

Avon Athletic Association

(Affiliated to M.C.A.A.)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held :- 27th March 2006

7.30 pm at Civil Service Club, Filton Avenue, Bristol.

PRESENT : Peter GRIFFIN (President); Graham HOWELL (Chairman); Mike DOWN (Vice-Chairman); Mike STRANGE (Sec); Bill KINGSTON (Treas); Gordon ROBBINS (Road Running Co-ordinator); Mike SMITH (Life Vice President); Barry SMART (Life Vice President); Peter MILLER (Westbury Harriers); Mike WILLCOX (GWR); Mike ANDREWS (Clevedon AC); Andy HEYES (Cross Country Co-ordinator); Arthur RENSHAW (Thornbury R C); Neil MILLER (Westbury H); Hugh BURCHARD (Environment Agency); Ray GOODING (Life Vice President – Officials Co-ordinator); Pamela GOODING (Life Member); David HUGHES (Empire AC); David COALES (City of Bath AC); Andy MULLETT (City of Bath AC); John CLAPP (Hogweed Trotters).

APOLOGIES : Sonya ELLIS (AAA of E. SW RDC); John ROBBINS (Life Vice President); Tony HURLEY (Hon Life Member); Hilary NASH (Track & Field Co-ordinator), Par SWINBANK (Team Manager), Malcolm SWINBANK (Auditor).

FRED HILL

The meeting respectfully observed a minute's silence in recognition of the passing of Fred Hill, the first Chairman and later President of this Association.

The Treasurer was asked to send a donation for St Peter's Hospice to the Funeral Company in recognition of Fred's outstanding work and long term commitment to the County.

MINUTES OF 2005 AGM

The minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings (after adjustment of minor typo errors) and were duly accepted.

Proposed Mike Willcox; Seconded Peter Griffin; Accepted Unanimously

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman congratulated all involved in the County for their contributions and commitment. He felt that we gave excellent service to member clubs and athletes and was proud that 'we do things well'.

We look forward to the advent of England Athletics and our inclusion in the South West Region, the Chairman asked that we get stuck in to ensure that all works out well.

COMMITTEE REPORT 2005.

Prepared by the Chairman, Hon Secretary and Sections and presented by the Hon Secretary.

GENERAL

30th ANNIVERSARY CLEBRATIONS

After much preparation, essentially by our President Peter Griffin the commemorative Dinner was held on Saturday 11th June 2005 and deemed to be a complete success. David Hemery accepted an invitation to be Guest of Honour and our other guests were Sonya Ellis, Carolyn Franks, David Cooke, Georgette Van Hoof, Bob Reeves & Ken Holmes.

The Account balance for the event (not including the purchase / sale of ties) showed an overall deficit of £ 1,148.59.

STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH ATHLETICS

Decisions have now been taken on the re-structuring of Athletics in England. England Athletics will replace AAA of England and 9 Regions (Hubs) will administer at a more local level in accordance with suggestions set out in the Foster Report. The changes will take effect on 1st April 2006. The South West Region will have jurisdiction over the clubs within Avon. The Midlands, if it so chooses, will continue as a 'Competition' organiser and is likely to phase its exit from administration past 1st April in order that a smooth transition can be made.

An Interim Chairman (Nigel Rowe) through an Interim Board will set out a terms of reference for the future. Gordon Robbins is contributing to the Interim Board on behalf of Avon AA and a number of representatives (Mike Down (XC), Gordon Robbins (Road), Hilary Nash (Coaching), Ray Gooding (Officials)) are contributing to the pathways for specific sections of Athletics.

Avon AA did not support in any way moves toward the continuance of AAA of England.

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Members were appointed through the 2005 A.G.M. and presented with their Awards at the 30 year Commemorative Dinner. Those Honoured were :
Life Vice Presidents Mike Down, Graham Howell, Mervyn Kemp, Bill Kingston, Derek Morrison, Barry Smart, Jim Strudwick.
Honorary Life Members Pam Gooding, David Palmer, Pat Swinbank, Dave Turner.

