

## BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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### South West Area Meeting 2010

#### Notes of the meeting held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Bishop Lacey, Chudleigh

Present:

Ian Lee

James Baldwin

Isabella Baldwin

Chris Full

Mark Stevenson

Ed Southwood

Nicolas ?

Keith Crockford

Andy Horsnell

Richard Bulhen

Dave Henderson [DH]

Rich Mayfield (by phone)

Carrie Hill

Victoria Taylor

Paul Roberts

Reg Lander

Simon Wooster [SW]

Mal Dickson

Barney Carver

Ben Hall

Guy Robertson

Sam Mayfield

Martin Kocsis [MK]

Apologies: Mark Davies, Ian Butterworth, Antony Reed, Jerzy Wieczorek [JW]

**1. Last meeting's minutes** all agreed

**2. National Council feedback** read out from Martin nothing raised

**3. Access**

As the South West has such a large area of coast we appealed for more volunteers to act as Coastal Access Reps to work with Cath Flitcroft. MK left some cards and can only hope that people come forward later.

**4. Applications for BMC Club Funding:** 3 types of funding available at the moment.

a) Website & newsletter development. 14 awards of around £500 will be given out.

b) Mountaineering equipment, mainly to help clubs that encourage people into climbing and rely on their own equipment.

c) Instructor Support, which will enable clubs to pay for a day to provide training for novice climbers or walkers.

**5. Kit Hill lower offs – Chris Full**

The area is to be found close to Callington and is a disused quarry. The current guide book lists 4 routes. Chris has been busy cleaning the crag and the area now has 30 routes which are listed on the UKC log book, see link which also shows some photos <http://www.ukclimbing.com/logbook/crag.php?id=1058>. Chris came to the meeting with a report asking for feedback regarding fixed lower offs due to the nature of the top outs which are onto dangerous bushes and large loose blocks. A report has been submitted to the local council. Shane Ohly raised concerns about bringing bolts to Cornwall and the fear of starting something which may be construed as “bolting”. It was agreed that people would visit the crag and the matter would be raised at the next meeting.

JW

**6. Regional Development**

a) *Dewerstone Cleanup* – Rich Mayfield was in Spain but was able to speak to us over an internet connection. He recently attended a meeting with the National Trust and English Nature at the site to take a look around and to agree

RM

works. The meeting went well and Rich submitted a small report which was approved by the group and a date will be set for late April early May.

b) *Ansteys Cove/Torbryan bolt fund application* – Rich Mayfield and Ken Palmer had submitted an application to purchase 120 bolts to replace some of the first generation glue in staples. Rich gave us his reason and a vote was taken, 2 abstained and everyone else said yes. MK will report back to the office and the bolts will be ordered and sent South. MK

c) *Fixed gear in the Torbay area* – Dave Coley from SDMC asked the meeting if the South West had a policy regarding the old/rusty pegs along the coast at Torbay. RM gave the BMC's line that they do not replace like for like. However his personal view was that each route should be assessed on a route by route basis and that where possible old pegs should be removed, left with nothing if alternative gear can be placed etc. SW came forward and said that he would be happy to start a working party to get the ball rolling. SW

#### **7. A.O.B**

DH brought to the meeting's attention the parking problem at Chudleigh. A notice for climbers will be asked for from BMC office, MK to investigate what can be used.

SM read out an email from Ian Butterworth giving an update on the Fairy Cave access issue. The landowner is still in Spain and no progress has been made, SM passed on IB wishes for the climbers to be a little more patient and not to climb there. MK

RM informed the group that The Cheesewring is closed due to a mine shaft collapse, the climbing is not effected by getting to the crag is impassable.

#### **8. Next Meeting**

In Cheddar, Sunday 16th May (to coincide with Crag AttaK). Details to be finalised.