



Thetford Manufacturing Excellence Club Meeting
Thursday 24th January 2008 at 15.00
Breckland House Business Centre



MINUTES

1. Attendance

Richard Bridgman
Mark Stead
Jonathan Read
David Dixon
Carol Hodges
Lynne Wellbelove
Sharon O'mahony
Susan Glossop
Lindy Warmer
Ian Rudling
Paul Spinks
Michael Bezance
Dorian Hindmarsh
Brian Greengrass
Bob Hope
Tom Toolan
Tina Lay
Sue Ward
David Holdham
Andrea Long
Natalie Beal
Trevor Webster

Warren Services (chair)
Rev Project
Rev Project
Garmet Ltd
JobcentrePlus
Breckland Precision Engineering
P+S Personnel
Thetford Town Council
Breckland Council
Comtek Ltd
Active Technologies
Prosper Online
Hethel Engineering Centre
SBS Belting
BHPMS
West Suffolk College
West Suffolk College
Meridian East
Centurion Safety Products Ltd
Breckland Council
Breckland Council
Baxter

2. Welcome, Introductions and minutes from the last meeting

Richard Bridgman opened the meeting with a round robin introduction.
The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true account of the meeting.

3. The importance of Protecting your Design – Alan Eklid, IP21

Alan discussed the importance for business to register and protect design and innovation. He went on to cover how vital protection of IP is when you are looking to export and import. Topics covered included, Ownership, Protection Methods, Necessary Consideration and contracts/licenses. The full presentation can be seen in the attached presentation.

alaneklid@ip21.co.uk 07710 680521



4. Thetford Growth Point Initiative – Andrea Long, Natalie Beal – Breckland Council

Thetford has been awarded Growth Point status by the government and over the next few years the growth and expansion of Thetford will pick up pace. Andrea and Natalie talked about the progress that is being made by Breckland Council and the Growth Point team on the development growth agenda for Thetford and how this will affect the local economy. For full details on what Growth Point are currently looking at, please see attached presentation.

Andrea.long@breckland.gov.uk 01362 656332

5. Young Apprentices in Engineering – Tom Toolan, West Suffolk College

Tom gave a presentation requesting assistance from Companies in Thetford with regards to placements for students studying engineering at West Suffolk College. Tom is looking for placements for about 17 people during the holidays of half term, Easter and the summer holidays. Total days would be approximately 50. Providing help and assistance is important in training the engineers and workforce of the future. For full details on how to help you can contact Tom on his details below or contact Mark Stead at REV on 01842 756598.

Tom.toolan@wsc.ac.uk 01284 716570

6. New Business Venture – BuyEng.co.uk – Paul Spinks, Michael Bezance

Paul and Michael spoke about a new website they are setting up to assist companies that are looking to sell online but don't either have a website of their own or don't want to develop their existing website further. Michael explained how the website would work and what it looks like. For full details on how Paul and Michael can help your business sell online, please contact Paul on the details below or view the attached presentation.

paul@active-technologies.co.uk 01953 859133

7. Any other business

Jonathan Read Spoke about the successful show REV and Hethel Engineering Centre enjoyed at the recent Autosport International show in Birmingham.



REV and Hethel Engineering Centre will be exhibiting at Mach 2008 from the 21st-25th April. Mach 2008 is the largest single trade show aimed at the manufacturing sector, REV and HEC will be showcasing the engineering and manufacturing sector that Breckland and Norfolk has to offer. If you would like further information on the show or would like to attend, please contact Jonathan at REV on 01842 756531 or email business@revproject.com.

www.mach2008.com

Richard Bridgman suggested the club should arrange a visit to the House of Commons. It was agreed REV would look into this and a provisional date of September/October be looked at.

8. Close and date of the next meeting

The next meeting is on the 17th April. Venue to be arranged.

If you are interested in holding a Thetford Manufacturing Excellence Club meeting, please contact Jonathan or Mark at REV on 01842 756531 or email business@revproject.com.