



# DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of DCA Council Meeting

23rd February 2013, Monyash Village Hall, following the AGM

- Present:**
- Officers:** Chairman Bob Dearman [BD]  
 Vice-Chairman Terry Jackson [TJ]  
 Secretary Jenny Potts [JP]  
 Legal & Insurance Officer Peter Mellors [PM]  
 Asst. Access Officer Karen Slatcher [KS]  
 Equipment Officer (Bob Dearman)  
 Newsletter Editor Paul Lydon
- Club Reps:** Crewe C.P.C. Alan Brentnall [AB]  
 Masson C.G. Colum Walsh [CW], Dave Webb [DW]  
 Orpheus C.C. Boyd Potts [BP], (Paul Lydon)
- Individual Members:** K.Slatcher [KS], (Bob Dearman, Jenny Potts, Peter Mellors)
- Others:** Ron Hammond [RH]

**1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:**

The Chairman welcomed members to the Council Meeting

**2. QUORUM, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

- 2.1 **Quorum:** The meeting was quorate with 6 elected officers present.
- 2.2 **Apologies:** Treasurer (Wayne Sheldon), Training Officer (Nigel Atkins), Projects Officer (Dan Hibberts), Asst. Sec./ Planning Liaison (Chris Broome), Adam Russell (PDMHS), Elaine Hill, Burton Venture Trust.

**3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 3 NOV. 2012: (Previously Circulated.)**

*That the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting be approved.*  
 Prop. P.Lydon, Sec. B.Potts. *Agreed unanimously.*

**4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:**

- 4.1 4.1 **Water Icicle:** Install bolt fitting on lid to enable it to be fastened down. In hand. **ACTION: BD, DH**
- 4.2 4.5 **Access Officer:** Find a volunteer to take on Access Officer post. No joy so far. **ACTION: DW, PM**
- 4.3 4.6 **Asst. Conservation Officer:** Find a volunteer to take on Asst. Conservation Officer post. No joy so far. **ACTION: DW**
- 4.4 4.12 **Waterways Swallet Cave Conservation Plan:** Finish writing. In hand. **ACTION: MM**
- 4.5 & 4.6 4.14 & 4.15 **Oxlow Farm Land & Fawcett Rake:** Check shafts and cap if required. Deferred to later this year. Check with AR re. permissions needed. **ACTION: DH, BD, AR**
- 4.7 4.16 **Nettle Pot:** Repair lid. Job completed by DH & BD.
- 4.8 4.20 **DCA Fixed Aids Policy:** Review. In hand. Confer with CNCC. **ACTION: JP, BD**
- 4.9 6.23 **DCA Finances:** Investigate moving funds into fixed term bonds. Note AGM recommendation. **ACTION: WS**
- 4.10 6.3.2 **CO<sub>2</sub> Meters:** Investigate purchase of 2 new cheaper CO<sub>2</sub> meters. AB explained that what we needed to do was to investigate the method of calibration. Both the Gasbadge Pro and the Gasbadge Plus can be calibrated in ambient air. Noted that there is a reasonable manual supplied with both these items. AB would put his recommendation in writing and JP would circulate this to DCA Clubs, PICA and others to encourage them to buy their own meters and forward readings to AB. **ACTION: AB, JP**
- 4.11 6.3.3 **Stoney Middleton Audit:** Contact MC re. publication of Stoney Middleton Conservation Audit. Publication now in hand following meeting between MC, DW, BD & JP.
- 4.12 6.3.5 **DCA Conservation Officer:** Contact ST re. advert. in *UKcaving.com* for DCA Conservation Officer. Done.
- 4.13 6.6.4 **Projects:** Cost time spent on Projects. Done.

- 4.14 6.91 **Lathkill Head Upper Entrance:** Provide new waterproof box for Log Book. PL had repaired the old box and also used an inner box. He had also shortened the rope it hung from. However, it was still not satisfactory as the box was likely to keep splitting. BD offered to see if he could come up with an alternative.

**ACTION: BD**

Noted that it was a Chatsworth Estate requirement that a log be maintained for L.H.U.E.

Noted also that the log books in Knotlow need checking regularly and their contents copied on the Conservation Officer.

- 4.15 9.1 **Scheduled Monuments:** Clarify situation re. Scheduled Monuments underground. It appears that the Scheduled Monument designation extends to the centre of the earth, i.e. all underground works are covered if the surface is designated.

**5. MATTERS OF IMMEDIATE IMPORT ARISING FROM THE 2013 AGM:**

None.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 6.1 **Eldon Quarry Survey:** Ron Hammond produced a large scale copy of the survey of Eldon Hill Quarry and its surrounds which he had completed. This included surface locations of old mines and other underground features. PM produced the report to accompany the survey. Agreed that the survey and report should be kept at the British Caving Library - JP took charge of them to deliver them to BCL.

- 6.2 **Heritage Lottery Fund Support requested:** JP had received a request from the Chairman of BCRA for a letter of support from DCA towards BCRA's bid to obtain Heritage Lottery Funding to cover the cost of digitising the BCRA Archives currently held at the British Geological Survey. This would enable the Archive to be available online to anyone who wanted to consult the documents. It was agreed to support this and JP would write a suitable letter for BCRA to use.

**ACTION: JP**

- 6.3 **Open Day at the British Caving Library:** JP said there would be an Open Day at the British Caving Library, Glutton Bridge, on Sunday 10th. March from 10.30am to 5.30pm. All were welcome.

There would also be an Open Day on Saturday, 15th. June, the day before the BCA AGM in Castleton on 16th.

- 6.4 **Cliffhanger 2013:** Boyd Potts made a request for help with Cliffhanger 2013. This would be held at Graves Park, Sheffield on Saturday and Sunday, 6th. And 7th. July. Help would be needed on both days and also on the Friday to help set up the DCA stand with artificial cave, stand tent, ladder climbs, etc. Anyone who could help out for all or part of the time was welcome.

Meeting closed at 2.32pm.

*J.Potts, Recorder.*