

COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 27 January 2026, 14:00 – 15:25

Online

Minutes

Present:

Frank Giecco -FG, Perry Gardner –PG, Rebecca Dolan – RD, Jessica Lowther - JL (Chair), Laura Miucci – LM, Secretary), Richard McConnell – RM, Cara Burton – CB - (ClfA), Sarah-Jane Farr – SJF

Agenda Point		Action (Initials)
1. Attendance Apologies Emily Johnston – EJ Mike Nevell - MN		ALL
2. Updates since last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed new members to the Committee: Laura as Secretary, Thank you to Nina the previous secretary • Introductions by everyone to get to know each other a bit better 		ALL
3. Commercial archaeology Units: in part as CICs; governance & ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • value on community benefit • various guidance: Directors often Members: “community” as general term • need outlines/guidelines that separate each part: Trustees on CIC part • looking at CICs vs. Charities vs. Limited Companies • for CICs, need distinct clear boundaries for each part of the business • any specialists, sub-contractors etc need to be in-house? 		ALL
4. Media & volunteers: Representing contributions by volunteers & community groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • digging for Britain (ex): very dependant on volunteers, but focus on the objects • not actually able to legislate for media programmes: can do what they like • important to value each contribution: volunteer diggers, detectorists etc • public benefit of archaeology: external media should work closer with the stakeholders to promote what's needed/wanted for each party • ethical storytelling: who's responsible? • create a ClfA guidance document? [More to discuss next meeting] 		ALL
5. Outreach & public engagement: Outreach activities at ClfA Festival (CB to introduce) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quiz: with archaeology books as prizes? • ask someone to sponsor/partner the event? • “official” event to finish at 10pm? • ticketed attendees only • open call about event ideas • we would work with Doug Rock-McQueen who is facilitating the event 		JL to pursue
6. Outreach & public engagement: Knowing your patch – postponed until next meeting		PG, ALL
7. Future tea break session topics? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engaging with external media 2. 		ALL
8. Date of next committee meeting? Looking at pre-Conference for the next Please send points for the Agenda at least 1 week in advance.		