

**MINUTES OF THE CNCC COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 16 October 2009  
AT HELLIFIELD VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

The Meeting commenced at 20.00.

**PRESENT:** Glenn Jones (Treasurer), Les Sykes (Secretary), Bernard Bond (BCC), F. Hartley (BCC), J. Sloane (LUG), S. Lieberman (RRCPC), M. Hughes (BPC), P. Monk (NB), A. Whitney (RRCPC/CRO), J. Phillips (RRCPC), , H. Lomas (YRC), R. Holmes (Chairperson), R. Duffy (RRCPC), M. Dunn (conservation), A. Hinde (Natural England), M. Hale (BSG/CRO), R. Halliwell (CPC), P. Halliwell (CPC).

**1. APOLOGIES:**

P. Allwright, T. Brown.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Minutes accepted and signed. (Proposed R. Duffy Seconded B. Bond).

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES:**

The proposed Via Ferrata in Jingling Pot will not be going ahead because of concerns from various parties. This issue is now closed.

**4. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:**

RH commented that on the whole he thought it had been a quiet summer and it appeared that caver numbers seem to have declined this year.

**SECRETARYS REPORT:**

Report circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting. And the main points are covered within the minutes.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Written report presented which covered the following points:

- £ CNCC rigging guide version 2/2009 is now on sale with the update of Rowten pot.
- £ GJ explained that CNCC has now paid back it's over payment from BCA and that we will receive a grant year ending 2009.
- £ There are now only 17 cave rescue manuals left.

**ACCESS AND CONSERVATION OFFICER:**

MD explained that she had accepted a short term contract with Natural England (NE) to support the cave conservation project. The alleged damage in Robinson's Pot was discussed; Ric also mentioned that he is currently in negotiation with the National Trust regarding the Robinson's Pot access agreement. It was agreed that we would wait for a full report from the person who found the damage before considering a course of action.

### **TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT:**

Training officer report circulated prior to the meeting. The 2010 training event was discussed and some positive ideas were discussed. LS has asked those with ideas for an update at the next meeting.

### **TECHNICAL GROUP:**

Anchors have been placed around the shaft at Jinglyng Pot avoiding the need to belay to the tree. The route from the small gully gives a pleasant access to both the bottom of the shaft and the Lateral Cleft.

All the topos for the new rigging guide volume two have been drawn. We are currently in the process of checking them for accuracy and putting the descriptions and general information together. It had originally been hoped that it would be finished by this time and on sale, but as with everything it always takes longer than you expect.

### **5. MEETS SECRETARYS REPORTS:**

#### **Leck Fell:**

JS submitted a report which outlined the following points:

- ☞ November and December are nearly booked.
- ☞ Availability for January, February, March 2010.
- ☞ Voldemort will be opened as soon as we get a letter of confirmation from the estate office.

#### **Casterton Fell:**

Nothing to report.

#### **Birks Fell:**

New access agreement for Robinson's Pot is being discussed with the national Trust, full update at the next meeting.

#### **Penyghent and Fountains Fell:**

Apart from it being a relatively quiet period, the only other thing to report was that M. Atkinson (farmer) was moving.

#### **Other Areas:**

1. Whitewell Pot; work is complete. The CNCC asked P. Monk to pass on their thanks to all the volunteers who put in some 750 hours to complete the project. It was suggested that the work be written up for Descent and the local press.
  
2. Excalibur Pot; All the work is now complete and the explorers York University have been talking to the farmer about access. We are

currently in what would be the closed season and we are using this period to finalise the arrangements and write an access agreement. Hopefully, when the season opens we will have all the facets in place and club visits can start. A representative from York University will be acting as meets secretary for the cave.

3. LS asked M. Hale to talk to the farmer (J. Lambert) about the condition of the perimeter fence at the footpath by Alum Pot. CNCC is prepared to pay for material if necessary.
4. It was reported that Dr. Farrah is very ill and that Ingham and Yorke have taken on more of the Estate duties. BPC and CPC have been sent a letter about unauthorised activities on the Fell. A meeting is being arranged to discuss the issues which it is presumed are about digging within the SSSI. It was confirmed that the meeting is not about access.
5. Six conservation works packages have been finished so far this financial year (04/2009-03/2010). About half the money has already been spent.

#### **9. BCA REPORTS:**

CNCC has now finished paying back its over payment and that CNCC should receive about £707 for conservation and access for the period 2008 to present.

BCA are introducing a new class of membership (CIM+) for 2010. This is for members who want to receive the newsletter and BCA magazines but currently do not because they have CIM and not DIM membership.

#### **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

It was reported that the Arco quarry at Helwith Bridge seems to be advancing quickly into the hill.

1. AH took the presentation of the surface works project to Hidden Earth where it received considerable positive feedback. The meeting discussed the possibility of producing a newsletter portraying the surface works project. GJ agreed that CNCC could fund the newsletter, AH is to collate information and photographs and the possibility of a draft newsletter for the next meeting.
2. F. Hartley mentioned the defective 'M8' anchors in Rift Pot (Allotment). LS told FH that CNCC Technical Group was only concerned about defective Eco anchors and that Rift Pot had geological problems making installation of Eco hangers problematic, and that was why Long Kin East was Eco anchored as it provides a safe route to the same destination.

3. The CNCC meeting adopted the BCA document 'Permanent Resin Bonded Anchors', Installation Procedure, Training and Documentation. This was proposed by B. Bond, seconded by R. Duffy and agreed by the meeting.
4. Nominations for regional anchor installers were agreed by the meeting R. Duffy and S. Lieberman (RRCPC) and two nominated by M. Hughes, however MH wanted to confirm acceptance with the nominees. Other nominees were suggested and accepted subject to confirmation from the nominees.
5. Pat and Ric Halliwell agreed, on behalf of CPC, to scrutinise the Treasurer's Report and CNCC accounts as they have done for the last few years and this offer was accepted. They also offer their apologies in advance of the January meeting.

Meeting closed at 21:17

## **12. DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:**

### **Committee meeting**

**15 January 2010** Hellifield Village Institute, Hellifield. AGM starting at 20:00

### **AGM**

**06 March 2010** Hellifield Village Institute, Hellifield. AGM starting at 10:00