

# Meeting of the National Executive Council of the National Federation of Plus Areas

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## List of attendees and apologies for absence

Matt Dickinson (Acting chair and NTAC Chair) Martin Posner (Anglia and South East Chair) Ben Allen (National Activities Officer) Alison Jones (Honorary General Secretary) Ian Crawshaw (VP) James Oliver (National Finance Officer) Adam Redshaw (Midland Area Chair) Adrian Barnard (VP) Gerry Edwards (VP) Rhianna Wright (NEC Administrator), Francesca Barclay (ASE, Observer)

Apologies - Steve Rolfe (National chair) Jeff Rae (National internet Co-ordinator) Nicki Rolfe (Southern Area chair)

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## Establishment of voting strength

3 - Area chairs  
VPs can vote on occasion)

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## Minutes of the Previous meeting held 22nd August 2020

Other than the spelling of Jeff's surname these were accepted as accurate. There were no specific matters arising

### Actions from the previous meeting

- Area Levy will be complete by the end of today (14 Nov)
  - Ben now has access to all accounts
  - Not clear if SR and JR had meeting, but GE has met with JR
  - All thought website looked good, but request to remove Alpa Raja's photo
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## Standing actions list, and future actions

- Links on website all seem OK — ongoing
  - NFO to update signatures - this is ongoing
  - Spring break committee now have full access to the online account
  - All NEC committee members to update contact details - done but RW has change of address
  - Public Liability Insurance now correct on website
  - AB to scan the guide to plus - has been taken over by MD - ongoing
  - HGS / NFO - register with ICO - done
  - Area Levys - Southern area and Midland area outstanding - JO to chase
  - Risk assessments - JO has received 6 so far (all from Midlands)
  - National Trophies register - all accounted for
  - NFO to submit public Liability quotes (for renewals) to November meeting. Ongoing
  - Banned list - ongoing (no banned members at present)
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## Reports

### Chairs report

Report has been received.

### Finance Report

Report has been received.

### Activities Officer Report

BA is dealing with three main events at present;  
AGM 2021

- £50 balance (money from Barnet)

Holborn 2021

- 15-29 April. Balance healthy (£5050 at 511/20) 43 attendees. Attendees will owe £3 each due to slight difference in this years cost. This can be paid by BACS or cheque made out to 'Plus Spring Holiday' Their policy is that if the event cannot go ahead due to covid, then it will be refunded, or rescheduled. There was a question regarding what would happen if the event itself goes ahead, but individuals could not attend due to being in a higher tier etc. BA suggested there may be a possibility of separate units being treated as separate bookings, allowing for some shifting round of the available units if this happens.

80th Anniversary

- Will discuss under later agenda item

### Internet officer report

Not much information on Jeff's project

Saturday, 14 November 2020

It was mentioned at this point that the 'One-list' is due to disappear shortly. Google groups was suggested as a suitable alternative.

Action for MD to email all on one-list with a link to the new google group. If people want to join, they can. **MD - ACTION**

It will be called ' Plus groups UK'

Members will be asked what is their connection with Plus (e.g. current member)

AB has archive of old one list threads and messages. It was suggested this would be good to preserve for future. **AB - ACTION**

### **Area Reports**

NTAC

Received (although report not attached)

- 6 groups in area
- 90 members
- £5622.48 (net worth 4691.96)
- Groups are keeping in touch using Zoom etc
- Some groups have met in small groups when allowed
- Area meeting (online) 22/11/20

Midlands (presented verbally at meeting)

- 130 members
- £4897.42
- Most groups using Zoom
- Solihull has a WhatsApp group
- Lichfield and Bromsgrove groups met in person when guidelines allowed
- Walking Events were held when allowed

ASE (presented verbally at meeting)

Kings Lynn doing Zoom meeting every Tuesday. Other groups doing regular virtual activities. When allowed, there were some walks. Members have mainly agreed to renew.

Southern Area

No report but Center Parcs trip went ahead within guidelines

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## **80th Anniversary Celebrations**

BA and AR have been to venue. Have booked for 12th June

We have 60 definites

BA is setting up bank account.

Contingencies for potential cancellation due to covid restrictions is in hand

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AR suggests venue may be worth keeping in mind for future AGMs etc. It is close to the Jacobean, and there is a station nearby

Sub Committee is;

- Ben Allen
- Tracy Washbrooke
- Adam Redshaw
- Liz and Geoff Buller
- James Oliver
- Judi Mander

We have put a deposit of £500 with venue  
Cost is £3000 for all day event with buffet  
£35 per head cover the above and disco  
Room can hold up to 300

There has been lots of interest from ex-plus members  
Email [plus.celebration@hotmail.com](mailto:plus.celebration@hotmail.com) to reserve your space

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## **NAGM 2021 (BA)**

This will be run as a virtual event.

its possible there will be higher attendance than usual due to it being online.

BA has been to the Jacobean. The manager understands. WE can either get a refund or move to a later date.

- We need someone to act as host / co-host 9they will run the meeting NOT the chair)
- It may be shorter than usual (12-4?)
- Voting system
- Breakout rooms
- Running order needs defining

MD suggests a rehearsal one week beforehand.

AC will take last years agenda and create this years using template - **ACTION AC**

GE suggest we embrace this opportunity, as it could be the future of AGMs

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## Motions for NAGM

Must be provided one month prior to meeting

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## Memberships during Covid-19

MD suggested we continue for one further year with the free membership for renewals only once the current arrangement ends on the 16/3/2021

MD to draw up a motion for AGM and email top table group - **MD ACTION**

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## AOB

There has been no update on JR idea re making Plus a CLG.

(It was noted that we would have to register as a single entity, which contradicts the Area Lead Option. Although it would probably be possible to have sub-groups within the structure)

AR suggested he could look into this and present something to the AGM in Feb. Formal motion would be required if we were to pursue it

**ACTION - AR**

FB asked if money for Zoom Pro license for group on line activities could be claimed back. It was suggested she firstly ask her group. If not luck with group, then ask ASE area

MD suggest areas look into this, as they have money available.

**ACTION - All area Chairs**

AB - can start taking soap order soon. Rhubarb and lime flavours are available.

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## Date / time of the next meeting

Saturday 13th February 2021 (Pre AGM meeting)

Action List	Action	Who?	Status
	Email out about new 'Google group' to replace one-list and send link to join	MD	Complete
	Create archive of old one list threads and messages	AB	
	AC to create NAGM agenda using template	AC	
	Draw up motion for extending current memberships for one further year from March 2021	MD	
	Present to NAGM about the CLG option for plus	AR	
	investigate possible of areas funding Zoom Pro licence or similar for online events	Area chairs	

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