



Chamber Construction Forum Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2018 at VHE
Construction Ltd, Whaley Road, Barugh, Barnsley, S75 1HT



Present:

Stephen Blunsten (Chair) - Mobile Plant Rooms
Andrew Denniff - Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce
Mark Smith - Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce
Mark Goldsworthy - VHE Construction
Simon Dennis - Palmer Construction
Adeana Raper - Henry Boot
Hadria Tate - Fortem
Charlie Grayson - Fortem
James Wood - Arcus Technology
Jacques Schoeman - Barnsley College

1) Welcome & introductions

Stephen Blunsten (SB) welcomed everyone to the meeting which is aimed at people and businesses working within the construction industry.

2) Apologies

Michelle Reynolds
Richard Hunt

3) Meet the Buyer event

The Meet the Buyer event held in May 2018 very successful in terms of having 23 exhibitors, good footfall (i.e. 230 sub contracts through the door) and lots of positive feedback.

Planning to run another event on Thurs 1st May 2019 at The New York Stadium in Rotherham on a similar format to this year. Could be potential to include more exhibitors (e.g. Chamber Means Business at same venue could fit 56 exhibitors). Agreed scope to include some more stands to this year but not to go too large so not to dilute the effectiveness.

- Single sponsor £1500 (plus VAT) (room hire, breakout, tea and coffee).
- Medium stands - £100 for members and £200 non-members (plus VAT)
- Large stands - £150 for members & £250 non-members (plus VAT)

James said Arcus Technology would be interested in main sponsorship opportunity. It was agreed to approach previous main sponsor (Barnsley College) first.

Andrew pointed out stalls must have enough people to attend to cope with the footfall.

Target audience is South Yorkshire within the Sheffield City Region and Barnsley and Rotherham sub contractors primarily.

Info going out before December - first refusal to last years. Other considerations include do we want a charity stand? James asked if we would consider having 2 main sponsors?

4) Other events

Discussion around topics and focus for future meetings included the following suggestions:

- construction plus focusing on works going on and where up to e.g. better Barnsley Henry boot. Forge Island, Meadowhall. **AP - March Simon could get football club for free. Adeana to see if Henry Boot can do an update.**
- Gullivars - starting this month update. **As above Stephen to action contact Julie. Jan**
- Fri 8th March International Women's Day afternoon/evening event at Holiday Inn Dodworth including Athena award.
- Sept – could promote young people getting involved in terms of apprenticeships but target companies rather than young people themselves.
- Enzygo waste environmental update and VHE
- CECA civil engineering contracts association - Simon sits on management committee
- One in sept and one in Nov

5) Date of next meeting/s

- Meet again as Forum Feb? NB originally set in the meeting for Tues 5th Feb at chamber however post meeting changed to 14th Feb.
- June 5th June 12:30pm at Arcus Technology hosted by James Wood