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BMC NATIONAL COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the 52nd National Council meeting held at
Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre, Settle on Saturday 11 February 2017.

In attendance

Voting members:

Vice-President	Nick Kurth	(NK)	Chair
Cymru Wales (North)	Dan Lane	(DL)	
Cymru Wales (North)	Iona Pawson	(IP)	
Cymru Wales (South)	Will Kilner	(WK)	
Lakes	Ted Rogers	(TR)	
London & South East	Lisa Payne	(LP)	
London & South East	Rik Payne	(RP)	
Midlands	Roger Fanner	(RF)	
Midlands	Phil Simister	(PS)	
North East	Mark Anstiss	(MA)	
North East	Jon Punshon	(JP)	
North West	Andy Say	(AS)	
North West	Carl Spencer	(CS)	
Peak	David Brown	(DB)	
Peak	Rob Greenwood	(RG)	
South West	Gareth Palmer	(GP)	
South West	Helen Wilson	(HW)	
Yorkshire / AMG	Dave Musgrove	(DM)	
CEO	Dave Turnbull	(DT)	

Observers:

Independent Director	Simon McCalla	(SM)	
Independent Director	Brian Smith	(BS)	
Clubs	Fiona Sanders	(FS)	
Equity	Kamala Sen	(KS)	
Finance	Graham Richmond	(GR)	
Land Management	Martin Wragg	(MW)	
Plas y Brenin	Jackie Bryson	(JB)	

Staff:

Deputy CEO	Nick Colton	(NC)	
Secretary	Tony Ryan	(TRY)	

Note: * = supporting paper circulated.

Actions

1. Welcome & apologies for absence

1.1 Welcome

- 1.1.1 Nick Kurth chaired the meeting in the absence of Rupert Davies, who was unable to reach the meeting due to difficult driving conditions.

NK welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Iona Pawson, Carl Spencer and Helen Wilson, who were attending National Council for the first time. Amongst the key issues for discussion were the nominations for National Council representatives on the Board of Directors.

- 1.1.2 Dave Turnbull noted the recent passing of former BMC President Joe Walmsley, one of the longest standing members of the Rucksack Club. National Council recorded a note of condolence.

1.2 Apologies

- 1.2.1 Apologies were received from Nick Bond, Anthony Eccles, Rich Emerson, Emma Flaherty, Tim Greenhalgh, Guy Jarvis, Iain McCallum, Mike Rosser, Rehan Siddiqui, John Simpson, Peter Sterling and Andy Syme.

1.3 Conflicts of Interest in relation to agenda items

- 1.3.1 No conflicts were declared.

2. Note issues for AOB

- 2.1
- South Wales status as an outreach group or area (Will Kilner).
 - Length of National Council meetings (David Brown).

3. Minutes of the previous meeting*

3.1 Accuracy of previous minutes

- 3.1.1 Mark Anstiss observed that Item 10.1 (Rebrand progress update) was not listed in Item 3. (Points for AOB). NOTED

With the above agreed amendment, the minutes of the December 2016 meeting were signed by the Chair.

