

## THE CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the **WALKING AND CYCLING SECTION COUNCIL**  
held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at the Camping and Caravanning Club, Greenfields  
House, Westwood Way, Coventry CV4 8JH  
The Meeting commenced at 11.00am

Members Present:

Graham Mason (Vice Chair – acting Chair), Christine Mason (Secretary), Tim Clarke (Treasurer), John Allen ( Officer to National Council - Elected Member), Steve Harris (C&CC representative), John Gerner (PRO/Website Co-ordinator), Andrew Wood (Northern Representative), Angela Ellis (Peakland Representative), Sandra Wain (Minute Taker - Elected Member), Angela Blood (co-opted member)

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Acting Chairman, Graham Mason, welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out a message received from Les Morton on his and Jean's nomination for the Certificate of Honour. Les thanked the Section Council members for nominating him and also Jean who was to receive one from Phil Henson, the Club Chairman, both were unexpected but they felt honoured by the award. He also thanked Section members for their help and co-operation.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Francine Nutt, Trevor Masters, Deb Masters

- 1 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022.**  
Proposed: John Allen Seconded: Christine Mason that the Minutes were correct. Agreed unanimously. To be signed by Francine Nutt (Chair) at a later date.
- 2 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**  
There were no matters arising.
- 3 **CORRESPONDENCE**  
Report previously distributed
- 4 **TREASURER'S REPORT**  
Report previously distributed. The Treasurer noted that fees were reducing but still higher than three years ago, and expenses have been minimal but there may be an impact on funds when expense have been paid for this November meeting. Steve Harris gave figures of members in each Section and W&CS are the third largest, however the extra annual fee could be a problem to some people when they

are first paying the joining fee. There may be an improvement in numbers after the recent NEC show. Steve explained how potential members were informed about the Sections and that the Club were looking at a different way to highlight them. The problem of members wanting to join Sections before their Club renewal was discussed - mainly members could not access social media groups if they are not Section members.

Proposed Andrew Wood, Seconded Angela Blood that members wishing to join the Section part way through their annual membership may do so by contacting the Club. The Section will then give a refund on production of their membership card. This proposal was agreed by the majority of members.

The Club are in the process of producing digital as well as physical membership.

The Secretary has received a quote of £599 for an Acer laptop, this includes computer software, a year's warranty and setting up. She will also look into a portable hard disk drive and a printer.

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**5 PRO/WEBSITE REPORT**

Report previously distributed. Accepted as read.

**6 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Report accepted as read.

Figures are slightly down, changeover to Christine Mason as Membership Secretary has not yet been completed by the Club. It was confirmed that Area Secretaries' details are on the website and It should be encouraged to contact them.

**7 NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT**

John Allen went through some points in his previously circulated report and requested that Council members contact him by email if they have any queries..

**8 SECTION FORUM REPORT**

There was a discussion about having a representative at the Forum (next meeting in March). The present representatives would like someone else to take on this at some point, but no-one is willing to do so we should leave the Forum. It was pointed out that we are represented at the National Council and that representative can be co-opted onto various national committees.

Proposed by Andrew Wood, seconded by John Allen that there was minimal benefit to be gained by being members of the Section Forum as we are represented at the National Council.

Agreed unanimously.

**9 NORTHERN REPORT**

Report previously circulated. Andrew Wood reported that there is an issue with Kettlewell as there are new owners and Northern Sites Officer has not received confirmation. He suggested that as Peakland have a Meet there, they check that they have confirmation. Northern requested that Peakland liaise with their Sites

Officer when they are planning Meets in the Area with dates etc.  
All 2023 Meets are to be booked, booking will open two months before the Meet date.

### **PEAKLAND REPORT**

- 10 Report previously circulated. There are stewards for all 2023 Meets.

### **WESSEX REPORT**

- 11 Report previously circulated. John Gerner added that they had a good Meet at Devizes Club Site; walkers, keen cyclists both on and off road joined in. One Member has been co-opted onto the Committee, making eleven members.

### **CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR AWARDS FOR LES AND JEAN MORTON**

- 12 These will be presented at Peakland AGM in March 2023.

### **13 DISCUSSION RE VACANT POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE WALKING AND CYCLING SECTION**

It was established that it was not compulsory to have a President as they are a figurehead and it is an honorary post. Andrew Wood explained it is usually a long serving member who may have served at a national level but this is not a proviso, however they will have been of value to Section or Area and would bring information to the Section. There is an expectation that they attend meetings, although they don't have voting rights. After discussion, it was agreed to review again at the January meeting.

### **14 DISCUSSION RE POSSIBLE CENTRAL SITE FOR THE 2014 SECTION AGM AND FESTIVAL OF WALKING AND CYCLING**

John Allen had worked out some central points in the country. Peakland had discussed this and Far Forest had been looked at, however it was thought that are not enough walks for a five-day meet. Also, the site has new owners and it may change status.

Peakland has agreed to host this Meet if needed at Ashford-in-the-Water, if the site is available. It was agreed that they can go ahead to organise this.

### **15 DISCUSSION RE FEASIBILITY OF AMALGAMATION OF CURRENT ESTABLISHED AREAS IN AN ALTERNATIVE SECTION COUNCIL**

#### **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

Our Section has been approached by another Section to amalgamate rather than for them to fold. The Secretary was asked about this by the Trailer Tent and Folding Camper Group, after they are left with only one Area (Northern). This would mean a national Section as are canoeing and other Sections. As their members are keen on walking and cycling they would like to amalgamate with W&CS. After in-depth discussion it was agreed unanimously that we are not in favour of amalgamation but members are welcome to join our Section and Meets.

**DATES FOR THE 4 MEETINGS FOR 2023/24**

- 16 The following were agreed:  
 Post AGM Short Meeting and Council Meeting at 10am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10am (Zoom)  
 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 11am at Coventry  
 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 10am (Zoom)

**17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Toni Busutill-Reynaud (Activity Editor) requested that all copies of the magazine be sent out online as it was a lot of work and expense to send out the one paper copy per year. It was agreed unanimously that this be carried out apart from the members who requested a paper copy.
- b) John Gerner requested that Area disbursement be put on the January meeting agenda. Agreed.
- c) John Gerner asked if it would be possible for future AGM's hosted by Wessex to be held in the afternoon. It was difficult getting halls close to sites and it was suggested a walk to a hall from site where meeting followed by refreshments could be held. This would ensure walks were in daylight. There is a particular site in Banbury where this could be feasible in 2025. This was agreed.

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**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- 18 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10 am via Zoom

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1pm.

**CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE.....**

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