

BWW Technical Group Actions

Broneirion - 9th February 2009 (10.30 – 3.30)

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- BWW update: 1000 cases (43,360 ha) currently in the system of which 417 are approved (12000 ha).
- A discussion took place on what areas each member of the Technical Group should represent & agreement was reached as follows:

Iwan Parry – to represent Coed Cymru Officers

Julian Miller – to represent planners in North Wales including Gwynedd and Anglesey.

Ian Barrington – to represent planners in Powys & the old counties of Glamorgan/ Gwent & any planners based in England

Phil Morgan to represent planners in – Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire & Pembrokeshire.

Meetings of the Technical group to take place at least twice a year & three times a year when needed.

2. **GLOS: Release 20** – Discussion took place regarding Features screen, time-outs when validating plans/ generating pdfs, plan approval, Errors/fixes/ updates.

AP Andrew Wright (AW) to forward possible RFC's regarding the above to Rachael Chamberlain (FCW Ops Manager & Adele Jordan FCW Country Analyst).

AP AW to provide an update on Operations code transfer in newsletter.

AP Martin Potton (MP) to liaise with PM re a suitable template for plan approval then contact AE for publication.

AP Alison Evans (AE) to liaise with Julian Miller & add link (in planner newsletter), to management planner forum.

AP AW to look at FCW business rules regarding links to MP website from FCW website.

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3. Crosschecking

Planners to contact Technical services if x-checks are causing problems. TSO's can then indicate if the problem is mapping or operation related. MP also updated the group on map based x-checking which FCW are looking to do automatically.

4. GIS

Discussion took place regarding spatial linking tool, loss of data from MIF files uploaded to GLOS.

- MP reported that the spatial linking tool will be upgraded within the next 12 months.
- MIF/ MID files are still acceptable to FCW.
- GIS guides will be published shortly: MapInfo & Arc GIS (March 09); Map Maker (May 09).

5. Land Registration & FM3

An update and guidance on the above has now been published on the BWW pages on the FCW website.

6. Approvals process

A discussion took place regarding time taken for FCW to approve cases. FCW (as a whole) have 11 weeks to approve a case (FCW time only) from when the initial application is accepted by FCW. PG reported that FCW are working to meet these times and that processing times have improved as both planners & Woodland Officers have become more competent. Approval times are also considered by the BWW stakeholder group.

7. AOB

Andrew Wright is now fully engaged in his Documentation Role & will be undertaking a survey of private sector forestry practitioners regarding what guidance they require and how it should be structured at Easter.

8. Date of next meeting – June 17th