3.2 Actions from previous minutes

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| 3.2.1 | Ref 2.12.2: Include Hill Walking Working Group (HWWG) report on February NC agenda. | DONE |
| 3.2.2 | Ref 2.3.2: Discuss fundraising for re-equipping Horseshoe Quarry at next Peak area meeting – ongoing. | ACTION:
RG |
| 3.2.3 | Ref 2.6.2: Leicestershire guidebook progress update – no progress. | DONE |
| 3.2.4 | Ref 2.11.4: Contact Ed Douglas to discuss Brexit article – done. | DONE |
| 3.2.5 | Ref 5.1.1: Fixed equipment paper – formulate wording – see Item 4.1.1. | DONE |
| 3.2.6 | Ref 5.1.2: New member data breakdown update – see Item 4.1.2. | DONE |
| 3.2.7 | Ref 5.1.3: Set start time of April 2017 National Council. | DONE |
| 3.2.8 | Ref 5.1.4: Sign & return Conflicts of Interest document (if not done so) – TRy to check with Kate Anwyl – ongoing. | ACTION:
TRY |
| 3.2.9 | Ref 5.1.5: Exec to present new vision and mission statements. | DONE |
| 3.2.10 | Ref 6.1.1: Include 'Support for Areas' on February NC agenda. Actioned by introduction of Teamwork file sharing process. | DONE |
| 3.2.11 | Ref 7.1.1: Include 'Remit of NC & Exec' on February NC agenda and bring forward constitutional issues on agenda. | DONE |
| 3.2.12 | Ref 7.2.1: Include 'Length of term of directors' on February NC agenda. | DONE |
| 3.2.13 | Ref 7.3.1: Circulate NC agenda/papers one month before meetings. | DONE |
| 3.2.14 | Ref 7.4.1: Invite interested candidates to apply as NC rep on Exec. | DONE |
| 3.2.15 | Ref 7.5.1: Include 'Patron nomination' (Rab Carrington) and include role of patrons on February NC agenda. | DONE |
| 3.2.16 | Item 8.4.1: Include '2020 Olympics admin structure update' on February NC agenda. | DONE |
| 3.2.17 | Item 10.4.1: Investigate options for distribution of NC papers. | DONE |

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

4.1

- 4.1.1 Ref 5.1.1 (fixed equipment paper): MW explained that there were two issues: an advisory paper for interested parties; and advising on liability.

Possible solutions to the liability issue have been identified, including life / honorary / affiliate BMC membership.

With effect from 1 January 2017, the BMC's combined liability insurance provider, Hiscox has confirmed that the definition of members includes previous members, which means that all current and previous members are covered by the BMC's policy as long as the BMC maintains cover.

For the immediate future, this resolves the problem, although insurance cover is reviewed annually, so the situation could change.

Carl Spencer felt that the BMC's fixed equipment policy does not always work when applied at a local level, and that it needs further consideration.

DB felt that we should communicate the current situation to bolters. DT thought that this would be a fairly small group of activists, and agreed to look at identifying and informing them.

**ACTION:
DT**

- 4.1.2 Ref 5.1.2 (new member data breakdown): Roger Fanner reported that a system for analysing data related to new members has been established, and we now need to develop a system for analysing existing members.

5. Constitutional issues

5.1 Director nominations (National Council reps)*

- 5.1.1 NK thanked those who had put forward their names for consideration: Nick Bond, Roger Fanner, Will Kilner and Rik Payne.

The meeting needed to decide whether it wanted to elect two or three representatives. Following consideration of the male / female balance of the Board, the skills requirements and the continuity of Executive Committee membership, members agreed by a show of hands to elect three representatives.

The candidates were invited to make a brief statement about their reasons for applying. A statement from Nick Bond was read out in his absence. The candidates then left the room to allow for a private discussion about the BMC's requirements.

Voting cards were then issued to voting members, for them to select their preferred candidates. The cards were collected and votes counted up by Nick Colton, with Simon McCalla acting as observer.

The three candidates receiving the most votes, and therefore elected as National Council representatives on the Executive were: Roger Fanner, Will Kilner and Rik Payne.

NOTED

5.2 Board nominations (VP & Treasurer)*

- 5.2.1 The meeting was advised that Libby Peter had decided not to stand for election as vice-president, and suggestions for other potential candidates were invited. It was noted that more female representatives are required on the Executive.

5.2.2 Phil Simister questioned who had the authority to nominate VPs etc. In response, DT explained that it was recommended by the Exec and then endorsed by the NC and then the membership (through a General Meeting). NK highlighted that a Nominations Committee was being advocated by SE as an option in its recently issued Governance Document, which may offer benefits to the BMC.

