

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

BRITISH CAVING ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting

To be held at Hellifield Village hall on 29 January 2010

Starting at 20:00

AGENDA

1. Apologise for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated)
3. Matter arising from the minutes
4. Officers reports
 - Chairman's report
 - Secretary's report (sent by email)
 - Treasurer's report
 - Conservation officer's report
 - Access officer's report (sent by email)
 - Training officer's report (sent by email)
 - Technical group report (sent by email)
5. Meets secretaries reports
 - Leck Fell
 - Casterton Fell
 - Birks Fell
 - Penyghent & Fountains Fell
 - Other areas (Whitewell Pot, Fairy Holes, Excalibur Pot)
6. BCA report
7. Any other business
8. Date and place of next meeting AGM 06 March 2010 at Hellifield Village Hall starting at 10:00.

Update on Cave Project

Please read before the next CNCC meeting 29 Jan 2010

You may be aware that there is a joint project, **the Northern Caves Monitoring Project** between Natural England and CNCC to gather local cave conservation monitoring information for all the caves that are Sites of Special Scientific Interest – this includes most of the major caves and cave systems in the Dales. The project also carries out a variety of surface cave conservation works

Cave conservation monitoring data

80% of the conservation information has now been gathered, which is an excellent achievement and particular thanks are due to all those who have helped. There are still a few gaps for certain caves (please see table below), which I am hoping to have filled in by the end of February, so if you have visited these caves recently or know anyone who has, please email me on dunnmarion@googlemail.com and I can send you a cave conservation monitoring form for these caves. **I really need some help with this!**

The project officially ends on 31 March 2010, but Natural England is currently looking at ways of continuing the project after this date. **Cave conservation data should still be sent to me after this date, and would be welcome!**

Cave surface conservation works

The project has also carried out surface cave conservation works, such as rubbish removal, walling, fencing and restabilisation in and around cave entrances, and has included a clear out of Gunnerfleet Cave and Barbon Pot, reopening and restabilisation of the entrance to Whitewell Pot, clean out of Ravenscar Cave, stile improvements in the Alum Pot area, and some walling and fencing improvements and a rubbish clear out at Yordas Cave are planned for the end of January 2010.

Sincere thanks to all the conservation volunteers who have contributed to all the surface works projects.

Gathering the cave conservation data in the future – how should we do it?

There is an ongoing need to gather this information, as it is collected in a six year cycle, and the collection of the next batch of information could be done in a more leisurely fashion!

I would be very grateful if you could have a think before the next CNCC meeting on 29 Jan 2010 about how this information could be gathered in the future. This assumes of course that cavers are still willing to do it! These are just a few thoughts.....

- Is a web-based or paper-based system better, or should both be used?
- If a web-based system is used, should the website be publicised more?
- Would it be useful to deliver the cave conservation forms direct to the club conservation officers or meets lists co-ordinators in each club in advance of trips?

- Would it be useful to put a stock of cave conservation monitoring forms in Bernies and Inglesport, so that cavers could pick them up before a trip? (if Steve and Alan are in agreement, of course)
- Is there anyone in the individual clubs, who in principle would be willing to act as a co-ordinator for gathering the information?
- Are there any individuals within the clubs who would be willing in principle to act as information gatherers for a particular area that they have knowledge of e.g. Leck Fell, Fountains Fell, Ingleborough, the Northern Dales, perhaps having done exploration work there for many years?
- Some clubs, like the Red Rose have set up their own conservation noticeboards. Is this a useful idea?

Whatever officially happens to the project, I am happy to continue to co-ordinate the data, as a volunteer.

