

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH  
WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT  
ROYAL OAK, SOUTH BRENT  
ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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- Plymouth Chamber of Commerce – Funding withdrawn by HQ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 15<sup>th</sup> – Anti-Bullying week

### **Next Meeting:**

Before November event - TBC