

Offsite Management School Partners Meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2017, Saint Gobain Innovation Centre



Attendees: Ken Davie (Carillion), Ben Lever (CITB), Ursula Cooper (Action Sustainability), Helen Carter (Action Sustainability), Andy Higson (St Gobain), Steve Fozard (Costain), Ian Heptonstall (Action Sustainability), Eugene Lynch (McAvoy Group), Richard Trevaskis (Georg Fischer) Gary Peters (Skanska)

Apologies: Pauline Traetto (BRE), Kieran Brocklebank (United Utilities), John Browne (United Utilities), Alan Clucas (Laing O'Rourke), Stewart Whiting (Prater), Tim Hall (Total Flow), Charles Hill (Exelin), Nigel Fraser (Build Offsite), Lorraine Luck (Laing O'Rourke), Millan Martin (Taylor Woodrow), Scott Jackson (Saint Gobain), Mark Loader (Georg Fischer), Anthony Heaton (BAM)

1. Introductions

Ian Heptonstall gives the group an update on Rob Francis leaving the Offsite Steering group as chair. He asks partners to volunteer as new chair of the group – **Nominations/Volunteers to be received by End of April to Ian Heptonstall and Helen Carter**

Ian also offers his condolences on the passing of Andy Dix who sat on the Offsite steering group for BuildOffsite.

The group introduces themselves.

Ian informs the group about the possibility of other organisations joining the Offsite steering group. Balfour Beatty, Willmott Dixon and Wates have shown their interest and are keen to embrace their individual offsite sectors.

H2S and Heathrow have also been contacted as new partners to the School and have been asked to involve themselves in the Offsite leadership group.

2. Outstanding Actions (For information)

Helen gives an overview of the outstanding actions.

3. Operational Update

Helen gives an overview of the Operational update. We now have 56 partners; Bouygues UK and Volker Wessels UK are the most recent to join the School. A reminder to the group that the financial year finishes March 31st 2017.

Helen is confident that the new action plan for the Offsite School going forward will address any issues with the workshop and supplier day feedback ratings.

Actions:

- ✓ The Offsite School action plan will be distributed to all partners for comment. Feedback is requested from the steering group on any improvements that could be made.

BIM SG

BIM SIG has completed a Level 2 maturity matrix and is in the process of developing a web platform for the assessment

Actions:

- ✓ HC to circulate the meeting notes and update from the BIM SIG group
- ✓ HC to discuss with AG about inviting all member of the Offsite Steering group to the next BIM Alliance meeting

4. Engagement with Designers (For Information)

Ian gives an overview on the DfMA Overlay and the events that we have facilitated since its launch in September 2016. The Offsite School has increased its designer and architect members through the DfMA Overlay launch at RIBA, the February DfMA Glasgow Supplier day in collaboration with Construction Scotland Innovation Centre (CSIC) and the February CPD session with Hawkins Brown.

Agreed:

- The group agrees that an even greater engagement with designers and architects over the coming year would be beneficial to the group
- The group believes that there is still a disparity within the world of Offsite, which needs to be brought together through collaboration
- The group agrees that BuildOffsite and the Offsite School although are working on similar ventures, are not in competition, but rather reaching out to more of the industry
- The group believes that it is pro-active having homes groups within BuildOffsite and also SCS, but there is also an opportunity in having a more combined approach

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Actions:

- ✓ The Offsite steering group to help with the process of engaging designers

5. Business Plan (Feedback required from the group)

Ian H gives an overview of the business plan for the year 2017 – 2018.

Actions:

- ✓ HC to send action plans to partners and partners to comment and respond if there are any suggestions that could be used
- ✓ UC and HC to produce marketing plan for the next meeting, which partners will feedback on and help populate
- ✓ Partners to provide list of companies that the Offsite School need to target
- ✓ Partners to get in touch with UC and HC if they are interested in running a workshop in 2017-2018

6. CITB Future Skills (Interactive session)

Ben Lever gives an overview of the 'research to establish the nature and extent of the industry demand for offsite construction –related skills and training'. The group then discusses the findings.

7. AOB

- Steve Fozard invites the group to their 'Discovery day' hosted by Warwick University on May 23rd. The group should expect an invite from Warwick University
- Gary Peters, who now replaces Rob Francis looks forward to engaging more with the group going forward
- Ben Lever mentions that CITB will be hosting a parliamentary event on 'The barriers of offsite construction' on the 20th April. The School could help promote this. The group should expect an invitation
- Ian Heptonstall tells the group about the launch of the Wales leadership group, which will also present the new One School website, which will take place on the 21st March

The next meeting will take place on the 17th May between 11.00 – 13.00.

Andy Higson has kindly offered the Saint Gobain Visitor Centre, 95 Great Portland street for this meeting