

Apologies for Absence

A number of advanced apologies were received by email as well as from the floor.

2. Minutes of the 68 District Meeting on the 7th April 2016

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no matters arising.

Proposed: S Chisholm Seconded: S Brown

3. Correspondence

ROSPA Scotland Conference, 14 September, Glasgow Hilton Hotel
ROSPA Awards, 15 September, Glasgow Hilton Hotel
BOHS Exposure Control and Containment, 12-13 October, Liverpool

4. Principal Speaker Jonathan Guy Anderson Strathern

Jonathan is a highly experienced court practitioner and a key member of the commercial litigation team of Anderson Strathern. He has acted for a number of clients in the Sheriff Court, the Court of Session and Supreme Court and has been involved with some of Scotland's most high profile cases in recent years.

Jonathan discussed a number of cases relating to appeals of notices served on companies by HSE inspectors. He discussed the HSE versus Chevron case which related to events in April 2013, when an inspector served a prohibition notice in respect of the access stairways to the helipad of an offshore installation. The gratings were said to be corroded to an unsafe extent. Chevron appealed to the employment tribunal, relying on the results of tests on the gratings obtained many months after the notice was served. This appeal went in Chevron's favour.

Various other cases were discussed and included:

- Hague v Rotary Yorkshire
- Wilcox v Survey
- Kennedy v Cordia

The cases created active discussion and debate from the floor.

5. Vote of Thanks

This was given by Isobel Smith and a Quaich was presented to Jonathan as a mark of appreciation.

Next meeting Thursday 3 November 2016

Speaker Jim Brown, Founder, Switch Forum

Sandy closed the meeting at 8.50pm and wished all present a safe journey home.