

### **CITB 2020 vision**

*Vanessa Gallant, CITB Local Manager for Scotland, gave a wide ranging update including grants and supporting systems, CITB's 2020 vision and core priorities.*

*This advice, along with answers to some questions raised during the forum meeting, is available on the webpage [www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/](http://www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/)*

Another of CITB priorities is to support the skills and training of micro and small companies - those with less than 100 employees can claim up to £10k from the Skills & Training Fund, see information: [www.citb.co.uk/funding/preparing-your-application/](http://www.citb.co.uk/funding/preparing-your-application/)

### **Fire Safety – Hot Works**

Simon Riddell highlighted the dangers of hot works, and explained a checklist type Permit system to control hot works safely and protect properties.

The RISC Authority had produced RC7, Recommendations for Hot Work, an on-line interactive system which could be freely downloaded for use. A suggested Hot Work Permit is included in the documents and has been designed taking account of fires caused by hot work.

### **HSE Update**

*HSE inspector Liz Hunter had been unable to attend but had provided latest messages via Peter Black:*

- Fork Lift & Telehandler accidents
- YouTube video compilation link

*For details of HSE presentation along with links for reference, see webpage [www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/](http://www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/)*

### **General points**

**Other information shared on HICSF webpage includes a commonsense approach to refreshing knowledge and skills on Asbestos Awareness.**

Updates highlighted here are from the 26<sup>th</sup> February meeting of the forum, sponsored by HCTG, which again attracted 40+ construction professionals along. The circulation list of 250 includes large, medium and small organisations from across the Highlands & Islands.

With the ongoing success of the forum, new committee members are again invited to help shape forthcoming events.

If you think you can help in any way, please contact one of the office bearers.

**PLEASE NOTE DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm**

**At Tulloch Caledonian Stadium, Inverness IV1 1FF**

**Guest speaker – Gerry Muir, HSE Inspector specialising in Wind Farm Safety. Sharing Good Practice items along with latest updates from Site Safe Scotland.**

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