

**Devon and Cornwall Underground Council**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at**  
**Moorcroft, Plymouth on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Present: Dave Warne (in the chair), Tara Beacroft, Keith Coventry, Andy Dommett , Geoff Dommett, Roger King, Dave Jean, Bernard Page, Doug Parker

Apologies: Bill Tolfree, Richard Vooght

The meeting opened at 19.34

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were accepted.

**Reports**

**a) Chairman**

The turnout for last year's AGM was a little disappointing, as there was no one in attendance from the east of the region. This has mean that it has been difficult to fill committee posst. I was hopeful that there would be more of a presence this year

The AGM last year was followed the next day with a group in Cornwall attacking the DCUC on social media and stating that they would not recognise the council and objecting to the locking of sites. Can I remind people that the locking of sites is at the landowner's request, and is likely to be a condition of their insurance?

In the period following the AGM, several locks were cut on the mines, and since Bakers pit has been broken into. Subsequently, picture from inside Bakers, Kitley, and Joint Mitnor have appeared on social media on urb-ex pages

There has also been some criticism of the contactability of the council through the website on the UK caving forum, however someone on the forum tested contact procedure and posted that he had received a prompt reply. I have received a couple of enquiries through the website regarding access.

Nothing more has been done with the gating of Virtuous Lady mine, or Kit Hill.

I have populated the cave registry for the southwest with known caves, I think there are some 650 plus entries entered so far. I have had some flags added to the database and need to go through entries to sense check for errors. This should have gone live by the time of the AGM.

I plan to start adding mines to the database, however I will have to tread with care as some are sensitive and the council will need to decide how and what can be published in the public domain.

**b) Secretary**

Some telephone calls and emails have been dealt with as well as the production of three Bulletins.

**c) Treasurer**

The end of year balance is: £2414.78 showing an improvement of £22.74 over the previous year.

<b>DEVON AND CORNWALL UNDERGROUND COUNCIL</b>				
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 JANUARY 2018</b>				
	Year to 31/1/2018		Year to 31/1/2017	
	£	p	£	p
<b>INCOME</b>				
Bakers Key Hire	360.00		435.00	
BCA	207.99		161.10	
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	<b>567.99</b>	201.80	<b>797.90</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Afton Expenditure	48.00		2.00	
Bakers Licence	10.00		0.00	
Bakers Expenses	90.00		381.76	
Payment to DCRO	351.80		0.00	
<b>Access Expenses other Caves</b>	0.00		94.15	
Donation to DCRO	0.00		0.00	
Bolting Expenses	0.00		0.00	
<b>Postage+Office+Meetings</b>	6.45		16.45	
<b>Travel Expenses@ £0.25 mile</b>	22.50		21.15	
Sundry Expenses	6.50	<b>535.25</b>	47.24	<b>562.75</b>
Surplus/(Deficiency) for the year		<b>32.74</b>		<b>235.15</b>
<b><u>BALANCE AS AT 31 JANUARY 2017</u></b>				
Cash in Deposit Account		16.06		16.06
Cash in Current Account		2,401.72		2,368.98
Petty Cash		0.00		0
		<b>2,417.78</b>		<b>2,385.04</b>
<b><u>Represented by:</u></b>				
Accumulated Fund 1st February 2016		2,385.04		2,149.90
Add Surplus/(Deduct deficiency) for the year		32.74		235.14
Accumulated Fund 31st January 2017		<b>2,417.78</b>		<b>2,385.04</b>
<b><u>Bakers Transactions</u></b>				
Income		360.00		435.00
Less Expenditure				
Licences	10.00		10.00	
Expenses	90.00		299.76	
Travel @ £0.25	0.00		82.00	
Loss Previous Year	0.00	100.00	0.00	391.76
Net Income for the year		<b>260.00</b>		<b>53.24</b>
Payable to DCRO		<b>173.32</b>		<b>39.93</b>
Retained by DCUC		86.68		13.31
		<b>260.00</b>		<b>53.24</b>

However there are a number of items to take into account:

1. BCA payment to DCUC is based on previous years accounts. The claim for 2017 will be £93.45
2. Outstanding payments to DCRO have been made
3. Income is reduced due to loss of income and donations from Devon Adventure Training
4. Payment to DCRO will be £173.32
5. Cost of Afton Licence has increased
6. There will be further expenditure in 2018 to construct a new gate at Bakers Pit. Expenditure cannot be claimed back from BCA as this is considered to be a commercial cave.

**d) Access**

Apart from the issues regarding the breaking into Baker's Pit by "Urban Explorers" in July and August 2017 there is very little to report.

The result of the destruction of the two locks and the resulting cost of replacement has meant that there has been a temporary lock in place since August. In January DSS & PCG asked for Club keys to the Temporary lock that is in place. DSS copied one of the DCRO key and I will eventually copy one for PCG. The other keys are held by RSK and DartRock (this is the loan key). The reason this has not been done relates to a replacement knee operation meaning that I try to avoid driving in traffic if at all possible/

I am prepared to stand again as access officer, on the understand that this will be the last time.

I would prefer to stand down as access officer this year although I would like the opportunity to stay on the DCUC committee.

**d) Conservation**

Been in touch with colleagues in CSCC and will look at carrying out work initially in Bakers Pit.

**e) Training**

No training officer during 2017 but if we had had one funding would have been available to provide a variety of training courses from photography through surveying to SRT.

**f) Techniques and Equipment**

Carried out internet meetings with colleagues in other regional councils.

Willing to stand for one more year while carrying out work for BCA and Nick Williams.

**g) BCA Rep**

Attended 3 out of 4 BCA Council meetings and sent reports to the DCUC Committee.

**h) Website**

Carried out work on the website but having things to put on it is the key.

The following elections were made.

**Officer's Elections**

Post	Nominated	Proposer	Secunder	Representing
Chairman	Dave Warne	Keith Coventry	Geoff Dommatt	PCG
Secretary	Dave Jean	Dave Warne	Geoff Dommatt	Pengelly
Treasurer	Bernard Page	Dave Jean	Dave Warne	PCG
Access	Roger King	Keith Coventry	Andy Dommatt	PCG
Conservation	Tara Beacroft	Dave Jean	Geoff Dommatt	Kents Cavern
Training	Roger King	Geoff Dommatt	Doug Parker	PCG
Cornwall Liaison	Dave Warne	Roger King	Bernard Page	
Equipment & Tech	Richard Vooght	Bernard Page	Roger King	Pengelly
BCA Rep	Dave Jean	Andy Dommatt	Dave Warne	
Webmaster	Keith Coventry	Roger King	Tara Beacroft	Pengelly

The meeting closed at 20.20