5.2.3 DT summarised the contribution made to the BMC by Graham Richmond, standing for election as honorary treasurer. He is the current chair of the Finance Committee and former Midlands Area chair, as well as a former chair of the Bowline Climbing Club.

A vote was taken on whether to approve the nomination of Graham Richmond as honorary treasurer.

Proposed: PS; Seconded: RG
For – 17; Against – 0; Abstentions – 0.

Nomination of GR approved to go to the AGM.

NOTED

5.3 Length of term of BMC Directors*

5.3.1 A proposal to extend the length of director appointments was discussed. The proposal could provide an element of flexibility and improve continuity and succession planning. The suggested extension is that exec and non-exec directors, and National Council representatives would serve three years, with an option to extend for up to a further three years, as agreed by the president. The treasurer would continue with the current five-year term.

It was acknowledged that the proposal does have downsides, for example the additional time commitment might act as a disincentive to some candidates.

Will Kilner proposed that directors' term finish points should be added to the skills matrix.

**ACTION:
DT**

Rik Payne suggested that alignment of terms with strategic planning periods might be considered.

Simon McCalla supported the proposal, but felt we should also embrace candidates who can only commit to three years, if we feel they can make a contribution.

PS felt that it was inappropriate for the President to have the authority to grant an extension and that any extension needed to reflect the initial approval process (endorsement by NC and approval by the membership (via a General Meeting)).

The meeting was though generally supportive of the proposal, and agreed it should be developed further.

**ACTION:
NK**

5.4 Role and remit of National Council and the Board of Directors*

DT provided some background history; the core of the Memorandum & Articles of Association date from 1993, following incorporation in 1990, and the BMC's decision making structure has not changed significantly since that time. Whilst the current system is not broken, there is some confusion over what constitutes policy, strategy and guidelines, so clarification is needed in order to move forward with confidence about good governance.

Martin Wragg (BMC honorary legal adviser) who was involved in the drafting of the 1993 M&AA explained that they reflected the management structure of the BMC at that time; and further stated that he felt that the decision to delineate responsibilities created a tension between the constitution and company law.

There was then a general discussion about the M&AA, Management Regulation G17 (which defines the remit of National Council and the Executive) and the draft Responsibility (RACI) matrix. MW expressed some concerns about the wording and definitions set out in G17. Rik Payne and others suggested the need for a working group to consider this in more detail, MW and NK concurred.

The meeting then formally agreed to establish a Governance Working Group, the scope and Terms of Reference of which should be agreed by the AGM weekend.

ACTION:
DT

As an aside, DT asked whether there was a name preference for Executive Committee or Board of Directors – it was agreed to retain Executive Committee for now.

NOTED

5.5 BMC Patrons*

The meeting discussed the role of BMC Patrons, followed by the nomination of Rab Carrington.

The lack of a defined role was acknowledged as a weakness, as was the profile (gender, age) of the current patrons; the meeting discussed how these issues might be addressed, how the organisation can best utilise patrons, suggestions for female patrons, and possible appointments from outside the mountaineering community.

The nomination by Rehan Siddiqui of Rab Carrington for BMC Patron was discussed. It was acknowledged that Rab's profile within the mountaineering community was not significantly different from some of the current patrons, but notwithstanding that, it was felt that he would make an excellent addition.

NK suggested the meeting should vote on the nomination, but delay announcing it whilst continuing to search for a suitable female candidate for the role, with a view to announcing Rab and any new patrons at the AGM in April. The ongoing review of the role and make-up of BMC Patrons should continue.

A vote was taken on whether to approve the nomination of Rab Carrington for the role of BMC Patron.

Proposed: RP; Seconded: PS
For – 17; Against – 0; Abstentions – 0.

Nomination of Rab Carrington as BMC Patron approved with effect from 22 April 2017.

AGREED

5.6 AGM agenda and format*

The meeting agreed to change 'entitled to speak and vote' to 'entitled to vote' in the introductory section about voting entitlement, in order not to discourage members u18 members from attending the AGM (and speaking).

