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## Bath Geological Society

Committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (via Zoom)

Attending:

DH	David Hall (Chair)
PB	Philip Burge (Treasurer)
MF	Mellissa Freeman (Journal editor)
GH	Graham Hickman (Committee member)
JM	James McVeigh (Webmaster)
KM	Katie Munday (Secretary and membership secretary)
RM	Bob Mustow (Field trip health and safety officer)
FM	Fflyff McLaren (Committee member)
MT	Maurice Tucker (Committee member)

1	Apologies for Absence	
	Linda Drummond-Harris	
2	Minutes of last meeting	
	Read and agreed	
3	Matters arising	
	<p>AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Committee members are happy to stand again. MF offered to step down if anyone else is interested in the position of Journal Editor. This will be mentioned at the AGM.</p> <p>FM has joined the committee. Others will be invited to join at the AGM.</p>	DH

4	Treasurer's report	
	<p>Ended 2024 with £7009.15 in the account. Full details in treasurer's report for AGM.</p> <p>The balance received from Eventbrite almost covers the Zoom fees.</p> <p>Agreed to keep members' fees the same.</p> <p>Discussed potential ways to use funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of a hand-held mic for passing around for questions. Also need a USB adapter for the laptop. If purchased, we will ask BRLSI if we can keep the kit there.</li> <li>• Could pay someone to collate the journal as it's a time-consuming job which uses MF's holiday time. Journal editor would still proof and edit all of the articles.</li> </ul>	DH & MF
5	Membership secretary's report	
	<p>Currently 66 members. Ended 2024 on 82 members. Reminder email to be sent to prompt remaining members to hopefully renew.</p>	KM & JM
6	Correspondence	
	None	
7	Programme	
	<p><u>Lectures</u></p> <p>Lectures are scheduled until May. Suggested speakers for free months include Mark Tringham and Andy Loss (GH arranging talk about the Himalayas for either September or October). Members evening proposed for July – DH to promote.</p>	GH & DH

	<p>JM set up an online spreadsheet to keep track of scheduled/proposed lectures. Link to be sent to committee so everyone can access/contribute.</p> <p>Summer social proposed for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>DH warned that he can't attend April and May lectures in person. MT to lead in May, GH to lead in April.</p> <p><u>Field trips</u></p> <p>Proposed trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Somerset Earth Centre – DH investigating.</li> <li>• Richard Brunning based in Mendips and Avalon Archaeology Centre. FM trying to arrange a trip for another society and extended the invitation to Bath Geological Society.</li> <li>• Collaborations with Gloucester geology group and Bristol Nats – MF and DH to reach out to them, respectively, to see if they are running any trips we could also attend and vice versa.</li> <li>• Sidmouth – MT investigating.</li> <li>• Huntley Quarry near Gloucester – MT investigating.</li> <li>• Geological microscopy, school outreach – DH investigating. Not organised by us, but we could be involved.</li> <li>• Visits to historic landslips around Bath.</li> </ul> <p>Committee is moving away from having a specific field trip and lecture secretaries and instead it's a collaborative process. Could instead have 'co-ordinators' to oversee things.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>MT &amp; GH</p> <p>DH, FM, MT &amp; MF</p>
8	Website	
	<p>Discussions around security. We send Zoom invite to members and Eventbrite attendees, but it could be forwarded to anyone. MF to look at additional security measures within Zoom e.g. request first name, last name and location to gain access. It is already set up so no one else can share their screen.</p>	

	JM has fixed the submission screen so that it updates to confirm when the renewal form has been submitted.	
9	Journal	
	Journal articles deadline is end of November. Newsletter due in early February.	
10	Any other business	
	<p>Festival of Geology taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025 at Burlington House.</p> <p>GA conference in Keele on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025.</p>	
11	Date of next meeting	
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	