

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## BMC NATIONAL COUNCIL

### Notes of the interim National Council (70.6) meeting held via Zoom on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 18:00 – 19:00

#### In attendance

#### Voting members:

President	Lynn Robinson	(LR)
Cymru North Wales	Tarquin Shipley	(TS)
Cymru South Wales	Steve Quinton	(SQ)
Cymru South Wales	CJ Griffiths	(CJG)
Lakes & Council Nominated Director (CND)	Fiona Sanders	(FS)
Lakes	Mike Parsons	(MP)
London & South East	Chris Stone	(CSt)
London & South East	Robert Dufton	(RD)
Midlands	David Jones	(DJ)
North West (CND)	Carl Spencer	(CS)
North West	Bill Beveridge	(BB)
Peak	David Brown	(DB)
Peak	Alison Cairns	(AC)
South West	Helen Wilson	(HW)
South West	Philip Wilson	(PW)
Yorkshire & Deputy President	Andy Syme	(AS)

#### Observers:

Clubs Committee (CND)	Peter Salenieks	(PS)
Hill Walking Group	Peter Judd	(PJ)
Organisational Development Group	Roger Murray	(RM)
Land Management Group	Martin Wragg	(MW)
Chair of President's T&F Group	Roger Fanner	(RF)
Interim CEO	Paul Davies	(PD)

#### 1. Welcome & apologies for absence

LR chaired the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at such short notice. Given the number of people in attendance, the meeting was declared quorate. LR agreed to take brief notes and the decisions made.

Apologies from Mick Green.

#### 2. Note Conflicts of Interest

Conflict of interest noted from Andy Syme.

#### 3. Purpose of the Meeting

To consider the feedback from the Board regarding the Terms of Reference for the group reviewing the role President.

#### 4. Task & Finish Group Position

RF gave an overview and summary stating that the Group wanted to follow the least contentious way forward. On reflection they think this means having no Special Resolutions at the 2021 AGM regarding the role of the President, but to maintain it as a three-year term, but with the emphasis that the work of the Group is on-going and after consultation, the role of President may change at the 2022 AGM. The only assumption that the Group is working to is that the role of the President will remain.

RD summarised that he gave information at the latest Open Forum regarding the Task and Finish Group that is reviewing the President's Role.

AS explained that the Group will come up with recommendations, reasons behind them, including the pros and cons. There will be consultation with the Council, Board and the full BMC membership.

#### 5. Poll One

To decide if NC wants to reconsider the length of term for the President from one-year to three-years.

Result of the Poll (21 people voted):

<b>Yes</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Non-voting member</b>	<b>5</b>

#### 6. Poll Two

The Presidents' Role shall remain as three-years, with the caveat that all members, including potential candidates, understand that the work of the Task and Finish Group will be on-going and the role may change at the 2022 AGM.

Result of the Poll (21 people voted):

<b>Yes</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstain</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Non-voting member</b>	<b>6</b>

#### 7. R33 feedback

HW, Chair of the R33 Group informed NC regarding the NEC and Constituency Councillors role descriptions. She outlined the application process. It is planned that further information and the detail will be put on the BMC website week commencing 01/03/2021.

#### 8. Next steps and actions

The Task and Finish Group's ToRs (V9.2) were agreed subject to any member requiring them to be considered further by National Council by 12 noon 01/03/21.

Thanks to all members for attending and for their contributions to the meeting.

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

Signed: 

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Lynn Robinson, President