

COUNCIL FOR THE NORTHERN CAVING COMMUNITY

Agenda for Committee Meeting 13th June 2026, Clapham Village Hall, 9:30am

(1) Housekeeping

In-person attendees are encouraged to speak loud and clear for audibility through the microphones. Online attendees please remain muted while not speaking; Use the 'raise hand' function of Teams to vote (don't forget to lower afterwards) and if you wish to speak feel free to jump in or raise hand; We will be watching out for this, but in a lively discussion it may take a few minutes to get to you.

- a. Verification of a quorum (*six Committee representatives and one Officer*).
- b. Declaration of any other business to discuss (Item 8).
- c. Declaration of conflicts of interests.

(2) Acceptance of minutes from the January Committee meeting

Available on CNCC website to download.

(3) Matters arising or updates on action items from the January Committee meeting?

Individual(s)	Action item
Jill B.	Finalise October committee minutes. Done.
Jill B.	Prepare and circulate January committee minutes. Done
Andrew H.	Liaise with Sam Allshorn regarding Swan Dike Pot fencing work.
Gary D.	Cave Maps hosting – Discuss with Becca Lawson. Done and new site under development at time of writing this agenda.
Jill B.	Tourist tax consultation – Follow up with BCA. This action was assigned in error and can be removed.
Matt E.	Provide details on location of anchoring and PR kit for insurance. Done.
Matt E.	Post volcanic rock concrete screws article on CNCC website. Done.
Matt E.	Discussion paper on X (Twitter) for AGM. Done, AGM voted to delete account.
Tim A/Todd R.	Representation review – provide proposals for AGM. Done; General take-home message from AGM was discontent about allowing CNCC Officers an individual vote; The team will take this feedback on board and revisit the plans ahead of a future meeting.

(4) Confirmation of co-opted positions and representatives

This agenda item will involve a vote on whether to endorse the continuation of each of these co-opted positions and their associated volunteer, and an opportunity for anyone else interested in performing or supporting one of these roles (or a new role) to come forward.

CNCC is free to create additional co-opted roles on the day or throughout the year as required (including assistants for any of the existing Officer or Co-opted positions). If there is a role you feel you could perform or a volunteer you would like to support/shadow, please ideally get in touch with secretary@cncc.org.uk to discuss in advance, or you can come along to the meeting.

CO-OPTED VOLUNTEERS – For supporting CNCC in various specialist areas

Accounts Scrutineer	Dinny Davies	New to position
Anchor Coordinator	Ian Walker	Returning
Archaeology Coordinator	Tony Brown	Returning
Assistant Access Officer	James Alderson	New to position
Assistant Training Officer	Mark Richards	Returning
Inclusivity Coordinator	Josh White	Returning
PR & Communications Officer	Matt Ewles	Returning
Projects Coordinator	Andrew Hinde	Returning
Web Administrator	Gary Douthwaite	Returning
Youth Development Coordinator	Christopher Holt	New to position

ACCESS COORDINATORS - For our small number of remaining permit-issuing areas

Bowland	Anthony Brown	Returning
Excalibur	Matt Ewles	Returning
Robinsons Pot	Dinny Davies	Returning
Fairy Holes	Dinny Davies	Returning

BCA REPRESENTATIVES – For representing CNCC on BCA’s various working groups

BCA Council	Todd Rye
Conservation & Access Working Group	Mike Appleton
Training and Equipment Working Group	Mark Richards/Ian Patrick
Youth & Development Working Group	Christopher Holt
Anchors Working Group	Ian Walker

(5) Representation review update

An optional standing agenda item for this year if needed, to provide any updates on the progress of the representation review and to ask for Committee feedback.

(6) Insurance for CNCC training workshops

The CNCC runs a diverse range of training workshops, which are well respected and attended by cavers from across the country. These workshops are delivered by various trainers for a fixed day rate fee. We have received confirmation from the BCA Insurance Manager that neither CNCC nor trainer would be covered by BCA's Public Liability Insurance (PLI) in this situation. Some trainers might have their own PLI, some might not, but presumably the CNCC (as the organiser) is not covered by PLI for any of these events.

The CNCC Committee is encouraged to research this situation further from whatever expertise is at your disposal to identify whether this presents a concern, and what action, if any, might be needed moving forwards with our training program.

(7) Reports (will be made available approx one week before meeting)

OFFICERS AND IC REPRESENTATIVE

a. Chair	Todd Rye
b. Secretary	Matt Ewles
c. Treasurer	Jill Bolton
d. Conservation Officer	Kay Easton
e. Access Officer	Mike Appleton
f. Training Officer	Ian Patrick
g. Individual Caver Rep	Tim Allen

CO-OPTED ROLES REPORTS (reports are optional)

a. Anchor Coordinator	Ian Walker
b. Archaeology Coordinator	Tony Brown
c. Assistant Access Officer	James Alderson
d. Assistant Training Officer	Mark Richards
e. Inclusivity Coordinator	Josh White
f. PR & Communications Officer	Matt Ewles
g. Projects Coordinator	Andrew Hinde
h. Web Administrator	Gary Douthwaite
i. Youth Development Coordinator	Christopher Holt
j. BCA Reps (if not covered above)	Various
k. Area access coordinators	Various

(8) Any other business?

Please ensure AOB is declared as much in advance as possible to secretary@cnc.org.uk (ideally at least one week before the meeting). However, on-the-day items can be raised if time allows, but please declared them at the start of the meeting to ensure we leave enough time.