



Forestry Commission
Trade Unions

**SILVAN HOUSE NOC
22 FEBRUARY 2006**

Present: Mary Irvine Chair/PCS
Derek Nelson Prospect
Joanne McAuley PCS

Minute Secretary: Linda McGinley Secretary/PCS

Apologies: John Gibson Prospect

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed

2. Apologies

Received from John Gibson

3. Matters Arising

The group discussed the feedback they had received following the DG's presentations in Silvan House, and noted that FC Scotland staff based in Silvan House had also been briefed now. The consensus among the group was that a continued air of uncertainty and fear remained amongst staff, and the presentations did little to reduce this. The Group also noted the continued lack of feedback and progress on the BIP, and the inconsistent approach being adopted regarding the filling of vacant posts. Mary and Linda had already written to the DG regarding this, and considered that another letter was unlikely to elicit anything helpful. It was noted though, that the GEC were addressing many of the issues discussed, and agreed that we would await feedback from that forum before deciding if any further action from the NOC was appropriate.

Action - All to keep watching brief

4. Health and Safety

Linda agreed to follow up the speed limit signage that had been promised for the car park at the last Health and Safety meeting in November 2005.

Action - Linda

5. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged

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