WELFARE

The Hon Sec seconded this now very important area of Athletics and Peter Miller has accepted initial responsibility.

TREASURER COVER

The indisposition of the Treasurer during the year highlighted our general vulnerability to circumstances where key officers are unavailable. As a result a proposal is to be put to the AGM to add the position of Assistant Treasurer who would shadow the Hon Treasurer (stand in during unavailability) and be able to sign cheques.

Aligned proposals agreed at Committee at that time were : “that Cheque signatories be increased to 2 for any cheque and that those signatures be taken from a choice of 4 people from the Committee. The signatories decided upon to add to that of the Hon Treas. were those of the Chairman, Hon Sec and a person designated to interface with and cover the Treasurer in the event of his unavailability.”

However these moves are still in the process of implementation due to the difficulties of bringing together signatories compounded by the inefficiencies of the banking system.

It was further resolved that the Account should now recognise our correct designation ‘Avon Athletic Association’ and that two Cheque Books should be in operation at any one time.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

An initial Development Plan for Athletics was implemented in 2005 in The Sports Partnership for Avon (Sports West) and under the control of the South West RDC. The ‘Plan’ as outlined in last year’s report (under Active Sport) covers Education, Local Authorities, Clubs, School Club Links, Talent, Disability, Coaching, Officials, - in fact development in nearly all of the diverse aspects of our sport. It is hoped that the County can progressively become more aligned to the objectives of the Plan particularly as the Budget for the above is limited.

CLUBMARK

A number of larger Clubs (with Junior sections) have been identified to work toward the Sport England ‘Clubmark’ accreditation. Of the 6 Clubs identified Yate & District and Westbury Harriers appear to be the most advanced with their plans.

Clubs Future respondents to Audit were previously Empire Sports & Thornbury Running Club. This list should now include Yate & District AC who responded in 2005.

FACILITIES

Certificates were operative for Bath Univ, YOSC & Whitchurch SC in 2005. Filton College have not yet applied for certification of their 6 lane + long jump facility.

With the imminence of a closure of the Whitchurch facility under the redevelopment of Hengrove Park Bristol City Council are currently discussing building a Schools & Training facility at Packers Field (St George) and further investing in the expansion of Filton into a full competition complex (with spectator stand, bar, meeting room, etc).

VOLUNTEERS

Westbury Harriers manned the Athletics stand at Volunteer Fair held at Bristol University in 2005. Enquiries from potential volunteers were limited.

OFFICIALS (Co-ordinator – Ray Gooding)

INVOLVEMENT

Support from technical officials for Avon AA events was rather difficult to obtain, consequently the U17 Championships and the West of England Championships came close to being cancelled.

However, with the help of spectators and six officials from Wilts, the few qualified officials made a good job of both meetings.

GRANT

A grant of £100 for use as officials’ bursaries was received from England Athletics and a document prepared for Sonya Ellis on how that money was expected to be spent.

QUALIFIED OFFICIALS

We now have 9 Level 2 “Assistant” officials with another yet to register with UKA. Also 3 of our experienced officials attended a UKA course at Cardiff to become “Tutors” for Level 2 officials. So Avon now has Tutors covering Timekeeping, Field Judging and Starter / Marksman.

UNIFORM

UKA has announced the new uniform for officials which comes into force in 2006. Blazers and white flannels have been replaced with a less formal dress which has received a rather mixed reception.

NEWSLETTER

A “Newsletter” for officials was issued for the first time, but as it received only one encouraging comment it is doubtful if there will be any further issues.

ACTIVE OFFICIALS

The return of “Forms 10” was again very disappointing as not more than 50% of Avon AA officials at Grades 3 and 4 appear to be actually active. This year, however, that poor response could be explained by the fact that we started the year with 37 MCAA and Avon AA registered officials, but less than 50% of them have now registered with UKA. A list has recently been received from UKA from which some (known to have registered) are still missing, but which includes others, known to be inactive but who want to remain involved. This problem has yet to be resolved with UKA. Similarly, some Licences and Passes that have been issued had to be returned for correction.

