



Minutes of the meeting of the  
Residential Ventilation Association  
on Wednesday 17th April 2024  
held online

Present

Ian Andrews  
Joe Brawn  
Sam Dore  
Hannah Finning  
Colum Foley  
Clive Greenstreet  
Nick Howlett  
Dan Hopkins  
Vince House  
Richard Jenkins  
Tony Mahon  
Noel Murray  
Lee Nurse  
Rory Percival  
Martin Phillips

Chair

FETA Consultant  
Volution Group  
Flakt Group  
Swegon  
Aereco  
Airflow Developments  
Titon  
ebm-papst UK Ltd  
Aereco  
Nuaire  
Aereco  
Airflow Limited  
Volution Group  
EnviroVent Limited  
Verplas Limited

Chris Yates

Secretary

FETA

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves as it was Hannah Finning's first meeting.

**2. FETA Competition Law Guidelines and FETA committee procedures**

The Chairman reiterated the standard guidance regarding Trade Association meetings. The FETA Competition Law Guidelines and the Guidelines to FETA committee procedures are available on <https://www.feta.co.uk/members-area/competition-law-and-committee-guidelines>. Attendance via online meetings will be taken as the member's acknowledgement of the guidelines' existence.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

The minutes were approved by the meeting and Nick Howlett authorised Chris Yates to sign them off.

**5. Actions arising from the previous minutes not covered in the agenda**

Following on from the last meeting, Rorry Percival had sent in his thoughts on using the PCDB data for New Build and Retrofit, see attached email to these minutes. Agreed we would consider this further in light of the consultation and is covered below under 8.

## **6. Membership**

Hannah Finning (Swegon) had joined the group.

## **7. Suspense account**

The suspense account balance remains unchanged at £239.12.

## **8. Future New Homes Standard/Building Safety**

Nick Howlett did an update on HEM. He and Lee Nurse had been in a meeting with DESNZ where it was confirmed that defaults for MVHR were not in Part L or HEM. It is possible that a PCDB test would be required for all products and subject to confirmation it is assumed current figures will be carried over. Conservative ratings will not transfer? All subject to confirmation.

Nick suggested that it was important to establish where we take retrofit into either RdSAP or RdHEM and felt this was where Rory Percival's work could feed into this process.

Infiltration section is not great in HRM and likely to be changed according to Lee. Appendix Q potentially points to Lot 6. RdSAP does allow PCDB data.

Scotland – no developments

Wales – no developments but consultation expected out this year

Northern Ireland – submission made to consultation

## **9. Competency**

Meeting with BEAMA had taken place in January but held up due to the consultation.

SAP assessors are picking up on ventilation compliance. ADF may help on pressure testing but we will need to see the results of the consultation.

NH suggested that he, CY, LN and Kelly Butler meet and discuss further but agreed on competency that we would wait and see what the conclusions are drawn from the consultation. Online meeting.

### **Action CY**

Lee advised that the NHBC were taking their time over fire rated ceilings. Technical document being issued in January NHBC issued new technical guidance in January, LN said that VA were working through details with NHBC. NH/CY to consider responding to it.

### **Action NH/CY**

LN felt there were some fundamental changes in Part F and it has to form part of the competency scheme.

## **10. BREEAM Update**

Meeting discussed embodied carbon and whether the calculations were being asked for by clients. Feedback was that it was on commercial contracts generally and not residential. Sam Dore advised that Eurovent had a group on Environmental Products Declarations and Finland is considering penalising EPDs where requirements were not being met.

It is not clear what the clients are using it for and this is a common threads through FETA. RP advised that CEN TC 156 WG 26 was looking at this, overview [here](#). There are different levels of EPD but two levels of TM65.

## **11. ErP Lot 6.**

Ian Andrews advised that documents had been circulated on 18<sup>th</sup> March and members preferred the format of consolidated EVIA reports.

Consultation likely to be out May/June and RVA would then meet to consider our response.

RP to email IA with questions he has and copy CY in relation to CE.

**Action RP**

## **12. Retrofit - BS PAS 2030 and 2035**

Richard and Rory felt it had gone quiet since the ADF consultation was published.

Nick Howlett is continuing on the subcommittee into 2024. NH to write to secretariat of PAS 2030/35 to see what is happening.

**Action NH**

## **13. Indoor Air Quality meeting update**

Next meeting would be in the afternoon of the RVA. Fact sheets were being updated following comments from members.

**Action CY**

## **14. DESNZ, Energy-related Products Policy Framework and DBT - OPSS**

Chris Yates advised that FETA was working closely with OPSS and they had been working on Smoke control Dampers as a priority. Ventilation was further down the list as it did not have the same safety aspects. OPSS approach is that providing industry is working with them then there are likely to be successful outcomes.

## **15. A Joint Position Statement from Ventilation System Suppliers & Supporters – query raised by Equans, see Annex 1 to this agenda**

Rory Percival thought they had got the wrong end of the stick and agreed to draft a response, to be agreed by the group during May.

**Action RP**

CY to advise Equans of next steps and circulate the Word version.

**Action CY**

**16. EVIA**

FETA and BEAMA are both members of EVIA and NH asked of a joint approach could be considered, albeit FETA looks to have much stronger links. Lee Nurse to take up with BEAMA.

**Action LN**

Ian Andrews provided an update for the meeting.

Goeff Lockwood had been in contact with the EU Policy Officer and the consultation of Fans is expected May/June this year.

The National Associations had a been discussing Construction Products Regulation and whether ventilation was in scope.

General concern that heat pumps are taking over from heat recovery.

**17. Promotion of the RVA**

As per Item 3. above, Chris Yates to provide a draft competency article to Nick Howlett, Rory Percival and Lee Nurse.

**Action CY**

**18. Vice Chair Role**

CY and NH advised that they were looking to recruit for the role which Rory Percival offered to stand. Members to be advised and see if anyone else wants to come forward.

**Action CY**

**19. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**20. Meeting Dates for 2024:**

Meeting dates are:

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

Chairman ..... Date .....