

CIWEM RCG/Scottish Branch Joint Meeting 16th June 2005

In Kilmarnock, on the 16th June 2005, John MacRobert from East Ayrshire Council began his talk for the Rivers and Coastal Group/Scottish Branch Meeting by declaring that he would not even attempt to stick within the 20 minutes allocated for his presentation. So from that point on the programme was out of the window but luckily for the delegates he was an informative and amusing speaker, which set the scene for the whole day.

The meeting entitled 'An Integrated Approach to Sustainable Flood Management - the Kilmarnock Scheme', took place in the fine surroundings of Deans Castle and was chaired by Jim Kane from East Ayrshire Council. The seminar aimed to introduce the major flood defence scheme implemented by East Ayrshire Council's to protect homes and businesses in Kilmarnock. John MacRobert and Bruce Chalmers (Jacob Babbie) introduced the schemes undertaken at Kilmarnock and the design process. In addition, the process of justifying and implementing flow monitoring for flood warning was investigated. This included two interesting talks from Stewart Child of Hydro-Logic Ltd and Dr. Steve Anderton from SEPA who presented 'Flow Monitoring for Flood Warning on the River Irvine' and 'Flood Warning on the River Irvine', respectively. The pre-lunch stage of the meeting was rounded off by David Ramsbottom from HR Wallingford who gave an Update on Flood Mapping in Scotland.

Following a presentation of a Curling Stone from East Ayrshire Council to CIWEM Rivers and Coastal Group ex-chairman, David Ramsbottom, for organising the meeting and forging links with the Council the delegates were taken on an interesting and informative site visit of the main aspects of the flood defence scheme including the flood embankments and training walls at Crookedholm and Riccarton, Riccarton road bridge parapets which were dismantled and rebuilt to alleviate flooding and the massive offline flood storage area at Galston.

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Crookedholm Flood Wall



Riccarton Bridges



Galston Flood Attainment



Flow Monitoring on the River Irvine