments at 18:00, then the formal part of the meeting can start at 18:10. In order to limit the length of time meetings can overrun it is also proposed the formal part of each meeting aims to finish at approximately 19:30, leaving time for optional further discussions afterwards. We shall trial this from the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Webmaster’s Report:</i></p> <p>There are some gaps on the web site at present regarding the events programme. This will be updated as information becomes available.</p> <p>Turing Event details to be included on branch website.</p> <p><i>Treasurer’s Report:</i></p>	<p>CA</p>

	<p><i>Membership Secretary's Report:</i></p> <p>CA currently unable to access BCS Secure Area Reports. He will investigate this issue and get access.</p> <p><i>Member Groups Convention and Membership Board:</i></p> <p>As previously stated, the next Member Groups Convention will take place in London on Thursday 14th March.</p> <p><i>YPG & Student Chapters:</i></p> <p><i>Schools:</i></p> <p>In November 2012 Leighton Andrews announced his intention to review the teaching of ICT in Schools. A Steering Group will be announced soon, and will include TC as a co-chair. They are due to report back to Leighton Andrews in July 2013.</p> <p><i>Universities:</i></p> <p><i>Professionalism:</i></p> <p><i>Publicity:</i></p> <p>Nigel unable to attend today, but still intending to pursue this area.</p>	<p>CA</p>
<p>194.4.6</p>	<p>Events Programme</p> <p><i>Ideas for future talks:</i></p> <p>IBM & Mass Storage, with speaker Steve Legg. Proposed by JT.</p> <p>Professional Development Events series has been very well received.</p> <p>The next event in this series will be Rocks & Gravel 2.</p> <p><i>The Christmas Event</i> went well. Taken by Wendy Sadler, Director of Science Made Simple. She discussed the history of musical instruments, from the human voice through to what you can do with an app on your iPhone, and other modern computing technologies. Overall event was very well received. Venue was approximately 2/3 full. JW to update HQ on event success.</p> <p><i>Event turnout:</i> It is hypothesised that turnout at events may be low due to current economic conditions. Are other branches/organisations seeing low attendance? RD says that she has noticed attendance dropping elsewhere.</p> <p><i>Bloodhound event:</i> to be held on 14th March at the National Waterfront Museum, Swansea. IT Wales 7 SAW have expanded JW's original idea and developed a larger programme around it.</p> <p><i>Second half of 2013 programme</i> needs to be planned.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>AGM needs to be arranged – Speaker? Venue? Suggestions needed.</p> <p>Business lecture – ideas include the CIO for Wales. JW to investigate.</p> <p>Christmas 2013 – ideas for speaker and venue needed. Again, suggestions needed.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>ALL</p>
194.4.7	<p>BCS in Wales</p> <p>Report from HP regarding BCSWomen in Wales: Documentation requesting this becomes an official group has been submitted to Head Office.</p>	
194.4.8	<p>Welsh Language</p> <p>Report from DC on the <i>Welsh Language Technology & Digital Media Group</i>: The Group is broadly tasked with informing policy, informing potential investment and developing an action plan. The Group is Chaired by Leighton Andrews and there are about 30 members. The members are a mix of government officials, media producers (S4C, BBC and independents), publishers (Welsh Books Council, Golwg), representatives from the National Library and the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. There are academics from Aberystwyth, OU, Glamorgan, Cardiff, and Bangor. We have had several meetings and a more public seminar.</p>	
194.4.9	<p>Committee Guidance Notes</p>	
194.4.10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><i>Map of IT in Wales</i></p> <p>This document is to provide an overview of the state of IT across all sectors in Wales. The aim is to show IT plays a key role in Wales.</p> <p>It should be developed as a pan-Wales project</p> <p>Wiki format allows collaborative authoring. Wikispaces has been selected for this project, and has been set up by CA & JW. A skeleton document is now online.</p> <p>This will be a crowd-sourced report, involving all branches across Wales.</p> <p>JT has suggested running a conference around this document in the future.</p> <p>This will be presented and discussed at the next BCS in Wales committee meeting.</p> <p>More initial data needs to be added.</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>JW, CA,</p> <p>MB</p>
194.4.11	<p>Date and Format Of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be on 6th February at Swansea University</p>	