



**Alyn Works liaison committee
Minutes of the meeting held on
17 November 2014 at T S Resins conference room, Alyn Works**

In attendance

Kevin Jones, Synthite
Kevin Bardsley, T S Resins
Sue Wild, T S Resins
Dr Gerald Drakesmith
Councillor Brian Lloyd
Tracy North, Outwrite

Apologies

Councillor Robert Gaffey
Councillor Geoff Matthias
Aled Zachery, Natural Resources Wales

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Company news

T S Resins

Kevin Bardsley reported on demand in the three construction markets that the company sold its products to: private sector demand was up 18 per cent, assisted by the Help To Buy scheme; public sector housing demand was up three per cent and public housing repairs and maintenance were down four per cent.

The company was continuing to keep its costs under control, which included keeping a close eye on raw material costs.

The company had received and passed HSE and Natural Resources Wales audits. It continued to maintain its accreditations ISO 14001 and 18001.

The company had again sponsored school calendars.

Synthite

Kevin Jones reported that the first half of 2014 had been very flat because raw material prices had come down a lot. The second half of the year was much better. This was partly because more sales had been made in some export markets, including South America the USA and Far East.

These had been helped by the improvement in the exchange rate, as exports are priced in US dollars, and sterling had risen against the dollar.

Gerald Drakesmith asked about any impact on the falling price of crude on methanol.

Kevin Jones replied that in theory the price of methanol should fall because a lot of it is for oil-based applications. However, methanol producers put the price up

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when the crude price goes up and it does not seem to come down when crude prices fall.

Overall, Synthite will be closer to its actual budget than it thought by the end of the year.

Natural Resources Wales and HSE audits had taken place and been passed. There had been a number of complaints over the summer because of noise from the paraform production unit. Some of its fans did not have acoustic enclosures. Those fans had now been fitted with acoustic enclosures to avoid any future complaints from neighbours.

Gerald asked about the market for AdBlue currently. Kevin Jones replied that Synthite didn't make it, as it was not cost-effective to transport it to Manchester for distribution by Tennants. However, Tennants were pleased because volumes were up and it had found new applications for the product.

Tracy North handed out a list of donations made by the company and by the employees' charity fund since the start of 2014.

She reported that the two annual school science prizes were in the process of being awarded. The schools involved were Mold Alun and Elfed High School, Buckley.

Any other business

Councillor Lloyd asked for Synthite's view on the outline planning application for redevelopment of the building off Denbigh Road operated by Russell Marketing. Kevin Jones said Synthite owned access to it, would look into this application and get back to Brian.

Date of next meeting

Monday 18 May 2015 at 5pm in the T S Resin conference room.