



**B/UNITS NOC 25/8/04
ROOM 5, 1ST FLOOR SILVAN HOUSE**

Present: Mike Purvis (**MP**) Chair/ T&G
Bruce Hamilton (**BH**) PCS
Eric Williams (**EW**) T&G
Norrie Russell (**NR**) T&G

Minute Secretary: Alistair Gillies (**AG**) GMB

Apologies: Roy Laird GMB
Andy Stewart Prospect

Introduction. (MP) Introduced and welcomed (**EW**) & (**NR**) to their first Committee meeting. Eric works for MES in Wales as a mechanic but is presently employed as a vehicle trainer. Norrie Works for FCE in Castle Douglas as a works manager and will be joining his trade union colleagues on the Forestry Business Units Staff Council which meets at MES HQ in Stirling, (next meeting 7th September, pre-meet 9am).

Minutes of Last Meeting. The minutes of 22/7/04 were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising From Last Meeting. The role of learning rep had been suggested for Andy Stewart but after consideration (**BH**) nominated (**EW**) and (**NR**) seconded the nomination, Eric was duly appointed learning rep and welcomed to his new role. The council chair will seek further guidance from Edward Shephard on the duties of a learning rep. (**ACTION/MP**)

Agenda Item.1 Update from Scottish NOC (13th Aug). (**BH**) informed the meeting of the "almost universal" opposition to the proposed operations review and the staffing numbers suggested. He also informed us of a ballot to gauge the district staff's opinion.

Agenda Item.2 Further update on East Anglia Ops review. (**MP**) informed the meeting that the review was still ongoing and (mostly) everyone was satisfied with the progress so far.

Any Other Urgent Business. Role of Vice Chair at meetings.

The council chair will ask Edward what happens when the Chairman of a Staff Council meeting is unavailable i.e. does the Vice Chair assume the role or can Management appoint another Chair. **(ACTION/MP)**

2.5% reductions in PDC rate from “internal savings” TRACK NEWSLETTER June 04.

It was decided to put this item on the agenda for the FCBUSC meeting of 7th Sep but the consensus was that we should be looking after our “own house” and these savings would go some way to redress our present fanatical situation instead of handing it back to Districts

Moray FD forwarder.

(AG) informed the meeting of Moray FDs intention to give up their only direct harvesting machine, (T/JACK1110). Also the proposal for Inver Garage to be under the control of Aberfoyle workshop after the operational review has been implemented, (April 05).

Date of Next Meeting This will be decided after the FSBUSC OF 7th Sep.

The NOC meeting closed at 12:30 after which we formatted an agenda for the FSBUSC on 7/9/04.

(MP) thanked everyone for attending and wished all a safe journey home