



Item Number	Title and Discussion	Action
1	Chairman's Welcome President Terry Cooper (TC) welcomed all to the Council Meeting. TC then welcomed to the "Calcutta Cup" meeting the following new Councillors and one Honorary member:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Gilda (MG) Deputy National Councillor Region 10• Stuart Thompson (ST) New National Councillor Region 3 (TC awards his 'Gong')• Steve Whitaker (SW) Deputy National Councillor Region 24• Dave Barker (DB) Newly appointed Honorary WebMaster• Observers & Honoraries:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jason Thomson (JT) RTI IPP & Saffron Walden 41 Club Vice President• Ian MacKenzie (IM) Past National President 2006 - 2007• Paul Cammiss (PC) Honorary Solicitor• Hugh Milward (HM) Honorary Archivist	TC
2	Apologies Andrew Mackereth - National Fellowship Officer Nick Lawton - Region 1 Paul Cooper - Region 9 David Brown - Region 23	MM
3	Minutes Minutes of the meeting Saturday 24 October 2015 were discussed. Approval proposed by Lawrence Bamber (LB) National Councillor Region 12 – Seconded by Stewart Thompson (ST) National Councillor Region 3. Carried.	TC
4	Matters Arising from those Minutes TC asked Sean McCormick (SM) – National Councillor Region 18 - to update the meeting on how he did at the Great South Run for RTCW. SM advised that to date he had raised £1,482 for which he received a round of applause. There were no other matters arising.	TC



5 The Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020

BD

Barry Durman (BD), National Vice President, led discussions on the PowerPoint presentation to take forward to the National AGM. After lengthy discussions on the form the presentation would take, it was decided that the PowerPoint would be presented a slide at a time to the National Council and after each slide points, discussions, etc could be taken and a vote for approval following.

Title Page - Tom Atkins (TA) National Councillor Region 15, felt that although it had been explained that this document was initiated in 2015, it ought to be titled 2016-2019 as he mirrored John Alford's (JA) National Councillor Region 25 comments that this should be a 5 year plan, but annually measurable. JA proposes it be titled 2016 to 2019. Seconded by Des Fulcher (DF) National Councillor Region 17.

For 19, Against 6, Abst 1

Carried.

(** TC Welcomes, Marcus Jones RTBI National President, Bruce Bennett Past RTBI National President and Mark Brown who have just entered the room **)

Aims – Godwin Stewart (GS) National Councillor Region 8, believes that we ought to underline the word 'Voluntary' (line 4) with regard to Community Service. This was not seconded.

Membership – Colin Steen (CS) National Councillor Region 4 asks if it is really necessary for us to have Club Numbers?. TC responds, so this means that Table numbers (that mean so much to some of them) can carry on. CS comments that it does not really seem necessary to have Club numbers, Kevin Chard (KC) National Councillor Region 21 Proposes we remove the necessity for Club Numbers, Seconded by DF.

For 19, Against 1, Abst 5

Carried.

Free National Capitation for 41/dual Tablers – Ken Donald (KD) National



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Councillor Region 2 Proposes that if you are a dual RT member, then 41 Club membership should be free. GS likes the idea, but does not believe that it will be an attractive enough to gain members. CS does this mean if you have a feeder club with 10 members over 40 all 10 would be free membership?. Manny Martins (MM), National Secretary, confirms yes, there would be no financial obligation. Marcus Jones, RTBI National President, interjects to clarify comment that RTBI would be changing their age rule back to 40. He stresses, that although this would be an aim for them that they undertook to address with RTI, it is and always would be subject to vote at a National AGM. A new wording is suggested to replace the word 'free' with 'complimentary National Capitation. Seconded Stewart Thompson.

For 23, Against 0, Abst 2

Carried.

Membership discussion continued – TA, what about 'virtual clubs' how would that work? TC, we suggest they could join online. AW, Honorary Members? TC, they would have limited benefits & no vote, etc. David Leach (DL) National Councillor Region 24, Are you saying classify them with a flag on CAS? It's an unnecessary expense & won't work, hard enough for current members, let alone honoraries. Jim Smith (JS), IPP, it might seem 'silly' to ensure our membership database but he recounted a tale of a Rotary Club member (Walking Stick) whose accident would not have been covered by insurance if he had not been a member. GS, all very well & good, but some of the exclusions in the insurance policy don't cover the very activities we are known for doing. Duncan Kennedy (DK), National Membership Officer, we had a Chairman's chain go missing, over £1,000 & all covered under insurance. TC, please hold over Insurance issues until budget discussion. GS, Membership cards? Surely this is a waste of time & money. TC, No! not expensive, understand the cost to be only around £700 and the point is providing identity, for benefits, etc. BD proposes that we change membership to individual members, JS seconds. DF, but what is the true cost of turning from club to individual membership?. Mark Fairchild (MF), National Treasurer, this is ONLY a plan, there is no cost until approved. JA, strongly against, feels clubs will disaffiliate.

