

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH
WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT
ROYAL OAK, SOUTH BRENT
ON MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present:

Prof Steven Furnell(SF), Dr. Shirley Atkinson(SA), Dr. Nathan Clarke (NC), Ted Draper(ED), Janet Kneller(JK), Kevin Chamberlain(KC)

Apologies:

Dr. Paul Dowland(PD), Kent McClymont (KM), Alastair Revell (AR), Dr. Jonathan Fieldsend(JF), Andy Phipps(AP)

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes from 16th May 2010 were accepted as true record.

Matters Arising:

- Plymouth Chamber of Commerce – Funding withdrawn by HQ
- History of Computing – Display has been extended, and considering a website rather than brochure. – **Action SF**
- Need to identify potential speakers from member questionnaire circulated – 4 or 5 members had responded – NC to suggest dates to them **Action NC**

Events:

AGM will be in 27th September at 6:30pm, speaker from Apple at 7pm

Catering arranged for 40 afterwards

All committee members are happy to continue – **Action KC** to issue notice & nominations forms.

AR to bring new BCS banner. KM has video camera (not needed for AGM)

Action AR

Agreed to aim for a program of 1 event/month alternating between Exeter & Plymouth.

The following outline event program was discussed:

- Nov Physical security for IT kit or CyberMentors (**SF/NC**)
- Dec History of Computing, to coincide with website launch – (**SF**)
- Jan/Feb Bridge Inn event? (**ED/PC**)
- Jan 2011? Games design + Development (**KM**) – possibly joint with new SG (**KC**)
- Feb Hawkeye – possibly at Bridge Inn

Other suggestions:

Joint meeting with Bristol/Wiltshire @ Taunton (**KC**)

Socio-Technical group joint meeting (**JK**)

Oceanography (**SA**)

Dockyard/Naval IT (**KC/JK**)

GCHQ (NC)

Finance:

Branch was just under budget for 2009/10.

Budget for 2010/11 is significantly reduced at £2253

Schools competition needs a formal bid – **Action KM**

(possibly able to use security workshop as platform)

Report on usability of video equipment required – **Action PD**

HQ:

EGM has resulted in a Presidential Working Party to look at the issue raised. It will report by end of the year. EGM call has resulted in more open governance of Trustee Board & Council, but more communication is needed.

KC & AR have been selected for Best Practice Committee of Membership Board.

BCS finances are stable, but still fragile

AOB:

- Nov 15th – Anti-Bullying week

Next Meeting:

Before November event - TBC