



THE CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB

MINUTES of the virtual meeting of the **WALKING AND CYCLING SECTION COUNCIL** held on 6th September 2023 commencing at 10.00 am

Members Present:

Graham Mason (Vice Chair - Elected Member), Christine Mason (Secretary), Angela Blood (Treasurer), Sandra Wain (Minute Taker - Elected Member), Peter Taylor (Peakland Area Representative), Deb Masters (Wessex Area Representative), Trev Masters (Elected Member), John Allen (Officer to National Council - Elected Member), John Gerner (PRO/Website Co Ordinator) Jane Russell (Elected Member), Steve Harris (C&CC representative), Les Morton (Section President)

In the Chair – Graham Mason (Vice Chair)

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Graham Mason welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Francine Nutt (Chair), Jeff Whitmore (Elected Member)

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING HELD ON 30th APRIL 2022

There has been an oversight in that John Allen, who was absent from the Meeting, had indicated his willingness to carry on as a member of the Executive Committee. However, Peter Taylor had been appointed as the member from the Committee and this was not proposed and seconded, however, it was agreed that given the time scale since then, Peter Taylor carry on this role until the appointment meeting following the AGM in 2024.

Item 6, second paragraph, fifth line, should read the **Section** will reimburse it - not **Area**. The Treasurer stated that the request for reimbursement should come via Areas who will need to fill in an expenses form.

Proposed: Trevor Masters Seconded: Peter Taylor that the Minutes are correct after the preceding amendments.

Agreed unanimously

Action

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. John Gerner and Jane Russell have tabled the Wessex Welcome letter which is given to non-W&CS members at Meets, also an additional document outlying feedback and other comments. It is hoped these are useful to Northern and Peakland. Reports accepted as read.

12. Reimbursement to John Gerner for medical cards - £54 not £50 was reimbursed to take into account other expenses incurred.

13. Chris Mason, John Gerner and Angela Blood are now in full control of Zoom settings.

14. Insurance Off-Site – Steve Harris will speak to Sabina Voysey (Director General) and Emma Catterall (Director of Finance) for clarification.

SH

3 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Report previously distributed Peakland minutes will be on the list for the next meeting.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Report previously distributed. We are in a better financial position than last year. Figures are until 31st July as August ones are not out until 10th September. Zoom subscription has been paid, although we did look at Teams but decided that everyone was now familiar with Zoom. Report accepted.

5. PRO/WEBSITE REPORT

Report previously distributed. PRO highlighted that the report from Rosie Clack-Walsh about the FofW&C will be in the November issue of the Club magazine.

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Report accepted as read, however Christine Mason explained a few problems and is not confident that the figures are correct. These figures are now produced by an outside body and there have been some issues.

Steve Harris will take these concerns to the next Executive meeting and ask it to Investigate.

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7. NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

Report previously circulated. John Allen mentioned the item re Executive and Management meetings being moved to the end of August. Steve Harris explained that the present meeting in the middle of August cuts down the time available for members to take holidays.

Non-recreational campers – There has been an incident involving non-recreational campers and in the course of time, information will be coming out for stewards should this situation arise.

QuickBooks trial is going well and there will be a staged rollout.

Club membership base is 55% digital and 45% paper.

8. NORTHERN REPORT

Report previously circulated. Andrew Wood was pleased to report that a new Treasurer has been appointed for the Area for 2024; she is working with the outgoing Treasurer to ensure a smooth handover.

The owners of Castlerigg Campsite are expanding their business and informed Northern they will no longer be allowing rallies on the site.

Kettlewell meet bookings are going well although there are only a few W&CS members, many of the non-members booking for only 2 or 3 nights.

9. PEAKLAND REPORT

Report previously circulated. 2023 Meets have gone well, some of the future meets are fully booked and, as previously, most campers staying all 5 nights. 2024 Meet sheet was circulated at the last Meet and within 10 minutes the list was filled, mainly by non-Committee members. The Committee has also agreed to trial a charge of £10 per unit per night across all Meets in 2024. Regalia (stickers etc) was also suggested and it was stated that we did have a Section Regalia Officer at one time. Trevor Masters commented it was good to see how well Peakland is doing, the challenge in Wessex is finding people to lead walks, especially as Wessex covers such a large area. Confidence is needed to take a walk and people are trying their best. Peakland usually have 2 or 3 volunteers for long and short walks and there is now more cycling.

10. WESSEX REPORT

Report previously circulated. Deb Masters thanked everyone who helped to make the FofW&C go well. She was pleased to report that Wessex now has a Treasurer to take over in 2024. Meet numbers have been varied - some people have long distances to travel as it is a large area. The Area will carry on with bookings as stewards find this helpful. John Gerner reminded all that there are routes on the website that can be uploaded and a database of Wessex routes. Wessex also has a supply of paper maps. Peter Taylor stated that it has been suggested by Peakland Area that OS mapping app for groups be looked at.

11. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Angela Blood has agreed to carry on as Treasurer for 2024.

Proposed: Deb Masters; Seconded: Sandra Wain

Carried unanimously.

12. SUBSCRIPTIONS COST 2024

Options put forward and discussed are keeping it at the current rate of £6 (which it has been for many years) if members want us to carry on spending on them, or reducing it to £5 to slow down income coming in.

Proposed: Steve Harris, seconded John Allen that the subscription be reduced to £5

Proposed John Gerner, seconded Peter Taylor that the subscription remains at £6.

The second motion of subscription remaining at £6 was agreed by a majority vote.

13. MEMBERS OF THE SECTION COUNCIL WHO WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AT THE NEXT AGM

John Gerner, Graham Mason and Francine Nutt will have completed their term of office at the next AGM and all have agreed to stand again for election. Steve Harris pointed out that all members of the Section have the opportunity to stand. The Secretary has sent the AGM notice to Coventry. She will send out the nomination forms to all who wish to stand.

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14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1) John Gerner requested that disbursement be an item on the agenda at the Committee Meeting in January as this will enable the new Wessex Treasurer to know what funds are available. Agreed.

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2) 2025 FofW&C/AGM The Northern Area rep was formally asked if the Area would be prepared to host this 2025 event. Andrew Wood stated that the Area was not in a stable position at present but he will ask at the next Committee Meeting.

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3) Jane Russell gave details of problems her friends have encountered when trying to update preferences with Coventry, also waiting for the Siteseekers book and updates. All taking a long time thus making it hard for someone to join. Steve Harris informed the Meeting that temporary workers have been taken on, however he will take up the problem with Coventry.

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4) Sandra Wain enquired about ideas for spending money for the benefit of members, which Areas were briefed to discuss after the last Section meeting. Peakland has come up with some ideas and it was agreed that these and any from the other Areas be shared along with disbursement at the January meeting. Deb Masters requested details of the whiteboard purchased by Peakland to be passed to John Gerner for Wessex to look at.

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5) The Treasurer stated that all 3 Areas would be going over to the QuickBooks system in 2024 and will be having training by Headquarters.

15. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th November 2023 at Coventry, commencing at 11.00 am.
Fuel receipt required if claiming mileage for driving.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 11.10 am.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

