

Minutes of Meeting

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Andy Speake (AS) - Aico

Damian Cairns (DC) - Anton

Danny Stranks (DS) - MSA

Doug Longstaff (DL) - Draeger

Ian Ballinger (IB) - FireAngel

Jon Bawden (JB) - Testo

Kevin Milesen (KM) - Gas &
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Masahiro UEHARA (MU) - New Cosmos
Electric

Michael Byrne (MB) - EI Electronics

Michael Wright (MW) - Aico

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Mike Windsor (MW) - Testo

Paul Rennie (PR) - Kidde

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Phillip Wild (PW) - Duomo

Richard King (RK) - Honeywell

Steve Cork (SC) - CSA

Yuki Fujimori (YF) - Figaro

Andy Curtis (AC) - CoGDEM

Apologies

Jason Perrins (JP) - Fireblitz

Martin Walley (MW) - Scolmore

Michael Vintis (MV) - Draeger

Sean Green (SG) - Air Products

Theresa Berry (TB) - City Tech

Gary Fairhurst (GF) - Kane

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1 Apologies and member introductions

Dr Mike Byrne (Ei Electronics) chaired the meeting and members introduced themselves around the table.

The above list of apologies was displayed and read out, and members were reminded of the need to not discuss matters that could be deemed to be anti-competitive.

"Participants in this meeting shall not enter into any discussion or conduct that may infringe applicable antitrust law.

This applies not only to discussions in formal meetings but also to informal discussions taking place in the sideline of formal meetings."

2 Approval of previous minutes and matters arising

The Minutes of the previous meeting (CO1460-19) were read and accepted. Matters arising were covered during the rest of the agenda

Social housing green paper – AC to keep in contact with Paul Decort	AC	On going
Heatas Guide – AC to coordinate with members	AC	Complete
Social Media – AC to review Social media links	AC	On-going
HSE visit – AC to investigate holding a technical day at HSE – Will be discussed in the agenda	AC	On-going
CO in aircraft – Find relevant contact in the CAA Meeting note, PR may have a contact in the FAA he will send details to AC	AC	On-going

3 Lobbying activities: All Party Parliamentary CO Group

3.1 APPCOG and COMed new officers appointed following the election

On the 22nd January, the All-Party Parliamentary Carbon Monoxide Group (APPCOG) hosted its Annual General Meeting. The APPCOG is thrilled to welcome three new Officers: Chris Bryant MP, Andrew Selous MP, and Sir Peter Bottomley MP.

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The existing Co-chairs (Barry Sheerman MP and Baroness Finlay of Llandaff) and officers were all unanimously re-elected, with the exception of Ian Lucas MP as he did not stand during the 2019 General election

As well as holding their election, the officers also agreed to a work-plan leading to June 2020:

- The APPCOG is excited to launch its next Parliamentary inquiry into the safety of social care, entitled 'Carbon monoxide: Safeguarding carers, supporting communities';
- We will continue working with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, as they prepare to release the Social Housing White Paper and decision on the carbon monoxide (CO) alarm review;
- 2020 marks the last year of RIIO-2's development and we will continue engaging with Ofgem to ensure CO safety is thoroughly addressed;
- We will explore how the emerging direct-booking accommodation sector is affecting CO safety in our upcoming roundtable; and
- Lastly, we are looking to use our gathering power to bring together the CO industry and festival providers to improve the messaging of CO safety at festivals in Summer 2020. If you have worked on this before, or know someone who has, please email us.

The APPCOG wants to take this opportunity thank all our Parliamentarians, associate members and supporters for their work in the past 12 months. We are incredibly excited to see what 2020 and this new Parliament has in store for CO safety

4 Publicity update

4.1 Gas safety Awareness Week 2020

14th – 20th September 2020

Gas Safe Register has been continuing its campaigning and brand awareness campaigning. The 2019 Gas Safety Week campaign was another highly successful cross-industry activity, with a range of activities being undertaken by manufacturers, energy companies, housing associations and a range of other organisations. The 2019 report can be accessed here:

<https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/media/3022/gas-safety-week-report-2019.pdf>

Planning has already begun for the 2020 campaign, which will take place 14th-20th September and be centred around the theme of 'family safety'.

The Register also provided support for the relaunched CO Awareness Week. Activity this year was centred around social media, with a view that the 2020 campaign will grow. Support for the campaign was coordinated through the All Party Parliamentary CO Group (APPCOG).

