

**Devon and Cornwall Underground Council**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held**  
**By Zoom 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Present: Geoff Dommett (in the chair), Bill Tolfree, Dave Warne, Dave Jean, Keith Pearson

Apologies: Richard Vooght, Tara Beacroft, Kieran Ryan

The meeting opened at 19.30

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 were accepted.

**Reports**

**a) Chairman**

A quiet year due to COVID.

Clubs and DCRO have functioned mostly via internet meetings, although there was a small window of opportunity in the summer for formal gatherings.

I fear there is a serious risk of Mental Health issues being caused by the continued lockdowns and uncertainty. Hopefully we will be out of it soon and people will be able to carry on more normal lives. In the meantime, whilst I don't feel it is an issue for DCUC directly, I think club reps should take this back to their clubs who should be looking out for the mental Health of their members and offer help where possible, even if it is just a phone call.

Mid February I attended an online meeting with all the other Regional Chairs. This was the brainchild of Ed Waters (CSCC) and was attended by Wayne Sheldon (DCA); Ed Waters (CSCC); Martyn Farr (CCC); Andrew Hinde (CNCC) and Geoff Dommett (DCUC).

The idea was for us to meet up to see if there was any benefit from discussing how each council does things – perhaps we can learn something from each other.

This initial meeting lasted just over an hour and was felt by all to have been useful. We will probably meet again in 12 months when it would be good to bring questions and/or ideas to the table.

If there is a particular topic that requires other officers to attend – perhaps one on how to best approach BCA for money would involve the Treasurers of each Council. Or maybe a meeting on Access involving the Access Officers.

The idea is to keep the group small so we can focus on the issues without too much overtalking (always a potential issue during online meetings)

If anyone has any questions you would like me to take forward to the next meeting of Regional Chairs, please let me know. Likewise if we think we have a good answer to a particular problem, job role etc. then that would be good to take too.

I think this also opens up the possibilities of one to ones with other Officers e.g. Our Webmaster talking to CNCC Webmaster...

**b) Secretary**

Very little to report. Some telephone calls and emails have been dealt with and reports of BCA Council Meetings circulated..

**c) Treasurer**

No report but a statement of income and expenditure appears on the next page.

**d) Access**

No report but Dave Warne stated that the Radford gate was being repaired. Geoff said that John Boulton had seen the owner of Great Rock who couldn't understand why so little had happened. Covid and travel restrictions were mentioned.

**e) Conservation**

No report but Keith said that taping in Bakers is ongoing.

**f) Training**

No training activity during 2020. DCUC training committee post remained vacant

**g) Techniques and Equipment**

No report

**DEVON AND CORNWALL UNDERGROUND COUNCIL**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 27/03/ 2021**

	<u>Year to 21/03/21</u>		<u>Year to 21/1/2020</u>		
	£	p	£	p	
<b>INCOME</b>					
Bakers Key Hire		0			0
BCA		0		60.00	
Miscellaneous Income	640.07	conf	<u>640.07</u>	0	<b>60.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Afton Expenditure			50.00		50.00
Bakers Licence			0.00		10.00
Bakers Expenses			491.94		90.00
Payment to DCRO			0.00		0.00
Access Expenses other Caves			0.00		0.00
Donation to DCRO			0.00		0.00
Bolting Expenses			0.00		0.00
Postage+Office+Meetings			0.00		0.00
Travel Expenses@ £0.25 mile			0.00		0.00
Sundry Expenses			0.00	<b>541.94</b>	0.00
					<b>150.00</b>
Surplus/(Deficiency) for the year				<u><b>98.12</b></u>	<u><b>90.00</b></u>

**BALANCE AS AT 27 March 2021**

Cash in Deposit Account		16.06	16.06
Cash in Current Account		2,991.42	2,448.68
Petty Cash		0.00	0.00
		<b>3,007.48</b>	<b>2,464.74</b>

**Represented by:**

Accumulated Fund 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020		2,448.68	2,538.68
Add Surplus/(Deduct deficiency) for the year		82.07	90.00
Accumulated Fund 31st December 2020		<b>2,530.75</b>	<b>2,448.68</b>

**Bakers Transactions**

Income		0.00	0.00
Less Expendure			
Licences	0		10.00
Expenses	491.94		90.00
Travel @ £0.25	0.00		0.00
Loss Previous Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income for the year		<b>0.00</b>	0.00
Payable to DCRO		<b>460.68</b>	0.00
Retained by DCUC		0.00	0.00
		<b>0.00</b>	0

The following elections were made.

**Officer's Elections**

Post	Nominated	Proposer	Seconder	Representing
Chairman	Dave Warne	Keith Pearson	Geoff Dommett	PCG
Secretary	Dave Jean	Geoff Dommett	Bill Tolfree	Pengelly
Treasurer	Geoff Dommett	Dave Jean	Dave Warne	BCG
Access	Kieran Ryan	)		DSS
Conservation	Tara Beacroft	)		PCG
Training	Position Vacant	) elected enbloc		
Cornwall Liaison	Dave Warne	)		PCG
Equipment & Tech	Richard Vooght	)		Pengelly
BCA Rep	Dave Jean	)		Pengelly
Webmaster	Dave Warne	)		PCG
Without portfolio	Bill Tolfree	)		DSS

Thanks were expressed to Bernard Page for his work as Treasurer over the years

Geoff will contact Bernard to get bank statements, paying in book and chequebook passed to him. Geoff can then notify HSBC to let them know that he is now the Treasurer and that the signatories to the account are two out of himself, Dave Warne, Dave Jean and Ryan.

The next ordinary committee meeting  
will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 19.30 at  
Pengelly

Meeting Closed at 20.34