

Mendip Caving Group.
Emergency Committee Meeting 02/11/2020

Present

Bill Chadwick
Tom Harrison
David Lossi
Richard Carey
Nicky Pearce
Jason Kirby

Apologies

Dan Matthews
Mark Edwards

Agenda Items

1) New covid restrictions and cottage access

Reading through the guidance, it is not clear if caving could be considered as being “outdoor exercise” as opposed to a sport.

The guidance clearly states that people should only make a short journey for exercise purposes.

The guidance clearly states that a family group can exercise together, but only 2 people can exercise together if they are not from the same family group.

The committee discussed the possible views of neighbours and locals if they saw regular visitors to the clubhouse during a lockdown - we do not want the MCG to be seen as disrespectful of government guidelines.

The committee considered that the MCG as a venue is more than likely covered by the intent of the statement regarding venues that should be closed.

It is expected that members will be compliant with the government guidelines and this will naturally reduce the need for MCG caving equipment or cave keys during lockdown.

There is currently no guidance from MCR, the Committee will look out for updates. CSCC have issued guidelines which are broadly in agreement with the Committee conclusions

The Committee will consider today's guidance (Wednesday 4th Nov) published by the government.

Proposal: Based on Government guidelines Nordrach Cottage will be closed for all access from Nov 5th, except for essential maintenance as directed by Jason Kirby..

For the proposal -5

Against the proposal -0

Abstentions - 1

2) What to do about the yahoo group, most obvious is to switch to google groups.

Yahoo Groups will be closing.

Google Groups seems to be the best replacement

Some members feel overwhelmed by the number of emails in the current Yahoo Group, so it was proposed that there are 2 Google Groups.

A general chat group eg cave politics/cave photography/Cottage issues/CSCC chat etc

A caving chat group to specifically to organise trips/digs/social events

It was discussed that if new members are to be encouraged to use the new forums, initially the caving chat group, it will need to be welcoming.

3) Window quote

Jason gave us some revised quotes.

The 2 cheapest being Majestic windows at £7,509, and Mendip Windows at £5,500.

Jason pointed out that Majestic are a long-established local company that have been around for many years, and therefore have a stronger chance of still being there in the event of warranty claims in the future..

One Committee member had an experience a few years ago of a window warranty not being honoured because of the company folding.

The Committee felt that, on balance, a more secure warranty was a major factor in respect of such a major refurbishment at the cottage. It is hoped that we will be able to recover the VAT – Jason and Tom to research

PROPOSAL – Jason proceeds with the quote from Majestic Windows

For the proposal -6

Against the proposal -0

Abstentions - 0

Minutes: David Lossi 02/11/2020