

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 secretaryIntroductions by everyone to get to know each other a bit better	ALL
3.	Commercial archaeology Units: <i>in part as CICs; governance & ethics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">value on community benefitvarious guidance: Directors often Members: “community” as general termneed outlines/guidelines that separate each part: Trustees on CIC partlooking at CICs vs. Charities vs. Limited Companiesfor CICs, need distinct clear boundaries for each part of the businessany specialists, sub-contractors etc need to be in-house?	ALL
4.	Media & volunteers: <i>Representing contributions by volunteers & community groups</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">digging for Britain (ex): very dependant on volunteers, but focus on the objectsnot actually able to legislate for media programmes: can do what they likeimportant to value each contribution: volunteer diggers, detectorists etcpublic benefit of archaeology: external media should work closer with the stakeholders to promote what’s needed/wanted for each partyethical storytelling: who’s responsible?create a ClfA guidance document? [More to discuss next meeting]	ALL
5.	Outreach & public engagement: <i>Outreach activities at ClfA Festival (CB to introduce)</i> <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 onlyopen call about event ideaswe 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? 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.	