



**Members Meeting – 30th July 2025
@ Armstrong Priestley, Leeds**

In person: Terry McDermott(NFSN), Ronnie King(NFSN/APPG), Iain Cox (NFSN/BSA), Alan Brinson(EFSN), Toni Maddox (NFSN), Tom Roche (BSA/FM Global), Nick Coleshill (BAFSA), Roger Brason (SYFRS), Steve Brailey (Armstrong Priestley), Steve Dawson (AIG), Damien Rhodes (Nationwide Fire Sprinkler), Paul Bottomley (Nationwide Fire Sprinkler), Jason Clarke (Nationwide Fire Sprinkler), Dawn Matthewman (West Yorkshire FRS)

Online: Lee Haggath (Cleveland FRS), Dale Kinnersley (FPA), Alastair Brooker (Northhants FRS), William Nairn, Joanne Noone, Kathryn Escudier

Regrets: Steve McGuirk, Ali Perry (BAFSA), Ritchie O'Connell (BAFSA), Richard Clark (NFCC), Marcus Beechy (Cheshire FRS), Tracey Carter (Cheshire FRS)

1. Introduction

- Terry McDermott opened the meeting, the agenda was reviewed, and introductions were made
- Apologies were noted for Richard Clark (National Fire Chiefs Council) and Ali Perry (Bafsa).

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Matters Arising

- Financial update: Waiting for two outstanding invoices from Greater Manchester and another grant.
- Sprinkler saves update: Nick Coleshill provided an update on recent sprinkler saves.
- Parliamentary update: Ronnie King discussed the involvement of Steve McGurk as his successor and the importance of the APPG on fire safety.
- Optimal economics report: Terry McDermott received a draft report on the cost of fires in schools and the impact of sprinklers. Further review and feedback are needed.

4. Parliamentary Business Updates

- Ronnie King emphasized the importance of engaging with MPs and the all-party group to promote fire safety and sprinkler systems.

- Discussion on the need for accurate data on the number of new schools being built with sprinklers.

5. Member Updates

- South Yorkshire: Update on a match-funded sprinkler installation in a care home in Sheffield.

6. Finance Update

- Current balance: Approximately £49,000.
- Outstanding invoices and earmarked funds for the optimal research report were discussed.

7. Future Events

- Proposal to hold a conference-style event in February in Westminster.
- Discussion on the need for a budget and planning for the event.

8. Sprinkler Saves Update

- Nick Coleshill presented recent sprinkler saves, including incidents in Bristol and Bedfordshire.
- Emphasis on the importance of promoting these saves to influence policy and public awareness.

9. Optimal Economics Report

- Terry McDermott provided an overview of the draught report on the cost of fires in schools.
- Discussion on the need for further review and feedback to finalize the report.

10. NFCC Update

- No update provided as Richard Clark was not present.

11. Group Updates

- Various group updates were provided, including from the European Fire Sprinkler Network and the Fire Sector Federation.

12. Future of NFSN

- Discussion on the future direction of the NFSN, including the possibility of moving to a more virtual format with one annual conference.

13. AOB

- No additional business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2.42