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### MINUTES OF THE 201st YORKSHIRE AREA MEETING

Held at 19:32 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale.

Present:-

James Rowe	Chair, Leeds MC, CC	David Campbell	CC, YMC, Individual
Mark Beecher	Secretary, Leeds MC, AC	Laurie Morse	YMC
Rob Greenwood	BMC Officer, AC	Nigel Baker	YMC
Ian Durham	Individual	Dom Hartin	Individual
Dave Musgrove	Limestone A&C Rep	Paul Exley	Clubs Rep, Leeds MC
John Mortimer	Vibram MC	John Hunt	YMC
Deirdre Collier	CC	Phil Powell	Individual
Scott Barnett	Individual		

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** James welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Officers introduced themselves. Everyone else in the room introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Kat Adam, Mick Johnson, Angela Soper, Beverley Jowett, Mick Green.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting.** The Minutes were agreed as a correct record of the Meeting.
4. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere.** None

#### 5. Co-ordinators' Reports

##### 5.1. Gritstone : access & conservation.

MJ in absentia - Nothing to report.

**Beamsley Beacon.** An access issue has been raised and forwarded to the access rep.

##### 5.2. Limestone : access & conservation.

There are no major issues to report on current Limestone crag access arrangements and I have no further progress to report on the proposal to transform Threshfield Quarry into a sport climbing venue. Lafarge/Tarmac the owners keep cancelling meeting dates and it now looks like the main meeting with them will not take place until mid-October.

I have, however, been requested to seek outline approval from the area committee to host some form of climbing/spectacular/display at Kilnsey Crag to co-inside with the passing of the Tour De France next summer. The idea is being developed by John Mason (past chair of BMC Lancs area and past BMC VP) and some rope-access qualified climbers. The suggestion is that we could showcase some BMC and/or Climbers against Cancer banners but no detailed plan has been drawn up as yet. It is understood the YDNPA and the local landowner (and perhaps the Tour organisers) would need to approve any such plan but there is certainly an opportunity to provide some positive climbing related publicity on one of our premier crags as the riders flash past?

The meeting agreed that the Tour de France proposal was a good one with minor concerns noted about parking and toilet facilities.

- 5.3. **Youth.** Nothing to report.
- 5.4. **Climbing Walls.** Nothing to report.
- 5.5. **Clubs'.** The next meeting is this Thursday 12th. They are currently working on guidance sheets for club accounts and data protection policy. An issue / question on provisional membership and insurance has been forwarded to PE. RG will ask at head office and bring along to the Thursday meeting.

5.6. **Hillwalking.** No report. It was noted the BMC is pushing the Britain on Foot campaign with increased coverage in Summit of hillwalking.

6. **National Council**

6.1. **Report from April 2013 meeting.** Summary available here:  
<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/Handlers/DownloadHandler.ashx?id=1059>

JR also mentioned the following items; Nominations for the George band award, changes to the Access and Conservation Committee, the BMC is unlikely to have a surplus in funds this year, plans for local areas to self-manage a local fund, no update on trespass laws, the Better Bolts Campaign is focused on rebolting rather than new crags and also some of the details on the BMC support to the Mountain Heritage Trust including possible exhibitions in Keswick museum and the National Trust Sticklebarn facility in Langdale.

6.2. **Matters for the next meeting.** None raised.

7. **Individual Members' Issues.** DH commented that he had been asked to leave when visiting Castle Quarry. He is also developing Watty Quarry<sup>1</sup> with details on routes available on UKC.

8. **Any Other Business.**

8.1. BJ was due to chair the discussion but was unable to attend. Can people please send ideas to JR / MB on how to increase attendance.

8.2. A good discussion was had on the issue of dry-tooling with the conclusion that venues should be treated and discussed on a case by case basis potentially at local area meetings.

8.3. Rob Greenwood gave a summary of what has been happening since May. Several 'indoor to outdoor' courses have been run by local climbing walls along with NICAS. The BMC is trying to increase club membership via these courses. RG also commented on the potential BMC support to any local crag clean ups or a Yorkshire Area festival.

8.4. JH mentioned that the Friends of Ilkely Moor have gained approval to spray chemicals to try and reduce the bracken. Signs etc will be put up giving notice of when the spraying will take place.

There was no other business and the Meeting closed at 21.00.

Next meeting will be the AGM and normal meeting on **25<sup>th</sup> November 2013** at the Dyneley Arms with a start time of **19.00** for the AGM.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ukclimbing.com/logbook/crag.php?id=17821>