



**National Council Meeting  
Friday 13th April 2018  
The Boardroom, Hall of the Spires,  
Presbyterian Assembly Rooms,  
2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast.**

**MINUTES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Attendees

National Board Officers = Dave Campbell (DC) - National President, Phill Ellis (PE) – National Vice President, Barry Durman (BD) – Immediate Past President, Sean McCormick (SM) – National Secretary, David Leach (DL) – National Treasurer, Andrew Mackereth (AM) – National Fellowship Officer, Duncan Kennedy (DK) – National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer, Godwin Stewart (GS) – National Communications & IT Officer, Tom Atkins (TA) – National Councillors' Liaison Officer & Peter Good (PG) – International Relations Officer.

National Councillors = Region 1 (Caretaker) – David Illingworth (DI), Region 2 – Kevin Stewart (KS), Region 5 – Graham Sloan (GFS), Region 6 – Ian Burnett (IB), Region 7 – Kevin Lovett (KL), Region 8 - Paul Swindell (PS), Region 11 – Nick Morcumb (NM), Region 12 – Ralph Small (RS), Region 13 – Steve James (SJ), Region 15 – Andy Ventress (AV), Region 18 (Deputy) – Jason Thomson (JT), Region 19 – Bernard Elwen (BE), Region 20 – Derek Knowlden (DKn), Region 21 – Glen Lyon (GL) and Region 23 – Steve Bolter (SB).

Honoraries = Paul Cammiss (Honorary Solicitor), Hugh Milward (Honorary Archivist) & Ray Hill (Honorary Webmaster)

Guests = Mike Fitchett (MF) Past National President 2005/6 of Isis Area 41 Club, Terry Cooper (TC) Past National President 2015/6 of Clevedon, Isis Area and Oxford Nerja 41 Clubs, Lawrence Bamber (LB) of Poynton, Rhyl and Dragons 41 Clubs, Colin McKenzie of Royal Deeside 41 Club, Marcus Jones (MJ) Past National RTBI President 2015/6 of Beeston 41 Club, Studley 41'er (S41) of OBE 41 Club, Jim Conway (JC) of LOTS No 2 and OBE 41 Clubs, Bruce Bennett (BB) Past National RTBI President 1991/2 of Leicester de Montfort 41 Club and Andy Waite(AW) of Wakefield and White Knights 41 Clubs.

Apologies = Stewart Thompson (Region 3), Peter Milburn (Region 4), John Lamb (Region 10), Martin Lines (Region 16), Kelly Clarke (Region 17), Peter McBride (Region 24) and Phil Douce (Region 25).



**41 Club**  
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

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**Item No** **Topic** **Actionee**

**1 Chairman's Welcome**

At 11:08 President Dave welcomed all to the meeting.

- Tom Atkins, on behalf of the National Council, presented President Dave with an anchor & chain (these were substantial/heavy items) for his narrowboat. Dave thanked all for this most unusual, but nonetheless thoughtful & needed gift.
- President Dave mentioned that his 'Las Vegas' ball had been a phenomenal success with over £6K being raised for his charity on the night. He wished it noted that he offered many thanks to his team for this achievement.

**2 Purposes and Objects**

Read by Glen Lyon of Region 21

**3 Declaration of Business Interests**

GS (for Website) and TA (for Travel Insurance)

**4 Apologies**

Were read out by SM and are as listed above

**5 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Ashbury Hotel, Okehampton were proposed by SM and unanimously approved without further comment.

**6 Matters Arising from those Minutes**

None.

**7 AGM Items (including canvassing by candidates)**

SM advised that there were no additional items, amendments to resolutions or other items of business that needed to be brought to the AGM.

Canvassing – SM advised that there had been several emails and





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telephone calls received regarding items posted on social media (particularly the 41 Club Groups & forums on Facebook). PC clarified the rules – in that it is expressly forbidden & that candidates can forfeit their right to stand for office if found guilty. However, it was a contentious issue given that the posting (albeit supportive) did not come from the candidate himself. Those standing for positions were asked if they wished to say a few words regarding their usage of Facebook (for which BD and MJ said a few words) before being asked to leave the room for the debate. After a discussion amongst Council a vote was taken and by a majority it was decided that no action would be taken against any individual and that they would be allowed to stand. Candidates were invited back into the room and were advised of the result.

**8 Approval of Annual Policies**

Although the Health & Safety Policy was approved unanimously, the other policies were held over for more time to consider.

**9 CAS II and GDPR**

CAS II – Technical Spec outlined as a 60-page document, it is ‘jargon’ filled, but approved/reviewed by the Comms Team of RH, PM and GFS. PE & DC, who should this tender be directed to? Issue regarding Toucan getting to see Technical Spec without the approval of the Comms Team, why did BD release it? (email evidenced re Simon Thomas) – this was for internal/in-house purposes only. RH also unhappy that comments re website had also been shared outside Council, BD apologised, only trying to help & move things along.

GS asks for permission to send out Technical Spec & suggests that this should go to Mike Gibbs at Technos and Simon Thomas at Toucan. SB seconded. DK added comment that this needs a timeline and this is suggested as by the Aberdeen Council Meeting at the end of June. Vote taken & carried unanimously with one abstention. GS offered thanks to GFS, PM, RH and Terry Porter of Witham 41 Club.

**GS &  
SM**

GDPR – GFS presented, it is a fact of life, documents had been circulated and reviewed, Proposal is an email to go out to all club officers with a form to be completed by members, the email to include a section on FAQ. GFS asks for approval to send out email. PE seconded, majority voted for with 1 against & 2 abstentions.

**GFS**

Delivery of email - suggested that we have a ‘test’ roll out in Region 15.