NOTED

Item 3 of the agenda (Presentation and adoption of the 2016 Annual Report) will include a presentation of the 'highlights' of 2016, as well as a look forward to the major activities of 2017.

DT noted the possible addition of an agenda item from Bob Pettigrew.

Vice President nomination: Libby Peter had decided not to take up the invitation to become a VP. PS proposed Brian Smith as a VP, enabling him to continue to have a role on the Executive Committee after his tenure as an Independent Director ended. This was noted.

MW advised that the Executive Committee had always been the nominations committee for the vice president positions, but National Council was always consulted; it was also within the power of the Executive Committee to delegate the nominations role. The importance of a healthy male / female balance was noted.

6. Policy issues

6.1 Structure for managing climbing as an Olympic sport (report)*

NC provided an update; UK Sport is currently considering investment in the five new sports (including climbing) for the 2020 Olympics, as part of its annual investment review, and we are hopeful that we will receive some funding from September 2017. In the interim, we are working with UK Sport to determine what possible support it can provide in the coming months.

RP asked about an alternative plan, should we not receive UK Sport funding.

CS asked about the selection process. We should know more about the process for competitors to take part in Tokyo after the IFSC Plenary Assembly in March.

6.2 Hill Walking Working Group*

The group's strategic plan for hill walking was presented to the meeting for endorsement and support. NK asked that area representatives pass on National Council's thanks for their contributions to the document.

BS advised that the cost estimate for implementing the plan was in the region of £100k p.a. He felt the plan would enable us to recruit new members, and that if we recruited 2,000 new members, we could break even after two years.

DT acknowledged that the content and the presentation of the plan was excellent, but it came with a big price tag at a time when a large budget deficit is already being forecast. He then went on to say that Sport England had been shown the document, that it was enthusiastic and that it was considering funding the first few years to the tune of £130k. Clearly, if this did not happen, consideration was needed on relative resource priorities.

WK felt that there were opportunities for the BMC and Mountain Training to work together on elements of the strategy.

With regard to a proposed hill walking specialist committee, RP felt setting up a permanent committee was not appropriate, and that we should aim for hill walking to be like all the other activities we represent. RF suggested setting up a group to oversee implementation of the plan over a period of perhaps two years.

MW advised that under section 7 of the plan ('Embed the commitment to hill walking within the BMC'), the Land Management Group should not be included amongst the committees required to recruit at least one member primarily with a hill walking interest.

A vote was taken on whether to approve the strategic plan and the setting up of an implementation group.

Proposed: RP; Seconded: PS
For – 17; Against – 0; Abstentions – 0.

Hill Walking Strategic Plan approved and should be taken forward by BS.

ACTION:
BS

NK thanked BS and the working group members on behalf of National Council.

6.3 BMC future strategy (including vision & mission)*

NK introduced the paper, which had been drawn up following a two-day future strategy workshop, and asked for feedback.

PS felt the document to be a vague series of aspirations and not a strategy document in any meaningful sense of the word.

HW commented that the paper contained few targets / deadlines, and asked if this was intentional.

FS felt the plan represented a change of direction in terms of the balance between supporting current participants and recruiting new ones, and also that clubs should feature more prominently. She also queried the suitability of the vision statement, '*a nation inspired to climb and walk*'.

CS felt the strategy must be aligned with what members want, and that a questionnaire to members might be a good way to confirm their needs and aspirations.

MW felt that the term 'authority' as stated in the organisation's values (integrity, authority, reliability, inclusiveness) might be better expressed as 'leadership'. He also felt the plan should be matched to resources.

Under the key theme of 'valuing our heritage', FS suggested a need to consider club huts and the issue of maintaining these facilities for the future.

The meeting agreed that paper should be developed further and the next draft presented to National Council in April.