Gas Safe Register has also been undertaken a cross-media advertising campaign, with TV and radio adverts centred around 'Jack Corner', and newspaper, billboard, and digital advertising focusing on 'the sign of a Gas Safe registered engineer'. The campaign has been running since October (with a short break over the Christmas period) and will continue until the end of March. It has also been supported with a dedicated PR burst aimed at those who may be suffering from hangover symptoms, but who don't have hangovers. A PR stunt in Birmingham involving giving away the nation's favourite hangover cure (the bacon roll) wrapped in a safety message, we were able to generate maximum coverage for the messaging.

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The next scheduled PR push will be centred around 'home improvers' and the unintended impact that work can have on gas safety

<https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/gassafetyweek>

4.2 Social media

RL gave an update on the media activities, he is currently putting together a series of podcast discussing relevant issues from experts, victims, MPs, etc.

There are already 26 videos on YouTube by untied against CO

RL has finalised a video on what the alarm sounds mean from different manufactures

The importance of these videos is to get the message across to the public, only using certified alarms, how to select the correct alarm, how to spot non certified alarms

RL has been doing a lot of work with online sales platforms e.g. EBAY, point out to them when non certified alarms are being sold,

EBAY have been invited to be interviewed on what procedures they have in place and are putting in place on the sale of non-certified products

4.3 WWEM/AQE

<https://www.ilmexhibitions.com/wwem/>

11th and 12th November, WWEM will again run side by side [AQE 2020](#) (The 11th International Conference and Exhibition on Air Quality and Emissions Monitoring). Visitors to WWEM and AQE will be able enter both these complementary events free of charge and will now benefit from attending two industry shows at one time under one roof showing a full range of products and services for Environmental monitoring, CoGDEM will have a stand at the show A8 and A9, it will be a joint stand with the STA, AC requested members to supply equipment for the show

Action All

4.4 Lille event

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning: a medical and research perspective - Wednesday 4 March 2020

Lille Hospital is home to one of the largest decompression chambers in Europe and, in addition to treating a wide range of medical problems, treats approximately 300 CO poisoning victims each year.

COGDEM is the originator and continued supporter of the annual EU Parliament Roundtable on Carbon Monoxide and last year's roundtable noted the importance of and interest in the medical impact of CO poisoning.

CoGDEM and its co-sponsors decided the time was right to launch our first conference to hear from academic researchers and industry professionals active in studying the medical implications of Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

Three plenary sessions, each involving 3 research presentations, will cover a wide range of topics and an open floor discussion will be moderated by an expert after each.

5 CO alarms standards review

It was reported there is a references error in the standard EN10604?

It has been suggested to change the software requirements in EN 50291-1 to make them similar to EN 14604 requirements but there could be resistance from Germany. The next

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revision is only due in 2023, it will also be raised to lower the CO limit to 30ppm (and/or WHO guidelines. Some in France may be voting for this change

Part 2 has now been published for recreational craft and vehicles

TC 216, EN50502 revision is underway – the standard needs to cover siting of combined smoke alarms and CO alarms

50379-1 may be revised awaiting results from voting

It has been discussed that pressure testing should become a standard, at present there are national standards in France and Germany

Now we have left the EU BSI will be adopting European standards, The UK could make it law that all CO alarms sold in the UK are certified to EN 50291-1.

6 Test methods

6.1 NCC update

Following the publication of the NCC newsletter and the further release of a letter that had been circulated to AWS members, CoGDEM discussed a way forward it was pointed out this issues has been around for a number of years and will continue to happen CoGDEM should liaise with manufacture to create a statement for the website

MB reported to the group that he was unaware of any failed alarms being reported to manufactures

AC will make contact the NCC and engage in constructive communications

7 HSE update - Hydeploy update

AC tabled the idea of a day event at HSE for CoGDEM members, there was a positive response from members AC will organise an event with HSE and invite CoGDEM members.

Action AC

8 AOB

8.1 MB announcement

MB announced he will be stepping down as chairmen of the CO sub group, AC will circulate a call for new chairman.

Action AC

CoGDEM would like to thank MB for all his work over the years

8.2 CoGDEM task groups

JS tabled the idea of CoGDEM being proactive in areas such as Hydrogen economy and CO sensors and cross interference with Hydrogen, AC suggested the COGDEM creates task groups to review these areas and feed back to the CO sub group, AC will send invites out for those willing to join the task groups, the meetings will be teleconferences

Action AC

9 Next Meeting

30th June 2020 – (Subject to the ongoing COIVD-19 crisis)

27th October 2020