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### **Wales Region**

Rhanbarth Cymru

**Venue:** Cardiff Metropolitan University

**Lleoliad:** Prifysgol Metropolitan Caerdydd

**Date/Dyddiad:** 27/11/2014

### **Minutes of meeting**

Present:

Keith Sims (Cardiff) (Chair), Glen Roberts (Cardiff Met),

Hywel Griffiths (UoW Trinity St David),

Richard James (Cardiff Met) Jon Brown (Cardiff Met)

Jeremy Price (Cardiff Met)

Apologies:

Simon Edwards (Aberystwyth) Lloyd Griffiths (UoS Wales)

**Chairs Note: Meeting not following standard agenda as this was concentrating on conference with AOB added.**

1. Conference 2015 - Wales Region  
Host - University of South Wales, Treforest campus.  
Conference Theme - "Back to Basics"

Papers for technical sessions:

- a) Prof Ian Knight - Welsh School of Architecture
- b) Ant Wilson AECOM
- c) Robert Lawson-Duckett - Optom Ground Source Heat Pumps
- e) HEFCW/HEFCE
- f) Inspirational Speaker
- g) Possible UMAL/HSE speaker
- h) Potential for small break-out sessions if surplus speakers occur.
- i) One space still to be filled

Other items for conference

- j) UoSW VC already booked for opening and confirmed.
- k) Gala dinner at Museum plus entertainment.

l) exhibitors discussed - agreed small group to meet to go through once these start coming in.

AOB

2. FOI requests

Noted high levels being experienced across all Universities in region

3. LED Lighting

Noted use of these now increasing with costs of both fittings and tubes coming down all of the time.

4. USB charging sockets

Noted a lot of these integral to socket outlets remain on at all times. Noted MK type have micro switches on their USB shutters that only energise the USB power supply when cable is plugged in.

5. Developments

Cardiff Met - Sports at Cyncoed campus - swimming pool, tennis centre, indoor athletics extension,, synthetic pitches etc.

Trinity St David - SA1 campus development circa M£100. Potentially losing 2 older buildings to give way for new development

Large development in Carmarthen planned

Cardiff University - "The way Forward" M£300 plus more in the pipeline subject to new "Masterplan" and building condition survey.

Swansea - new campus build in progress.

6. Freedom of information Requests

Noted a number of F.o.I. requests being made to Universities.

7. Noted Paul Manley (formerly at Cardiff Met, UoSW and CU) back in sector at University of Western England on 12 months maternity cover.

Date of next meeting

To be arranged.