ACTION:
DT

7. Reports

7.1 Finance*

7.1.1 a) 2016 year end and 2017 forecast

GR presented the latest accounts information. The 2016 accounts show a £23k surplus, which is on budget.

Positive variances included the Combined Liability end-of-year discount (£29k), an upturn in travel insurance sales, strong sales of branded clothing through the online shop, and a large reduction on printing and postage costs.

Negative variances included additional budget allocation (£15k) to the GB Climbing Team, refurbishment depreciation costs (£26k) and increased postage costs and reduced advertising revenue from Summit magazine.

The 2017 budget shows a £79k deficit, and includes an estimate of the amount of grant funding from Sport England, as the precise amount has yet to be confirmed. DT noted that the latest figures received from Sport England in the last few days suggest the deficit may in fact be in the order of £100-120k.

Questions were asked about how the budget is made up in terms of allocation of costs and income such as officer costs and Sport England grant funding. Some members felt that more detail was required to enable fuller discussion and feedback. MA suggested that the summary management accounts should include a line showing grant income. Action: Finance Committee to provide more detail in future report.

**ACTION:
JS / GR**

7.1.2 **b) 2018 subscriptions**

Based on the April 2017 AGM approving a proposed increase to membership subscriptions (£2.50 for individual members, £0.50 for club members and concessions) from 1 January 2018, the 2018 budget has been set at a small (£3k) surplus.

Membership subscriptions have only increased once since 2009 and feedback from recent BMC area meetings to a proposed increase had been generally positive.

RP felt it was important to clearly communicate the reason for a subscriptions increase, and also focus on the value for money BMC membership represents.

DB felt that the disparity between individual and club member subscription rates was already hard to justify, and proposed that the club member subscription increase should be £1.00, not £0.50,

FS was concerned that smaller clubs, whose club membership fees are generally lower than the bigger clubs, might disaffiliate from the BMC if they saw a greater proportion of their income going to BMC affiliation. FS felt the BMC should examine and pursue all available means of generating income as alternatives to raising membership subscriptions.

A vote was taken on whether to propose the following membership subscriptions increases to the 2017 BMC AGM:

Individual - £2.50; Club - £1.00; Concessions - £1.00

Proposed: DB; Seconded: GP
For – 16; Against – 0; Abstentions – 1.

The meeting agreed the proposal, and that an explanation would go out to members, including a contribution from FS as Clubs Committee Chair.

**ACTION:
DT / FS**

DB asked whether we should consider a lower subscription rate for under 21s (the concessionary rate applies to under 18s, students and the unemployed). RF said that we would need to analyse membership data to look at the potential financial impact of such a proposal.

7.2 **Area reports***

7.2.1 **Lakes***

11 members attended the February meeting in Staveley. An updated constitution for the Cumbria Bolt Fund was agreed.

The National Trust and FRCC are looking to stop the practice of placing memorials on Great Gable, and alternative sites have been identified.

The John Muir Trust is looking to take over the management of Glenridding Common from the national park authority.

In the Coniston area, yellow paint has been sprayed on paths and cairns, presumably as route markers.

7.2.2 **London & SE***

35 people attended the January meeting in central London, which included a talk by mountaineer and adventurer Heather Geluk. Issues discussed included the lack of gender equality of BMC Patrons.

In respect of governance, the meeting had no issue with where decisions were made as long as there was accountability. It was suggested that an Operational chart be published on the BMC website.

There were no objections to the possibility of an increase in subscriptions.

7.2.3 **Midlands***

29 people attended the February meeting in Solihull, which included a talk by Maddy Cope.

Discussions included club hut insurance requirements, and consultation opportunities for development of new climbing walls in the area.

The meeting had sought reassurance that the strategic plan of the HWWG will be implemented and there will be an individual or group to continue to promote hill walking issues at a national level.

7.2.4 **North East**

JP reported that the February meeting had not yet taken place, and was scheduled for 16 February in Durham.

