

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the 210th Yorkshire Area Meeting Held at 19.30 on Monday 30 November 2015 at the Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley

### Present:

James Rowe	Chair, National Council Rep, Leeds MC, CC	Nick Colton	BMC
Deirdre Collier	Secretary, National Council Rep, Craven MC*, FRCC, CC	Iain McKenna	Individual
Paul Exley	FRCC, Leeds MC, Clubs Committee Rep	Dan Hedges	Individual
Mike Bebbington	YMC/FRCC/CC	John Mortimer	Vibram MC*
Angela Soper	Pinnacle Club* & FRCC	Trevor Brewster	Individual
Anne Freund	FRCC, Pinnacle Club	Dave Musgrove	CC, YMC
Mick Johnson	CC, FRCC. Gritstone Access Rep	Adrian Dixon	Individual
Bruce Woodley	CC	Steve Howe	Individual
Sara Hayes	Leeds MC	Jimmy Smith	Individual
Ruth Barbour	Leeds MC	Gabby Thornton	
Paul Clarke	FRCC	Amanda Seims	Individual
Steve Dixon	Individual	Andreas Mayer	Non Member
Dave Maguire	Non Member	Laurie Morse	YMC
Ann Morse	YMC	Melanie Bryan	Family
David Lister	Visitor	David Bryan	Individual
John Hunt	Individual	Philip Rowe	
Joshua Kimberling	Family	Liz Davies	Pinnacle Club
John Nightingale	Individual		

### Action

1 **Welcome & Introductions.** James welcomed everyone to the meeting including Nick Colton, BMC Deputy CEO, who would be giving a presentation in place of Andy Houseman who was unable to attend due to a delayed flight

2 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Nigel Baker, Julie Dundas, Roger Gaynor, Bev Jowett & Paul Redding.

3 **Minutes of the last meeting.** These were agreed to be a correct record.

4 **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere**

4.1 **? Hold one Area Meeting per year at a different venue.**

Noted that continuity needed & concern expressed that it could be compromised by use of different venues. 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it'.

Suggestion re having another dedicated hill walking meeting with a walk beforehand – would need to be a weekend day – potential for use of a different venue. DC to ask Paul Redding about this.

DC/PR

Specific alternative venue proposal needed for consideration at the February Meeting.

DC

**2016 Festival.** Paul Redding had asked re wider support from the Area Committee. Noted that Dave Musgrove had offered to help with the climbing part & that offers of help had also come from Adrian & Carol Pilling. Suggested that Paul Redding contact Dave Musgrove to discuss – DC to let PR know.

DC/PR

5 **Co-ordinators' Reports**

5.1 **Gritstone: Access & Conservation.** Mick Johnson reported as follows:-

**Dovestones.** Ongoing. Notice at base of crag – no climbing & trespassers will be prosecuted. Open Access land in AONB. Rob Dyer involved. Natural England & Rights of Way Officer @ North Yorkshire County Council involved. Anomaly in CRoW – legal proceedings can't be taken.

**Brimham Rocks.** Report of University Group at crag being asked re risk assessment. The National Trust has an online risk assessment form & similar also available from North Yorkshire County Council.

Noted that the National Trust has no associated liability particularly re organised groups.

**Project Coast to Coast.** Mick Johnson reported on information received from Cath Flitcroft that the North Pennine AONB Partnership has applied to ACT (as well as other bodies) for funding for repairs to Coast to Coast path.

- 5.2 Limestone: Access & conservation.** No formal report received but Paul Clarke said that there were no Limestone Access issues at present.

**Threshfield Quarry.** Lengthy ongoing process re climbing development.

- 5.3 Youth.** No report received.

- 5.4 Climbing Walls.** There is no Climbing Wall representative.

- 5.5 Clubs.** November update from the Clubs Committee had been previously circulated.

- 6 Hillwalking.** As stated earlier ? hold dedicated hill walking Area meeting in April possibly preceded by a walk.

## **7 National Council**

- 7.1 Report from last NC Meeting.** Noted that the Meeting had agreed to the circulation of Meeting Minutes & accordingly the draft minutes of the September had been circulated.

Also noted that there had been further discussion re the remit of National Council & the Executive Committee.

- 7.2 Matters for the next NC Meeting.** None raised.

- 8 Individual Members' Issues.** None raised.

## **9 Any Other Business.**

**Access & Conservation Trust.** Dave Musgrove (Chair of the BMC's Access Management Group) reported that the BMC's ACT had been recently revamped. It now had a new Chair & 7 new members. Funding had dropped off over recent years & efforts were now being made to raise more interest & raise more money to fund more projects. The work would benefit hill walkers as well as climbers. Projects needing funding will be considered by ACT & sources of funding such as legacies are being sought.

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/bmc-access-conservation-trust>

- 10. Dates of 2016 Meetings.** Mondays of 1 February, 13 June, 12 September & 28 November.

There was no other business & this part of the Meeting closed @ 8.12 pm.

Following this Nick Colton, BMC Deputy CEO, gave a presentation about part 2 of his Alpine Experiences.