



Cymru South Wales Area Meeting

Venue: YHA Manorbier

Date: Friday 24 May 2019, 7:30pm

Minutes

Present: Ollie Burrows, Jack Poyner, Stefan Morris, Craig Folder, Peter Sheppard, Martin Allen, Alex Jenkins, Eben Muse, Peter Salenieks, Pat Cowman, Elfyn Jones, Huw Jones, Steve Quinton, Liz Collyer

Welcome and apologies

There were no apologies received in advance of the meeting.

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Sea Cliff Access

Elfyn updated that the Welsh Government issued a statement as part of the open access consultation – they are intending to bring forward legislation to include sea cliffs as part of CROW access land, however there is currently a lack of Assembly legislative time to bring it forward.

In addition footpaths may be opened to cyclists, and wild swimming permitted.

Hay Forest / Tregoyd / Gudder

CJ was not present so no further information available – postponed to next meeting.

Trial Wall and Yellow Wall Bird Restrictions

Current restrictions are signposted, and this seems to be working well. As always please check the RAD for the latest updates before climbing.

There are chough nesting sites elsewhere on the Gower, again please check the RAD for latest information before climbing.

Note – new restriction at New New Tredegar due to a barn owl nesting.

Final Range West Briefings

Elfyn will get clarification on the date of the final August briefing.



Range West Rockfall

Elfyn has had reports of loose rock at Juggy Point, but Steve isn't aware of details of any rockfall.

If you're going abseiling make sure you can get back out again – and that you're abseiling into the right place!

Does anyone have any suggestions on raising knowledge levels about outdoor/trad climbing?

If anyone sees others flouting restrictions please inform them and try to persuade them; if they refuse to comply please report to the Rangers or NRW – this is a criminal act.

Steve (Pembrokeshire):

Mother Carey's – razorbills seem to be tolerant of climbers, but none in sight on a site visit – no extra restriction but check visually before climbing.

Alien cave – choughs flying around but not seen to be nesting

Mewsford – nest site not identified

Linney Head – pick up latest information from guard house

Pen Y Fan Parking

No further information available

Congratulations – BMC Nominated Director (Huw Jones)

Huw was welcomed to the meeting and introduced himself. Huw has recently been appointed to the board of the BMC.

Clubs Update

Update document has been sent to club contacts. Lots of training opportunities available – be aware these sell out quickly. Encouraging clubs to get involved in BMC – volunteering and survey.

Next clubs committee meeting is in north Wales, clubs are allowed to send observers if notified in advance.

New Crag / Information – Cefn Coed

Cefn Coed has been cleaned and new sports routes created.

Reminder to "like" the bolt fund page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SWBFund/>



BMC Business

BMC AGM feedback

Membership fee proposal approved, along with various constitutional changes.

PSa – 71% majority on subscriptions. Various workshops, including BMC values.

ODG Update

PSa – working group on reconstitution of national council to better represent constituencies of members and hold the board to account.

Some of the workstreams are coming together to put together coherent proposals.

Next steps – Council meeting in June, with a proposal being sent for scrutiny prior to wider consultation around the September/November meetings cycle.

Hills 2 Oceans

Members were encouraged to read the information at <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/h2o-bmc-hills-2-oceans-campaign-litter-pick> and get involved.

Wales options paper

The paper was introduced, everyone was implored to feed back to national council reps and PSa individually ASAP.

AOB

A Welsh language scheme is being worked on to look at what is realistic to implement.