7.2.5 **North West***

12 people attended the January meeting in Manchester. CS reported that the area has elected a new secretary, Andy Say.

The success of Mend Our Mountains prompted the suggestion that mountain clean-ups could be added to the volunteer-led crag clean-up initiatives.

A lack of club representation at meetings had been noted, and the area agreed to increase its efforts to get club representatives to attend future meetings.

Solutions for a possible shortage of belayers for area youth climbing competitions were discussed, as well as ways to improve communications with walls about the work of the BMC.

A new routes pamphlet is being considered, spearheaded by Les Ainsworth.

7.2.6 **Peak**

The February meeting in Grindleford was well attended as usual (70+), and included a presentation by Moors For The Future.

The decision not to include first ascent information in recent BMC definitive guidebooks was discussed, and there had been a strong feeling that Peak Limestone South should include first ascent information.

Concern was expressed about changes to the management structure of the North Lees (Stanage) Estate, which included the breaking of ties with a number of stakeholder groups. Also of concern was the introduction of parking fines.

7.2.7 **South West***

18 people attended the January meeting in Exeter, which discussed ongoing climbing bans at several local crags, including Radcliff Quarry, Hazard Quarry and Vixen Tor, as well as footpath safety issues at Bosigran.

The Lundy Climbing Festival, planned for late July / early August is fully subscribed. It replaces the Cornish Climbing & Walking Festival, which will return in 2018.

7.2.8 **Yorkshire***

28 people attended the February meeting in Ben Rhydding. Andy Syme is the new Area Chair, and also one of its National Council representatives.

The meeting supported the strategy document produced by the HWWG.

There was further discussion about potential impact of campaign for cyclists to have more access to public paths in England and Wales

The meeting had accepted the need for a subscriptions increase, particularly in the light of likely reduced grant income from Sport England.

7.2.9 **Cymru Mid Wales***

10 people attended the February meeting in Aberyswyth, which included a talk by Sam Tolhurst.

Huw Gilbert has replaced Peter Trickey as Area Chair; Peter stepped down due to relocation outside of Mid Wales.

The meeting discussed the possible re-activation of wind farm development on Pumlumon, the potential development for climbing (subject to access agreements) of two local quarries in Pennal and Corris, and the difficulty in organising the TremFest while the Tremadog café, is up for sale.

7.2.10 **Cymru North Wales**

35 people attended the February meeting in Bangor.

The issue of funding of youth climbing activities was discussed, and the difficulty in accessing grant funding.

A planning application by Forest Holidays to reduce the number of tent pitches at Beddgelert Forest campsite from 195 to 55, so that 25 luxury cabins could be built, was discussed. It was agreed that a letter of objection should be written, on the grounds that the development would reduce the amount of accessible affordable accommodation for outdoor users and have an adverse impact on the local village economy'.

The National Trust has agreed it will not put hydroelectricity schemes on some of the more popular and iconic areas in Snowdonia including the rivers Ogwen and Lloer, but the proliferation of small-scale hydroelectricity schemes is still a live issue.

7.2.11 **Cymru South Wales***

12 people attended the February meeting in Cardiff. Elfyn Jones joined in via Skype.

A new festival in Pembroke is planned for the Spring bank holiday weekend, to coincide with a Range West Briefing and an area meeting.

It is hoped to hold the Gower Climbing Festival once again in September, but Matt Everett is unable to commit so much time to organising the event, so a new volunteer event co-ordinator is required.

The meeting discussed the status of the Cymru South Wales area as an outreach group, and whether it would function better as a fully constituted BMC area. There was unanimous support for National Council to vote on whether it should be constituted as a full area, and WK had produced a paper for discussion as an AOB item.

7.3 **CEO report***

Total membership at the end of December 2016 was 82,743 (57,479 individual, 25,264 club), an increase of 1,704 on December 2015.