Vote on club to individual membership (Steve James (SJ), National Councillor Region 13, clarifies, this is ONLY subject to finance approval).

For 15, Against 3, Abst 6.



Carried.

Membership (Page 5) – JS, agree with the sentiments, but how do we actually achieve this?. DK, We have joint plans with RTBI, a strategy for getting to 'under 45's' and we will assist in the formation of new clubs, if required. JS, so where does the '300' come from?. DK, this is the 3% conversion target. JA, The letter sent to graduates from RTBI, 41 Clubs don't seem to have a similar note to let them know?. TC, there is a mechanism in place (refer DK), the data is being taken care of.

Communication – Pages 7 thru 10 were taken on block, Proposed JS, Seconded ST.

For 17, Ag 1, Abst 3

Carried.

6 Governance Plan

TC

TC, there really is very little change here, but we will run through just in case anything else arises.

Aims – No comment

National Board – No comment

Regions – JA, Just look at a map, geographically some of the clubs are just too far apart. PE, Regions are always under review & being looked at, for instance if a new Councillor is on a region border.

Hon Members – No comment

Hon WebMaster – GS, we really need website content, not just the front page material.

Council – No comment

Terms of Office – GS, strict 3 year roles could mean we risk posts not being filled if a replacement cannot be found. We need to maintain the 2 year extension as an option if no replacement take ups. MM, There is always an opportunity to back fill from past councillors. TC, it means change, this is a good thing. DF, this should mean the 'care-takers' as well. MM, there is



always a constant review, we regularly go out to the regions. PE, effectively this is in my role to manage, my job & I will organise. SJ, 3 years is short-sighted. You have just 1 year getting used to the role, 1 year bringing in change/adapting & then you are into succession planning!. We need to deal with non-performers in a different way. Derek Knowlden (DKn), National Councillor Region 20, does the rule change have the effect of a mass removal? & therefore a large number of new councillors?. BD, we have to combat the 'jobs of the boys' image, it came out of the review group. CS, what about the contract at Marchesi House?. Does the review go far enough?. MM, it does mean we will be looking at other companies. DL, Can I suggest we change the wording and lose the Marchesi House element. Seconded KL. For 14, Ag 11, Abst 2.

Carried.

Vote for 3 year board/council role, proposed by National Board, seconder LB. For 20, Ag 2, Abst 6.

Carried.

7 Presentation by Marcus Jones, National President RTBI MJ

Mentioned the St Austell Bus 'Tour of Europe' raising £100k. Will forward MM an invitation. MJ

Presented to TC a memorial DVD & a personal beanie hat.

Would like to mention 2 items that he thought would be of interest:-

- A) Bringing about greater reward & recognition of members. For instance TOTY, etc. It is to say thank you & well done more often. e.g. member of the month in an area, etc it is NOT a financial reward. Think more like (we are proposing) 2/4/16 when we are inviting graduating members for a special visit to Marchesi House.
- B) Re-invigorating Areas, We have a pool of supporters that need strengthening, we are looking at in committee, etc.

8 Secretary's Report AGM Elections MM

MM reported the following nominations received by the closing date of 1 February 2016. MM



One nomination for National Vice President –	Dave Campbell
Two nominations for National Membership –	Duncan Kennedy Jason Thomson
One nomination for National Comms -	Godwin Stewart
One nomination for Association International -	Peter Good

National Councillor elections were as per his agenda report.

Resolutions.

Resolution 1

The National Council Proposes:

Free National Capitation of 41 Club for Round Tablers or Ex-Round Tablers in the 40-45 age bracket with effect from 1st January 2017

As earlier minutes, substitute 'free' for complimentary

For 21, Against 0 & Abst 2

Carried.

Resolution 2

The National Council proposes:

That the title of the 'Association's International Officer is Changed to 'International Relations Officer' (National IRO).

For 26, Against 0 & Abst 0

Carried.

Resolution 3

The National Council proposes:

That all members of the National Council (with the exception of the National President, National Vice-President and the Immediate Past National President) shall be elected for a three year term at the Annual General Meeting and that the service in that office is limited to that initial three year



term.

AW, too many 'the's' remove second 'the'.

For 17, Against 5, Abst 6

Carried.

