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DE CYMRU / SOUTH WALES ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting held online
On 18 October 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Area meeting followed the AGM informally, with only a small number of updates and questions that were not relevant to the AGM agenda. No further apologies were received.

A quorum was present in accordance with Article 7.1 of the British Mountaineering Council's Terms of Reference for Areas ("Area ToRs").

2. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 8 July 2021, a draft of which had been posted on the BMC website were approved.

3. Updates

3.1. Access - Pembrokeshire (Steve Quinton) –

National (UK) access – National Trust have banned climbing at Tintagel. On Dartmoor there is a clampdown on wild camping. Mend our Mountains 3 is planned. Castlemartin - New weekend closures due to major firing exercise – meeting shortly to discuss better planning for a similar exercise next year.

Lots of seal pups, particularly Huntsman's Leap, Stack Rocks, Flimston Bay

3.2. Access - South East (Eben Muse) –

Question from John Harwood re Coed Ely; no update as yet, will be handed over to Alex.

Mount Pleasant – large amount of fly tipping; proposal for a cleanup but difficulties finding the landowner.

Cwm Dimbath – on ice, NRW want to do more surveys before allowing access

3.3. Campaigns and Policy Officer report (Eben Muse)

Eben was working on the Welsh Language Policy, and recorded a podcast which will be published in the next few weeks. He was also working on a partnership with Climate Cymru, to be launched in the Senedd imminently. He was working on links with the Institute of Welsh Affairs, and a cross-party parliamentary group.

4. Any other business

- 4.1. Clive Scott – re Gilwern Hill: Climbing is becoming more popular here. Also on Bloreng, some path maintenance by helicopter was taking place.

5. Date of next meeting

- 5.1. The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 17 January 2022.