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Proposed by GFS, seconded by GS. Majority voted with none against or abstaining. **GFS**

**10 Presentation for AGM 2020** (Agenda order changed due to team time constraints)

Aviemore 15-19 April 2020. Theme = Highland Fling. Team is Morag Daley (Chair), Colin McKenzie (VC), Mike Daley (Sec), Marj Aird (Tangent). Budget the same as Belfast. Council provided with a taste & drink of the Highlands whilst slide show presentation took place.

Cardiff 2-4 April 2020. Steve James provides intro whilst Duncan Kennedy goes through slide show presentation. Cost budgeted at £180 or less for a two-day package.

The vote was narrowly won by Cardiff. Such was the enthusiasm for both venues, that the Aviemore team to be asked if they would consider doing 2021. They were to think on this & let us know. **SJ**

**11 National Board Report**

National President - As printed

National Vice-President - As printed, however wanted to mention that as most of the International guests were on organised trips, the International Banner Exchange will now be taking place at the Culloden at the Joint President's Banquet & not in the afternoon as advertised.

Immediate Past President – As printed

National Secretary – As printed

National Treasurer – As printed

National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer – As printed, with following update:

Database (ex-Table members) ring round – Our initial strategy was to bring on/gather 300 new members, we are now at 622 which is a brilliant achievement & all involved are to be congratulated. We have the possibility, or at least mention of 100 new clubs which would give us a 2.5% growth rate.

National Communications & IT Officer – As printed, with CAS II and GDPR being mentioned separately earlier in the meeting.





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National Councillors' Liaison Officer – As printed

National Fellowship Officer – As printed & also mentioned the Fred Olsen deal, this has now generated an income of over £10K, which we split equally with Tangent.

International Relations Officer – As printed.

**12 National Councillors/Regional Reports**

All were as printed/reported with no amendments or additions.

**13 Final words from retiring National Councillors**

Nick Morcumb – Offered thanks, had enjoyed office & time on Council.

Steve James – Enjoyed it, seen quite a bit of change, for the better. Has always enjoyed the debates.

Derek Knowlden – Sometimes felt he was more of a caretaker than a Councillor. Feels we need to do much more on Social Media and IT. Has enjoyed his time.

**14 Approvals and Disaffiliations**

Affiliations –

Colchester 41 (Region 18)

Kings Lynn Vancouver (Region 17)

Ynys Cybi / Holy Island (Region 12)

Holbrook Over 45's (Region 24)

The Marches (Region 21)

Disaffiliations –

Hawick (Region 2)

Sutton Coldfield ex Tablers (Region 15)

Seisdon & District (Region 14)

Bridlington (Region 6)

All were voted on block, unanimously approved.



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**15 Ripple Travel Fund S41**

We were referred to previous email (from DK) and handouts that were available/handed round tables. The essence of the scheme was to fund overseas travel for Tablers to meet Tables/AGM's in other countries. Presentation done by Studley 41'er, TA – 'Will this incur debt/tie back to 41 Club funds?' S41 – 'Absolutely not, the funds generated/donated would only provide travel if the funds were available, no question of going into debt'. Approval to allow to go forward, 18 for, 3 against, 3 abstain. Carried.

**16 New Die for Jewels AM/SJ**

AM discussed the need for a new die to produce our jewels for things like IPP, Honorary Life Members, etc. The idea would be one generic die & we could change either ribbons or name bars dependant on the award. AM proposed, BD 2<sup>nd</sup> – vote unanimous.

**17 Scottish Regions TA**

TA brings to the meeting with KS providing discussion. The proposal is to split the Scottish Region with an East/West divide, rather than the North to South as we currently are. The idea being to dramatically save on travel, time spent visiting, etc. The line was to be drawn just above Perth and would mean 17 clubs in Region 1 and 18 clubs in Region 2. Voted on unanimously.

**18 AOB**

AV – Mentioned Member Benefits & we now have new (a) Northern Bell, (b) Runners World and (c) Cycle Workshop.

RH – Material/updates for the website please.

BD – Hyundai deal for the Presidential car may be at risk, there is a new Fleet Director & budgets are tighter, etc. BD is going to go back & see if perhaps a deal could be done for temporary/shorter term leases that might cover Phill when he flies over. The question is going to be asked & depending on answer, we will review how much advertising/press we provide Hyundai going forward. **BD/SJ**

DK – Presents DC with cheque for £230 from Barry 41 Club for





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Presidential Charity.

IB – Reminds all of White Rose Dinner & this year it will also be holding the 70<sup>th</sup> Charter of Halifax 41 Club.

MJ – Offers help on the Car Admin front

SJ – 41 International AGM hosting. Suggestion was to hold discussion over until Aberdeen, when we know the result of the Austrian Intl AGM vote. **SJ**

DL – Note 28 day deadline on expenses to be in, please be prompt. The deal with 'The Wider Wallet', bill to renew has just come in for £1,200, do we want to continue?. Vote 23 for, 1 against & no abstentions. We are to renew. **DL**

GS – Leavers emails, new joiners, etc. He will get to them when he can. **GS**

GSL – Reminds all of Red Rose Dinner.

SM – Reads email received from David Addison bringing greetings.

PC – Thanks all for the Fellowship, he's really enjoyed his time.

DC – Reminds all to cash in collecting boxes, please pay in or provide cheque asap. Says a few short words of thanks (not wanting to spoil tomorrow's speech by saying too much). **ALL**

**Meeting Closed 15:18**

**19 Date of Next Meeting**

**11.00am Saturday 30th June 2018**

The Park Hotel by Radisson, 1 Justice Mill Lane, Aberdeen, AB11 6EQ

**20 Approval**

Signed as a True and accurate record:

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Phillip Ellis  
National President 2018-19

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Date.





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