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Minutes of a meeting of Structural Waterproofing Group

Held at PCA, 11 Ramsay Court, Kingfisher Way, Hinchingbrooke Business Park, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE29 6FY on 24th July 2019 at 10.30 am

Present: Kevin Dodds (KD) – Chairman Gordon Sprouse (GS) – Fosroc Ben Hickman (BH) - CSSW London Peter Reay - (PR) - Advanced Preservations Stuart McGinlay (SM) - Wise Peter Silcock (PS) – Active Services Richard Crossley (RC) - Newton Nicholas Donnithorne (ND) - Rentokil Dave Cook (DC) – Cook Group Robert Deary (RD) - Safeguard Niklas Ullfors (NU) - Visqueen Andrew Latimer (AL) – Wykamol Trevor Flynn (TF) – GCP Tony Russell Ward (TRW) - Heyen Mark Lever (ML) - Sovereign Peter Mullan (PM) - PM Surveyor Steve Armfield (SA) - Sika Chris Mossman Monk (CMM) - RIW Paul Evans (PE) – Preservation Treatments Jack Edwards (JE) - Natural Cement Jason Wakefield (JW) - Timberwise Dan Eaton (DE) - Renlon

In James Berry (JB) – PCA attendance: Steve Hodgson - PCA

Sue Uttridge (SU) - PCA

No.	Agenda items	Actions
1.	Introduction and welcome:	
	Introduction from KD, welcome to the new faces	
1a.	Apologies	
	Received from: Cormac Rooney, Michael Earle, Dick Dixon, Ian Davis, Keith Barker, Andy	
	Parkes, Mike Bromley, David Symes, James Hockey, Dean Tennant, Mike Dunn	
2.	Minutes of SW Steering Group meeting held on 14 th March 2019	
	Accepted	
3.	Matters arising:	
3a.	Waterproofing section membership update:	
	Two new contractors now in membership;	
	Lamvis – T/a Prokil Kensington	
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4.	Waterproofing Conference 2019	
	KD – thanked Sue and her team on behalf of the group for all their hard work on the conference.	
	SU – thanked those that contributed and said she would like to keep the same working group together to work on next years conference.	
	Explained we are now in a position where to grow the conference we will need a new venue.	
	SH – said would like more non members at next years event with the target being 25% non	
	members. Also asked the group what they would like to see next year whilst its fresh in their minds.	
	A discussion on whether an event targeted at specifiers would be different to members	
	already well skilled in waterproofing works.	
	DC – should we be going to different associations	
	SH – We have a strategic alliance with TBIC and ASUC and it had been discussed if we could	
	work closer with these associations but would not be fully joint branded.	

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5.	Professional indemnity	SH
5.	SH gave an overview of the "tightening" of the professional indemnity market. Explained ASUC have produced a good document which has been circulated with the minutes. We have been looking at what we can do, we have been offered a meeting with insurance providers to see if the current premium can be better tailored to our industry needs.	511
6.	CSSW Reading List JB asked if any amendments were required to the CSSW reading list which had previously been circulated to the group. It was felt there were no major omissions to the document.	
7.	Technical Documents	
7a.	Ground Water Discharge/ Concrete repairs document JB gave an update on the two documents, explaining that the ground water document should hopefully and have a comprehensive draft for the next meeting. JB also advised that we have started to look at pulling together a document on concrete repairs including resin injection, unfortunately progress has stalled. RC and DC offered to assist with the document.	JB, DC, RC
7b.	Structure and ground water conditions/ water classification Agenda item included in the discussion of the production of white papers detailed below.	
7c.	Table 2 8102 In light of the slow progress of the review of 8102 should the group look to review certain aspects of the document and produce a "white papers" suggesting ways forward and remove ambiguity. It was agreed that a small working group RC, RD, JB, PR would look at writing a revised version of table 2 from BS 8102. It was agreed that the group should review the table and send recommendation to JB. KD suggested the removal of the examples as these can prove confusing. Deadline for comments Friday 16 th August	All, JB, RD, PR, PR
8.	 Ground Gases KD explained that the guidance note from The Basement Information Centre on ground gases was making very slow progress but was hopeful a draft would be available before the next meeting in December for the group to review. KD asked the group should the PCA now be looking to produce guidance on ground gases? DC pointed out that with ground gases there are two very different sectors, residential and large commercial such as landfill. SH – explained that ground gas control is a growing market and with many members already having the skill set and already install, sell or manufacture ground gas membranes. In the absence of an effective representative authority for guidance and best practice in this market should the PCA look to become a specialist trade association for this sector. A vote was held on whether the PCA should look to be a trade association for specialists in ground gases in residential buildings. Agreed by KD, SM, RC, DC, AL, TF, ML, SA, PE, GS, PR, PS, ND, RD, NU, TRW, PM, CMM, DE Objections – None JE – Abstained on the grounds he has no experience with ground gases 	
9.	 AOB: DC- put forward a request from Adrian Dawson about a guidance note on what building regs are applicable for refurbishments of residential basement conversions. SH advised the PCA would do this and see it just as a short two side of A4 document – almost bullet point fashion. DC – reintroduced himself as chair of the Residential Ventilation Group (RVG) and that he understood that ventilation had been brought up in previous meetings. Said he felt that there was knowledge across the two groups to write a guidance document on the topic of ventilation in basements. The group felt that it would be best placed with the RVG. 	JB, RVG

	contribute to the document. ND – suggested inclusion of the significance of ventilation on ground gases.	
•	Next meeting: 03/12/2019	