

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## CLUBS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Clubs Committee meeting held at the Castle Green Hotel, Kendal, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Present: Chair Peter Salenieks (PS) *Cymru South Wales*,  
Secretary Jane Thompson (JT) *BMC Clubs Officer*

Andy Potter (AP) *Midlands*, Dave Brown (DB) *Peak*, Philip Wilson (PW) *South West*,  
Oliver Birkill (OB) *National Clubs*, John Holden (JH) *National Clubs*, Mike Spooner (MS)  
*Student rep*, Peter Barrans (PB) *Yorkshire*, Jonathan White (JW) *Director*,  
Up to item 13 - Pete Glasper (PG) *Lakes*,  
Items 14 - 17 - Sherry Macliver (SM) *London & SE*,

Apologies: Mike Jimenez (MJ) *Student rep*, John Farrow (JF) *Huts Group rep*,

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### 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 PS welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those who are either standing down or have completed their terms in office after this meeting. -
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### 2. Notice of Any Other Business

- 2.1 Students & Student Unions (MS)  
Finance & Audit Committee (DB)  
Family membership fee discrepancies (AP & JT)
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### 3. Conflicts of Interest

- 3.1 No conflicts stated for the meeting.
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### 4. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

- 4.1 A couple of amendments noted – JT to update and post on to Teamwork -
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### 5. Clubs Comm recruitment

- 5.1 It was explained that Area reps will continue to be appointed in the same way as previous years, with the transfer to the new roles to happen during 2020. -  
5.2 The student roles (Clubs Comm and Student Advisory Group) have been advertised, with deadline in early December. -  
5.3 The National Club vacancy will be advertised soon under the new role description. -
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### 6. National Council update

- 6.1 PS had posted an update on Teamwork. The following points were highlighted. -  
6.2 Volunteer Strategy needs to be an agenda item for a future Clubs Comm meeting **JT**
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6.3	Discussion took place over the 'Blue' digital membership proposal. There were mixed views towards the proposal, although It was noted that it could be advantageous for targeting at student club members at graduation. It was also noted that there is support from the committee towards BMC initiatives focused on young people.	-
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<b>7.</b>	<b>BMC Board update</b>	
7.1	IT is a big priority and although Simon McCalla (IT specialist) has now finished his term on the Board a new Director with an IT specialism is being appointed.	-
7.2	There will be some further changes to BMC Directors as some National Council appointed Directors will be stepping down.	-
7.3	Strategic Plan work is ongoing	-
7.4	Climate Emergency – Action will be taken across the BMC, but it is important that any changes are equitable across the organisation and that it is a step change approach. More details under item 12.	-
7.5	The Adult Safeguarding Policy has been approved.	-
7.6	There is going to be a review of the current 'flat' structure of organisations, subsidiaries, groups, and committees that the Board has oversight of. The current number of groups is unsustainably high.	-
7.7	There will be further developments of the Risk Register.	-
7.8	DB reported from the BMC Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) that due to regulations from the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority) the BMC Club Loans Scheme will not be able to continue in its current format. Clubs Comm needs to consider whether there are any options for continuing to support clubs/huts - guidance will be needed from FAC. Discussion needed at future meeting	<b>ALL</b> <b>JT</b>
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<b>8.</b>	<b>Reps Reports (important items only)</b>	
8.1	Most areas didn't have important items to raise.	-
8.2	National Clubs – The FRCC is looking to its membership to raise funding for delivering further upgrades during the refurbishment of Brackenclose hut (the one damaged by fire).	-
8.3	Yorkshire – a festival is being organised for next year, possibly in July and likely to be in Grassingham.	-
8.4	Student Clubs – under AOB	-
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<b>9.</b>	<b>BMC Office Report</b>	
9.1	No further discussion	-
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<b>10.</b>	<b>Teamwork tasks (incl. Matters Arising)</b>	
10.1	Updates reflected on Teamwork	
10.2	The information that new members (clubs and club members) receive plus those that renew at the start of the membership year was discussed. JT to review the documentation that is sent out, and suggest improvements.	<b>JT</b>
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<b>11.</b>	<b>Risk Register &amp; Opportunities for Clubs</b>	
11.1	A key risk is the lack of communication channels in to clubs [this is being considered via ODG and the development of forums / chat groups]	
11.2	A wider register of issues was suggested, based on the one MS & MJ use with student clubs.	<b>MS</b>
11.3	MS requested that additional support should be provided for student clubs and for student unions.	<b>MS</b>

11.4	All members asked to consider potential risks and opportunities and to feedback to the committee at a future meeting.	<b>ALL</b>
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<b>12.</b>	<b>Climate Emergency</b>	
12.1	Lots of ideas are needed as there is a desire for bottom-up action. All areas are to be considered – pollution / litter / plastics / climate change / recycling kit, etc.	<b>ALL</b>
12.2	It was suggested that clubs should be asked for practical good practice suggestions.	
12.3	A discussion took place around ‘off-setting’ and that we should be moving away from just looking at the pure cost benefits and consider the wider benefits too.	
12.4	Consideration needs to be given to the funding that may be available to clubs and/or huts, and advice provided on what they can access.	
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<b>13.</b>	<b>Club guidelines</b>	
13.1	Postponed	-
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<b>14.</b>	<b>ODG Clubs</b>	
14.1	MS gave a presentation to the committee and discussion took place in groups with notes made within the groups. MS to use the feedback from the discussions to influence the Clubs Strategy.	<b>MS</b>
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<b>15.</b>	<b>Forward Planning – Clubs Comm in 2020</b>	
15.1	Postponed	-
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<b>16.</b>	<b>Terms of Reference &amp; Operating Procedures</b>	
16.1	Deferred to an email discussion	<b>PS</b>
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<b>17.</b>	<b>Annual Report</b>	
17.1	Deferred to an email discussion	<b>PS</b>
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<b>18.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
18.1	Students & Student Unions – covered in item 11 Finance & Audit Committee – covered in item 7	-
18.2	Family membership fee discrepancies – to follow up by email after the meeting	<b>JT</b>
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<b>19.</b>	<b>Dates of forthcoming Meetings</b>	
	Dates to be confirmed asap	<b>PS</b>
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