Marion Dunn

CNCC Conservation Officer
Cave Conservation Adviser, Natural England

14 January 2010

SSSI Caves with Monitoring Data Missing

Area	Caves with some data missing
	Priority sites for data gathering shown in bold
Northern Dales	Knock Fell
Nidderdale	Stump Cross Caverns (Middle Level/Upper Level)
Nidderdale	Goyden Pot (Pillar Crawl)
Nidderdale	Blayshaw Gill Pots
Dentdale and Barbondale	Short Gill
Wharfedale and Littondale	Strans Gill Pot
Penyghent and Fountains Fell	Little Hull (upstream from entrance)
Penyghent and Fountains Fell	Penyghent Pot (Hunt Pot Inlet)
Penyghent and Fountains Fell	Diversion Cave
Penyghent and Fountains Fell	Ochre Hole
Ingleborough	White Scar (Northern Line/Western front)
Ingleborough	Tatham Wife
Ingleborough	Black Shiver
Ingleborough	Meregill,
Ingleborough	Hallam Moss
Ingleborough	Knackertrapper
Ingleborough	High Douk Holes
Ingleborough	Southerscales Pot
Ingleborough	Grange Rigg
Ingleborough	Rift Pot (lower streamway)
Ingleborough	Lizard Pot
Ingleborough	Slasher Hole
Ingleborough	Nick Pot/Hangman's Hole
Ingleborough	Boggarts Roaring Holes
Ingleborough	Pillar Holes
Ingleborough	Grey Wife Hole
Ingleborough	Newby Moss Cave
Ingleborough	Gaping Gill (Hensler's Upper Passage)
Ingleborough	Gaping Gill (Calcite Rift - Far Country)
Kingsdale	Simpson's Pot
Kingsdale	Aquamole Pot
Kingsdale	Bull Pot
Kingsdale	KMC (Upper Cascade Inlet)
Kingsdale	King Pot
Kingsdale	Heron Pot
Kingsdale	Broken Finger Pot
Marble Steps	Low Douk
Whernside	Rift Pot
Whernside	Large Pot
Leck and Casterton Fells	Aygill (Sand Caverns, Precambrian Series)
Leck and Casterton Fells	Pegleg Pot
Leck and Casterton Fells	Kirk Pot
Leck and Casterton Fells	Lancaster Hole (Ramsden's Crawl, Far Pinnacle streamway)
Leck and Casterton Fells	Pippikin-Link (Hobbit, Grand Cascade, Silver Streamway)
Leck and Casterton Fells	Short Drop-Gavel
Leck and Casterton Fells	Big Meanie
Leck and Casterton Fells	Lost John's
Leck and Casterton Fells	Rumbling Hole

Leck and Casterton Fells	Death's Head
Leck and Casterton Fells	Long Drop
Leck and Casterton Fells	Ireby
Leck and Casterton Fells	Notts
Leck and Casterton Fells	Notts II

Notes: There are unconfirmed reports that Blayshaw Gill Pots and Strans Gill Pot are blocked, so any historic data for these caves would be welcome.



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Secretaries report 16 January 2010

Secretary's report

From a secretarial perspective there is very little to report. This is however a generally a quiet time of the year.

Access Officers' report

Voldemort Pot. We have gained permission from the land managers, this can be opened and the remedial work suggested can be undertaken prior to it being added to the permits list. I am now just waiting for the diggers to contact me.

Excalibur Pot. A draft agreement and permit have been present to the farmer, I am hopeful that we will have access to this cave within a few months.

Whitewell Pot. This cave is now controlled by the CNCC. There is a loose access agreement to maintain access. T. Brown from Northern Boggarts is acting as meets secretary on behalf of CNCC.

Leck Fell. A new agreement has been signed and will run for one year 01/01/2010 until 10/10/2011 and it shall be renewed annually. The only major points from the new agreement are that we no longer have to pay for footpaths, stiles and fencing, and we have gained an extra permit per day (now 3 permits per day with a maximum of 7 cavers). However, we now pay a goodwill fee of £100.

Fairy Holes Weardale. The saga rumbles on, however, there has been some significant progress over the past two months. CNCC will be administering access once the site is made safe (Lafarge) Porky Potters Caving Club will be acting as meets secretary. I am hopeful that we have access secured by the AGM.

CNCC Technical Group

As previously mentioned, the technical group will be running an anchor installation workshop for the nominees noted at the last meeting. No date has been agreed for this as the group is involved with meetings every weekend in January.

BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee

As of the BCA AGM I will be taking over the role of Equipment & Techniques Convenor, that is if BCA wants me.

Training Officers report

Currently I have done nothing on this and I can only apologise. But, I do intend to have a training weekend during the summer of 2010. As I mentioned at the last meeting and the meeting before that, I cannot do this by myself, so if there are any club training persons out there who want to get involved, or have any ideas please get in touch.

Les Sykes

CNCC secretary

CNCC Training Officer

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CNCC co-representative BCA Equipment & Techniques Committee

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Secretarial expenses for the period up to 29 January 2010

Item	£
Postage claim 18/09/08	01:50
Pens for rigging guides	02:52
Postage claim 28/02/09	04:32
Postage claim 24/05/09	04:68
Postage claim 27/05/09	04:95
Postage claim 20/08/09	00:90
Postage claim 08/10/09	11:70
Postage claim 17/12/09	03:50
Postage claim 15/01/10	07:06
Travel claim Leck agreement 06/11/09 27 miles @20ppm	05:40
Travel claim Leck agreement 04/12/09 27 miles @20ppm	05:40
Travel claim Whitewell agreement 10/12/09 27 miles @20ppm	05:40
Total Claimed	£57:33

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