Minutes of the meeting of the

Residential Ventilation Association

on Tuesday 11th July 2023

held in person at FETA offices, Hare Hatch and online

Present

**Nick Howlett Chair Titon**

**Ian Andrews Ian Andrews Associates**

**Dan Hopkins ebm-papst UK Ltd**

**Richard Jenkins Nuaire**

Lee Nurse Volution Group

Richard Paine Volution Group

Rory Percival EnviroVent Limited

**Martin Phillips** Verplas Limited

Bob Yates Vectaire

**Chris Yates Secretary FETA**

Those in person are marked in **Bold**

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all to the 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 [www.feta.co.uk/members/events-and-meetings/schedule-of-all-feta-meetings](http://www.feta.co.uk/members/events-and-meetings/schedule-of-all-feta-meetings) . Attendance via online meetings will be taken as the member's acknowledgement of the guidelines' existence.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2023.**

The minutes were approved by the meeting and Nick Howlett signed them off.

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

All items covered under the agenda.

**6. Membership**

No change since the last meeting.

**7. Suspense account**

The suspense account balance remains unchanged at £239.12.

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

Consultation expected for the New Homes Standard may drop anytime from the start of the summer holidays to Christmas. Chris Yates asked the meeting if it was felt that Approved Document Q was delivering what it set out to achieve. Meeting agreed that Summer Bypass definition and how it works was not clear. Chris Yates to contact Peter Rankin and Victoria Tink at BSR over Part O and whether it will be consulted on. Action CY/NH

Dan Hopkins raised the question of build-up of pollutants in dwellings. Thinks that Part F should reference this and bring it into Part L. Nick felt these points should be defined and then referenced when ADF is discussed with building regs representatives. Commercial buildings are coming under a duty of care for ventilation and we should perhaps we should raise this for domestic with HSE. An article could be written around improving ventilation and what the impact would be. Action: Dan Hopkins to produce an explanation for the RVA.

~~Nick Howlett’s~~ Our position is ~~was~~ that ventilation should not be subordinated to energy efficiency. ~~Part L.~~

Ian Andrews advised that IEQ and IAQ are being addressed through TC 156.

Lee Nurse asked about the EU’s recast EPBD which now includes IAQ and asks if the UK follow it? Discuss with Building Regs team at HSE ~~Peter Rankin~~. Action: Update meeting between Nick, Chris and Building Regs team to be requested.

 Action CY

**9. Competency**

Nick and Chris have met with Trustmark, CIBSE and Elmhurst. ATTMA have come with a competency scheme: [ATTMA | Introducing The ATTMA Domestic Ventilation Commissioning Scheme (bcta.group)](https://www.bcta.group/attma/2023/attma-domestic-ventilation-commissioning-certification-scheme/) The meeting discussed the Ventilation slide attached to these minutes.

Lee Nurse supported the need for a design competency.

The meeting discussed whether we set up a Code of Practice which also got raised at the last BEAMA meeting and agreed there was an overlap with electrical with BEAMA.

Lee Nurse advised that sales were predominantly through electrical distributors.

Meeting agreed Nick and Chris should go back to CIBSE to progress.

Dan Hopkins informed the meeting of the BCIA work and the courses we have in place and raises the question ‘Is ventilation a controlled service. To be raised with Peter Rankin over it being a controlled service. Action CY/NH

Lee Nurse asked about industry wide competency initiatives. Chris Yates advised that the Building Safety Regulator was setting up a Competency Advisory Group and the people and the Group was due to be announced in the next few weeks.

**10. SAP Industry Forum Update**

To note that there was a recent consultation on BREEAM.

No news on SAP 11. Nick Howlett had heard that SAP Appendix Q may change in format.

Chris to contact BRE regarding SAP 11 and what will happen when**. Action CY**

**11. ErP Lot 6.**

Ian Andrews had no major update. Rory Percival asked when we would see a draft. IA advised that there was issues with funding.

**13. Retrofit - BS PAS 2030 and 2035**

Nick Howlett advised that there had been two meetings on the ventilation appendix of the standards and a further paper has gone to the committee with all the amendments.

The standards will are likely to be published in the autumn – no further consultation.

Meeting agreed that if necessary, RVA feeds in concerns on PAS2030/35 to the HSE once the standards are published

The meeting agreed that you can use full SAP for retrofit as rdSap is very poor. Will SAP11 cover refurbishment as well?

**14. BEIS Energy-related Products Policy Framework**

Chris Yates covered the OPSS ? discussion, presentation attached, and in particular whistleblowing by industry.

Ian Andrews advised that EVIA had done guidance on market surveillance and customs.

Ian to dig out guidance**. Action IA**

**15. EVIA**

Chris Yates spoke about the newsletter for EVIA which members had found useful.

Ian Andrews advised that one of the issues is that the same subject comes up in a number of groups within EVIA.
Connectivity - not a huge amount going on. Looking at legislation that is coming up e.g. Indoor Environmental Quality.

VPA -- Ventilation Product Assessment tool launched. A fan and at least one box that
can monitor. Manufacturer has to have its system approved by EVIA technical. Members and daughter companies could use.

Heat Recovery not currently seen as a renewable product. Lee Nurse was concerned that EVIA are not promoting the guide. Ian Andrews to pick the concern up with EVIA. Action IA

Fans - as per IA update.

National Association Liaison Group - biggest hot issue is the level of membership.

2030 - Lobbying strategy being developed and EVIA positioned as the to be first port of
call.

Non-residential - issue with one test house where it cannot test a particular size of units and therefore wanted to take it out of scope!

Ventilation in schools report to be circulated. Action CY

EPBD – Trilogue started in June and then needs to go to WHO.

Product passports – Rory raised questions over how this will be rolled out – still to be decided.

Circular Economy & Sustainability

Sustainable consumption of goods. Customer will have a right to repair as well as a 2 year warranty. A time scale will also be needed for parts availability after production ceased.

**16. Promotion of the RVA**

Meeting agreed on competency to be written with input from Nick Howlett, Rory Percival and Lee Nurse. **Action CY**

Dan Hopkins to circulate IAQ article. Action DH

**17. Any Other Business**

The email sent out by Chris Yates extract below:

*Ahead of the meeting on Tuesday It will be helpful if members can comment any views on the following points for discussion:*

*1. Adoption of the PCDB results to inform the retrofit of dwellings for continuous running ventilation fans and if this is an agreed industry position, when could it be implemented.*

*2. The issues on members that the exemption of sub 30 watt fans would have if removed from the EUPD 1254/2014 or are members preparing for this change anyway.*

No consensus at this stage.

**18. Meeting Dates for 2022:**

Meeting agreed that Wednesday 15th November meeting would just be face to face in London.

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

Chairman ………………………………………………. Date ………………………..