

**BUSINESS PROTECTION POLICY GROUP MEETING
GREENSIDE HOUSE, 25 GREENSIDE PLACE, EDINBURGH
1000-1200 Thursday 17th June 2010**

MINUTES

Attendees:

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| Mike McCormick (MM) | Lothian and Borders Police |
| Graham Birse (GB) | Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce |
| Paul Matthews (PMA) | Lothian and Borders Police |
| John Mullan (JM) | Lothian Buses |
| J Russell Brownlie (JRB) | JRB Risk identification, Assessment & Control |
| Sharon Ritchie (SR) | Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce |
| Frank Connelly (FC) | Standard Life |
| James Melvin (JM) | Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service |
| Kirsty Irving (KI) | SNIFFER * Guest speaker |
| Lorraine FitzGerald (LF) | SNIFFER * Guest speaker |

1. Welcome

Mike McCormick welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Apologies Received

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| Mary-Ellen Lang | City of Edinburgh Council |
| Dr Alison McCallum | NHS |
| Paul Hendy | Scottish Flood Forum |
| Peter Jaco | Orbis IP |
| Niall Kinloch | Scottish Continuity Group |
| Michael Carter | Advance Security |
| Roy Durie | Ryden LLP |

2.1 Apologies Not received

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| Hilary Woodrow | John Lewis Plc |
| Steve Mowbray | John Lewis Plc |
| Gordon Innes | Gillespie MacAndrew |
| Peter Harrower | Sheraton Hotel |
| Martin Golightly | Balmoral Hotel |
| Ed Lindsay | BT Global Services |
| Andrew Bisset | Cisco Systems |
| Neil Moore | Lloyds TSB |
| Janet Hamblin | Baker Tilley |
| Andrew Sinclair | Glenn Abbott Ltd |
| Paul Mackie | Datapro |
| Jamie MacPherson | Wilson James Ltd |
| Gordon McKie | Scottish Rugby Union |
| Gordon Downie | Scottish Rugby Union |

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and accepted as a true record of the meeting. MM GB PM and L&B's Information Officer had a meeting to discuss issues raised around the sharing of information and CCTV images raised by PM, however it was agreed that the guidance provided is fit for purpose and the processes are sufficient if complied with.

4. Speakers – Kirsty Irving and Lorraine FitzGerald - SNIFFER

KI and LF provided a presentation on the work of Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum For Environmental Research which has clear links to business resilience, specifically around Flood Risk Management and the impact of climate change and the need for integrated risk management of issues which have the potential to impact on commerce. In 2007 28% of businesses made insurance claims relating to weather.

GB mentioned that many flood prevention projects are currently on hold due to financial climate, however it is the Local Authority's duty to allocate this work from their own budgets.

5. Action Updates

Action 1/10 – GMC to circulate invite electronically to all group members – COMPLETE

Action 2/10 – Link Checkout Information to Chamber / Police websites – COMPLETE

6. Items for Discussion:

6.1 Standing Items

6.1.1 Sub Group Review

MM and GB agreed that all the relevant sub-groups could effectively be seen to have had their role and function discharged.

SR mentioned a possible new group member relating to Internet Security however FC mentioned that the Scottish Financial Crime Group (via Scottish Business Crime Centre) have linked we site pages to E-Crime Wales effectively providing a Scottish link.

JM asked if we needed a new focus / group to reinvigorate the work of the BPPG as increasingly, the core members were the 'usual suspects'. A discussion ensued relating to the future role and the following actions agreed.

Action 3/10 – Chamber of Commerce to e-mail BPPG members indicating that they will be contacted regarding the future direction of the group.

Action 4/10 – PM – Contact group members and complete a telephone questionnaire

Action 5/10 – MM, FC, GB and PM – Review original 'aims' and identify the way forward. Meeting to be held **1pm on 5th August 2010** within Force HQ, Fettes Avenue.

Action 6/10 – PM – Circulate original aims to the group with minutes of meeting.

6.1.2 Recession/Economic Climate –

Mike McCormick gave an update on Crime figures covering 2009/10 and from 01/04/2010 until 31/05/2010. Figures as follow.

| | Force 2009/10 | Edinburgh 2009/10 | Force 2010/11 | Edinburgh 2010/11 |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Violence | - 8 % (-146) | -9% (113) | +29% (80) | +25% (48) |
| Dishonesty | -7 % (1638) | -8% (2075) | -5% (281) | -7% (268) |
| Fraud | -4 % (83) | -8% (93) | +84 % (155) | +87% (105) |
| Shoplifting | -12% (756) | -11% (505) | -11% (118) | -13% (107) |
| HB Dwelling | + 13 % (237) | +14% (202) | -22% (66) | -23% (55) |
| HB Business | -16% (161) | -24% (152) | +7% (11) | +5% (4) |
| Vandalism | - 13% (2431) | -14% (1484) | -29% (1002) | -33% (658) |

Comment was made that as Scotland's unemployment rate is rising more quickly than the rest of the UK, this increase in unemployment may create a lag effect and a subsequent increase in crime.

6.1.3 – Communication

Covered in 6.1.1

6.2 Future Role/Work streams for BPPG

Covered in Action 5/10

7. AOCB

Russel Brownlie announced his intention to step down from the group – he was thanked for his contribution publicly and has offered to attend further meetings if a H&S input is required.

8. Date and Venue for next meeting

The next meeting – 26th August 2010 venue TBC by Frank Connelly.

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