Resolution 4

The National Council proposes:

Should any member of the National Council not perform satisfactorily in his duties, or any member of the Association be found guilty of a serious criminal offence, then they shall be subject to the Association's Disciplinary Policy.

For 25, Against 0, Abst 2

Carried.

Resolution 5

Tredegar 41 Club proposes:

Current Rule 20.7 replaced as below:

20.7 The National Board and Council shall manage the Association's affairs within the budget agreed at each AGM for the financial year following. The National Treasurer shall report to the membership ahead of each Council Meeting, the progress made against the budget. Any additional expenditure, not presented to an AGM or contained within the budget shall not be authorised without prior approval of the membership at a General Meeting. In the event of an emergency, National Council may approve additional expenditure up to an amount not greater than 1% of the overall budget during the financial year with the membership being informed through the email system.

Agree 19, Disagree 1, No view 6

Carried.

Resolution 6

Tredegar 41 Club proposes:



A new rule 20.9

20.9 The Association's reserves shall be maintained at a level agreed at a General Meeting of the Association.

Agree 2, Disagree 15, No view 9

Lost.

Honorary Members

TC explained that each year the National Board proposed the appointment of Honorary Members for National Council ratification and then recommendation to the AGM. To this end he proposed:-

Paul Cammiss for Honorary Solicitor, Seconded by CS. For 26, A 0, Ab 1

Hugh Milward for Honorary Archivist, Seconded by DK. For 26, A 0, Ab 1

Dave Barker for Honorary Webmaster, Seconded by GS. For 22, A 0, Ab 4

9 Awards

Jim Smith explained the background to the Vaughan Harris award (awarded by 41 Club to a Table) and asked for nominations by the end of the month.

John Carberry was proposed for the Association Award. He has always been influential in what he has done & now sadly suffers from dementia. He is unlikely to live till Belfast 2017, sadly, & is approved by the Awards Committee and National Board. Amongst other things he was responsible for our 'www' website address. For 27, Against 0, Abst 0.

TC

Carried.

10 Budgets and Outturn for 2015 – Including Income and Expenditure

MF



2015 accounts were with auditors. DK proposed acceptance, seconded by Kevin Lovett (KL), National Councillor Region 7.

MF

For 25, Against 0, Abst 2

2017 Budget Discussion. BD, confirms it adheres to Reserves Policy, but would like to see a further 50p increase in capitation to £15.00 and build up reserves and facilitate an additional expenditure required. Seconded Des Fulcher (DF) National Councillor region 17. Ken Donald (KD) National Councillor Region 2 said the membership at the AGM would take it as a slap in the face. DK we would need to justify the increase, just to build up reserves would not be sufficient. David Leach (DL) National Councillor Region 24 said that the Reserves would be at £145,000 by 2017 we did not need any more monies.

For 10, Against 13, Abst 4

Lost.

Nick Morcumb (NM), National Councillor Region 11, Could you clarify what the situation is with the £5K to RTBI that expires at the end of April (end of 3 year term)?. JS, explains that under the CSLO budget we can still assist Tables with charity or membership nights, etc. BD, we now support the Millennium Way and explains the background to the 41 Club driven special walk that was conceived in 1998, over 350 miles, 48 circular walks, etc. Currently has 15 41 Clubs operating as unpaid wardens for the upkeep. Much more appropriate to 41 Club.

DC, questions costs on the IT budget, is there a specific breakdown?. GS, costs for old website will stop when it is shut down at the end of April, Hugh Milward is assisting to tidy-up.

MF proposed acceptance of the 2017 budget. Seconded by CS.

For 20, Against 2, Abst 4

Carried.

MF introduced the subject of Phillip Ellis (PE) National Councillors' Liaison Officer expenditure without a budget. This covered just flight and travel in his duties as NCLO. MF proposed acceptance. Seconded CS.

For unanimous.



Carried.

11 Website

GS

GS explained his paper containing the 3 recommendations he proposed. The most important item being the API bridge. The website backs up CAS. The website should be able to send emails but CAS is not providing it with the necessary information. JS switching off the login prevents the website using its email facility. PE we keep asking for the Blueprint but never get it. JS the blueprint was sent to everyone for approval. BD if no IP Bridge the website cannot be updated. The website therefore cannot message which is web based. DK if we do away with the login are we happy for anyone to see our reports and budgets? MF what have we got to hide or is sensitive? TC we loaded CAS into the website but did not switch it on. Ray Hill (RH) National Communications Officer all comms come to me including distraught widows asking for their husbands email to be removed we need a new CAS, yet we voted not to increase capitation to pay for this. We can move CAS into the website and input information as before.