Travel insurance sales for 2016 were up on 2015, by 6% (£18k) in income and 7% (1,066) in number of policies. Average margin was down by about 20p per policy, due to discounts given, but the increase in volume (and goodwill) more than made up for this reduction.

Membership Services Online (MSO) has been launched and is live with both clubs and student clubs.

Priorities for the coming quarter are: submission of 2017-21 Sport England grant application; production of a detailed operational plan and development of a new strategic plan; and resolution of remaining issues relating to the roles of National Council and the Executive.

7.4 **1 February Executive (Board) meeting**

Abridged minutes not yet available. To be circulated alongside the 11 February NC minutes.

8. **Club applications for membership***

- 8.1 An application from Goldsmiths Mountaineering Club, a student club from the University of London, was received on 11 January and circulated to National Council on 16 January. No objections were received by the 30 January deadline, so the club's application has been accepted.

NOTED

FS requested feedback on the draft club acceptance criteria as circulated.

FS

9. **AOB**

9.1 **South Wales status as outreach group or area***

WK explained the history of the South Wales area, which first held a meeting in February 2007; prior to that, Wales area meetings had been held in North Wales. Since then, South Wales has held regular area meetings and established itself as an area in its own right, separate from North Wales.

The area currently has one National Council representative (and one vote), compared to the two of North Wales, and annual election of area volunteers is still conducted as part of the all-Wales AGM held in North Wales, meaning that those who elect them are typically not based in South Wales.

WK felt that agreeing to constitute it as a separate area (with two National Council representatives, its own area AGM, and its own budget) would enable better support to be provided to members and volunteers in the area.

The meeting discussed the process for deciding on the proposal. The Articles of Association entitle National Council to form, vary and disband areas. DT asked whether BMC Cymru as a whole was supportive of the proposal.

A vote was taken on the proposal to constitute South Wales as a separate BMC area.

Proposed: RP; Seconded: LP
For – 15; Against – 0; Abstentions – 2.

The meeting agreed the proposal.

NOTED

9.2 Length of National Council meetings (David Brown)

DB pointed out that many had to travel considerable distances and sacrifice most if not all of a weekend to attend National Council meetings. With this in mind, he felt it important that sufficient time was allocated to items which required lengthy discussion, so resolutions could be reached rather than deferring decisions to the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting

10.1 Sunday 23 April 2017, starting at 9.30am, at Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig.

Sec's Note: It was noted that PS queried on several occasions during the meeting the decision-making authority and whilst this has not been individually listed in the minutes on all occasions it is recognised that this occurred.

The meeting finished at 14.00.

The meeting wished to record its appreciation to BS, RD and JS, whose terms on the Executive would all be completed at April's AGM.

DT also advised the meeting that George Band Award would this year go to Lynn Robinson and Ian Smith, for their volunteer contributions in the Peak area, particularly in respect of BMC guidebooks.

Summary of action points from the 52nd meeting:

Ref	Action	Involving	Target date
3.2.2	Discuss fundraising for re-equipping Horseshoe Quarry	RG	5 Apr
3.2.8	Sign and return Conflicts of Interest document	TRy / KA	Immediate
4.1.1	Identify and inform bolting activists re. liability insurance cover	DT (Dan Middleton)	Immediate
5.3.1	Add directors' term finish points to skills matrix	DT	April 2017
5.3.1	Develop proposal to extend length of director appointments	NK	April 2017
5.4	Produce draft ToR for the Governance Review Group	DT	Immediate / AGM
6.2	Take forward implementation of report from HWWG.	BS	Not set.
6.3	Develop Strategic Plan document	DT	Immediate
7.1.1	FinCom to provide additional information for future NC meetings	JS / GR	April 2017
7.1.2	Communicate subscription increase proposal to members	DT / FS	Immediate

The above was accepted as an accurate record of the meeting:

Signed _____ Date _____
Rehan Siddiqui, President & Chair