

Minutes For:	Otago Southland Liaison Group		
Meeting Number:	2/4	Venue:	Site Safe Training Offices - Dunedin
Date:	10/05/18	Time:	10:00
Chair:	Chris Lambeth	Minutes:	Fiona Singh

Attendees

Name:	Company:	Name:	Company:
Chris Lambeth	Breen Construction	Fiona Singh	Donaldson Construction
Bill Donaldson	Donaldson Construction	Dave Furzeman	Site Safe
Kevin Haskins	Bware	Dave McBeath	Site Safe
Michelle Muir	Foleys	Kurt Thomas	Southern Rehab

Apologies

Name:	Company:	Name:	Company:

Agenda

1. Welcome:

Item	Action
Chris Lambeth - Breen Construction, Welcomed everybody.	CL

2. Previous Minutes:

Item	Action
Taken as read	

3. Southern Rehab Presentation:

Item	Action
<p>Kurt Thomas, Physiotherapist – Southern Rehab</p> <p>Occupational Health Physiotherapist from Southern Rehab. Discomfort, Pain and Injury Management, Occupational Health Nursing Services, Pre-employment, Health Monitoring, Vaccination and Drug Testing.</p> <p>Presentation attached.</p>	

4. Review / Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Item	Action
<p>OSLG Attendance Numbers</p> <p>Chris Lambeth – Breen Construction, the discussion we need to have now is whether we continue with the Otago Southland Liaison Group. The benefit from our Companies point of view is that the costs now outweigh the benefits of this Group. There are a lot of other Forums I go to where we have similar discussions and I get similar information from, Central Otago is very well catered for within this Region.</p> <p>With all those factors considered, do we propose that we disband this group?</p> <p>Or if we want it to keep going, what is the function we want it to have?</p> <p>These two questions we need answered today.</p>	All Agreed

Dave McBeth – Site Safe, I know that some of the Liaison Groups that we have are very well supported, I wonder if it's the geographical area that you cover, Invercargill, Dunedin and Alexandra. Site safe are here to support this Group.

Chris Lambeth – Breen Construction, Site Safes influence and input into the Liaison Groups has waned but they have shifted that energy to other areas, whether that's about marketing and getting bang for their buck in terms of sponsorship and name out there it's understandable. For the last 4 meetings we have had very poor turnouts, none of the other major construction companies support us anymore, they are not turning up or coming up with ideas of what they want to do or see within the group. So, in my mind the group is no longer functioning.

Bill Donaldson – Donaldson Construction, the reason this group started and where progress came was understanding the Health & Safety Legislation, there was a lot of input in early days from Site Safe on how to deal with the new rules and regulations which was great. We also had an influence over the SSSP's and its content and how it was worked through. What we struggle with is there are a lot of rules and regulations that come out and we don't find out about them, there is no direct communication, but whether there is enough to justify this being communicated through the group, that I don't know.

Chris Lambeth – Breen Construction, the invitations go out to the same people on a regular basis including Worksafe & Acc they used to come on a regular basis and provide information, they are no longer involved or attending these meetings. You have the regulators and the injury prevention people with their own meetings and agendas, Worksafe tours around the country, has their own presentations and puts things out there in their own way, ACC runs the same forums and both groups attend the Charter Group meetings on a regular basis.

Dave McBeth – Site Safe, Site Safe tried to develop these meetings and once they were up and running it evolved around who wants to keep it going, the other Liaison Group Meetings I attend seem to have a large number of attendees, they are not run by Site Safe. If you decide that this group is no longer able to continue, it's a reflection of where your industry is at and I think you have moved past the need for it. If you don't have the support of the regulators it will always be a struggle, people will go where the regulators are because that's where the authority is sadly.

Bill Donaldson – Site Safe, I've noticed a change in the group with the Site Safe Reports and influence within the group, what was happening in the Industry and within Site Safe itself. We're not getting that information anymore, there seems to be a disconnect happening. I can't remember the last time I we saw anyone from Site Safe in Invercargill. I'm not talking about the courses I'm talking about the two-way flow of information that doesn't seem to exist anymore.

Dave Furzeman – Site Safe, the Invercargill region is now being run from Christchurch.

Chris Lambeth – Breen Construction, I propose that we disband this Liaison Group and an email be sent out conveying that message.

All Agreed

5. Meeting Close: 1:15pm

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