TC instructed GS to go away and report back to the April meeting on:

- Can we turn off CAS
- Can we put CAS into the website
- Can we turn off the old website
- Can we terminate our support from Tecnos

GS

No money to be spent on the API bridge. The £1,000 budget set aside for this can be used to investigate matters as above.

TC the two major items for discussion at the next National Council Meeting will be:

- The website
- DK's disciplinary policy

GS
DK

12 Webmaster

DB

DB gave an overview of his duties going forward.

13 Questions on National Councillor's Reports

All

Region 1 KD reported that all arrangements had been made for the National Golf Competition.

Region 2 – 14 NTR.

Region 15 TA reported that he had not visited many clubs because he had been support RT with the sleigh and organising a bucket collection at the



Ricoh Stadium.

Region 17 DF reported it was wonderful that the visit of the National President and National Fellowship Officer had at last given the Marchesi Room the rightful recognition it deserved.

Region 18- NTR

Region 19 – TA announced the Regional Golf would be taking place in July.

Region 20 -21 –NTR

Region 22 – MF reported his successful visit to Gibraltar one of the outlying clubs in his region.

Region 23 – 24 NTR.

14 Questions on National Board Reports

All

President – NTR

Vice President – BD – there are 200 70th Anniversary books left for sale at the reduced price of £7.00 each. Can all take several copies for sale at the end of the meeting.

All

All new National Councillors requiring a Polo Shirt to send him an email.

NCs

Any member of National Council requiring a badge of office or ribbon to hang it on to email BD.

All

All walkers attending the Millennium Way to arrive at the starting point WR7 4BS by 10.30 a.m.

All

TC thanked BD for organising the walk.

IPP – JS – Made his presentation on '41 Club in the Community' based on assisting local communities by assisting in starting new Round Tables. Previous submissions had received a luke warm reception. The best way we can serve our communities is by starting new Round Tables. I have obtained the information circulated from Round Table. They have identified the top 75 areas/towns etc in which to start a new club. This means that each National Councillor has only to start 2 new clubs and we have delivered most of the target set. I attended the RT National Council Meeting in January where they thought this was a good idea. This is a major project over 3 years.

JS suggested that this could be achieved by setting up of task force groups consisting of National Board and Council members going out to the regions and starting new clubs. I have done similar things in Honduras and



Cambodia

PE – this is nothing to do with Community Service but with Membership where it should lie.

JS

JS was given the go ahead to progress this initiative

National Secretary – MM – there were 27 late reports for the last National Council Meeting I propose we abandon the National Council reports. Overwhelming support to keep the Report ongoing.

All NCs

NM – I propose that all Deputy National Councillors and Assistants receive copies of the National Council report templates etc. MM – you can automatically send these yourselves by instructing your email boxes to do so.

National Treasurer – MF – NTR

National Membership Officer – DK – Prospects Database is being completed by the National Councillors.

All

National Communication Officer – RH – The next and last issue of the magazine during my term of office is due out later this month but I do not have enough copy. Please submit your copy asap. I wish to thank Lawrence and Barry for their copy over the many years.

TC thanked RH for his superb efforts as Editor.

NCLO – PE – NTR.

National Fellowship Officer – in his absence Steve James (SJ) I propose that we hold a National Sporting Weekend (NSW) in February 2017 in place of the National Council Meeting to include the meeting. Venue – Oakhampton Manor. Seconded BD.

SJ

For 14 Against 12 Abst3

Carried.

International Officer – DC – I am pleased to announce that we have selected Andy Waite as our Association's candidate for the post of International Secretary. TC – On Thursday I went to work at the BBC and guided TC around. No one at work knew my future plans until the President told everyone I was standing as VP.



Honorary Members – NTR.

15 Approvals Affiliations **DK**

Ribble & Lune 41 Club Region 5
Redditch 41 Club Region 15

Disaffiliations

Stirling 41 Club Region 1
Darlington Tankard Region 4
Ripley Amber 41 Club Region 10
Market Drayton 41 Club Region 11
Leighton Buzzard Region 19

Carried.

16 AOB **TC**

Godwin presented TC with a cheque for an additional amount of money raised at the Charter celebration of Leyland 41 club last year.

TA – the OBE's have not paid their capitation for the current year what should I do. He was informed to check their payments and chase any outstanding payments. On checking he found that John Payne was trying to sort out the payment – which he finally managed to do. So OBS's all paid up. **TA**

17 Date of Next Meeting **TC**

Friday 15 April 2016 starting at 11.30 a.m.

Venue: Crown Plaza Hotel, Birmingham.

18 Approval **TC**

Signed as a True and accurate record: **TC**



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Terry Cooper
National President
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