Minutes of BMC Lakes Area Meeting
held on Wednesday 27 January 2016
at Hawkshead Brewery, Staveley

Welcome and apologies
Mike Parsons welcomed everybody. Apologies were received from: Matt
Le Voi, James Brumby, Kelvyn James, Ron Kenyon and Steve Scott.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting, matters arising, and action points**
   Action points from November meeting. Further to our discussion
   regarding the scattering of ashes and leaving memorials, see BMC website
   for an article written by Hanna Lindon in response to the rising problem.
   Mike parsons asked if was OK to be pro-active, if people found such
   inappropriate memorials, could they remove them. Consensus of opinion
   was that as the National Trust had been doing just that for many years the
   answer was yes.

2. **Access updates and news**
   None.

3. **National Council Report**
   Ted Rogers gave his report from National Council. The draft minutes of
   this meeting are available in full on the BMC website. Ted highlighted the
   following: Martin Doyle has been replaced by Jackie Bryson as head of
   Plas y Brenin, who is settling in well. From area reports: it must be noted
   that only people with BMC insurance can climb in the Cheddar area. Peak
   District organised a very successfully walking day. The Olympics will be
   upon us soon and climbing will bid again to be an Olympic Sport. The
   budget forecast for 2016 is a surplus of £8k. It is expected for
   membership fees to remain the same. Dave Turnbull (CEO) gave a report
   to the meeting, the main theme of which was 'a time for change. ' We are
   likely to see areas and committees changing with amalgamations of a few.

4. **Bolt Fund**
   Dan Robinson gave a report on the current bolting situation. Access has
   been agreed for rebolting of Humphrey Head and also a crag clean-up
   (date to be announced). Bolting work continues at Hodge Close,
   Catherdral Quarry, Tilberthwaite and Thrand Quarry. Dan Middleton
   (BMC) offered assistance in supplying resin.

   Rick Graham then gave a brief talk on the structure of the Cumbria Bolt
   Fund. The main concern is that the constitution is in need of updating.
   Rick has made some comprehensive notes, which will be circulated. He
   would appreciate feedback. Should the area require a special meeting to
   discuss the proposed changes before this becomes an agenda item for the
   June meeting please contact Polly: pollysullivan@btinternet.com

5. **Clubs**
   It was noted that Lakes Area clubs that are affiliated to the BMC were not represented. It cannot be stressed enough that for the BMC to work for the Clubs it needs to know what it is the Clubs want from the BMC.

6. **Environmental and landscape issues**
   Mike Parsons gave an update on the current planned Pylon situation. See the Friends of the Lake District website for in-depth detail. Mike gave a brief update on the current climate change/ sustainability situation. Mike reported that PFCs are to be phrased out. See the Guardian website for the full article. Ken Taylor reported that following the floods 46 bridges in the area are unusable. See the Lake District National Park Authority website for the latest details.

7. **Hill walking issues**
   Ken Taylor reported that the Local Access Forum has vacancies if anybody would like to join. The forum advises LDNP on strategy and technical issues eg. Rights of Way, education and fencing.

8. **Any other business**
   Ron Kenyon put out a reminder for the BMC Lakes Bouldering Series, which is underway, organised by Nicole Reeve:
   26 March, 10am-4pm: Eden Rock, Carlisle
   16 April, 10am-4pm: Lakeland Climbing Centre, Kendal
   14 May, 10am-4pm: King Kong Climbing Centre, Keswick

   LakesFest due to take place 13/15 May in Borrowdale has now bee cancelled.

   BMC Youth Meet will be held 1-3 July. Volunteers are required for this event, please.

   Secretary reminded everybody to be on the look-out for a replacement for her.

   A reminder about the BMC AGM to be held on16 April at Castleton in Derbyshire.

9. **Date of next meeting**
   Wednesday 8 June at CC Hut in Grange (Borrowdale). Before the meeting there will be a BBQ (weather permitting).