OFFICIALS EDUCATION GRANTS

Avon AA continues to offer grant aid (100%) to cover the tuition cost of UKA Officials Education Courses.

LEVEL 1 COURSES

New Level 1 Courses for assistant Officials have now been implemented and local clubs have taken advantage by training at this introductory level.

COACHING (Co-ordinator – Hilary Nash)

QUALIFICATIONS

Avon continued to attract considerable numbers of new Coach recruits through UKA Coach Education Courses. The influx of younger Coaches through Universities and Local Authorities is greatly assisting with the re-introduction of Athletics at schools level.

CRB CHECKS

Coaches should be aware that they should now apply for their enhanced CRB checks through UKA.

SQUADS

This UKA South West sprint squad and the Hi Tec Hurdles Squad continue to operate at the Bath Indoor Centre. Cross Country groups drawn from successful competitors in the schools district Champs also continued. Event Specific field event groups are planned for 2006.

SW COACHES FORUM

Regular meetings of this forum have informed / reminded of changes in the Level 2 Education format, Coaching Pass Renewal Applications, the need to push CRB submissions, the Regional Coaching Programme & County Squad Plans.

COACH EDUCATION COURSES

Courses were again held in Bristol & Bath to support local involvement.

COACHES EDUCATION GRANTS

Avon AA continues to offer grant aid (50%) toward the tuition cost of UKA Coach Education Courses.

RESTRUCTURING COACH EDUCATION

Bringing the UK A Coaching Qualifications in line with the sport’s more universally accepted UKCC Qualification system (as reported at the 2005 AGM) is now considered as an option to all existing Coaches.

CROSS COUNTRY (Co-ordinator – Andy Heyes)

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The very successful 2005 Championships reported in last year’s report.

A date clash created through uncertainties at fixing a date for the 2006 again reduced the number of potential competitors available for the 2006 Championships.

SW CROSS COUNTRY FORUM

From regular meetings of this forum a pattern of leagues (co-ordinating the existing Westward & Wessex Leagues into a South West League) and suggestions for a more sensible Championship dates evolved.

TRACK & FIELD (Acting Co-ordinator – Graham Howell)

CO-ORDINATOR

Graham Howell again substituted to cover this job but we would very much like someone to assist and maybe take over the job from Graham.

SOUTH WEST INTER-COUNTIES

Avon again only contributed a token team to the SW Inter-Counties in 2005 at Exeter. A clash of dates with National Junior League fixtures created unavailability. Now that we are formally to be part of the South West set up we would hope that our involvement will become more serious.

WEST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Championships were deemed successful with an increased entry on the previous year. No Somerset or Gloucestershire athletes chose to compete although obviously a clash with their own County Champs did occur.

AVON (JUNIOR) CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Entries again slipped slightly but the event was sustainable.

ROAD RUNNING (Co-ordinator – Gordon Robbins)

GENERALLY

Much activity was concentrated on establishing positive involvement with the South West. This was heartening when one considers the frustrations of dealing with MCAA recently.

FIXTURE LIST

The fixture list has now become an established feature with regular updates whenever an addition or alteration occurs.

NON-AFFILIATED FEES (Runners)

Avon fought vehemently against the increase from £1 to £2 for non-affiliated runners. This was all to no avail and the increases were seemingly passed through without democratic discussion.

ROAD RUNNING STRUCTURE

Questions concerning the 'large road race' organisers and their status within the UKA Road Running structure remain in question.

SW ROAD RUNNING FORUM

This constructive forum is producing a comprehensive structure for South West Road Running as we move into this new era of organisation. The Taunton Half Marathon in 2006 will be the first of a series of Championship races for the South West.

BATH HALF MARATHON

Fees for unaffiliated runners in the 2005 race remain unpaid at the end of the year.

Unanswered questions remain surrounding unsatisfactory Health & Safety / Risk Assessment observations from the 2004 and 2005 events. This Association is exasperated in its attempts to either activate the Organisers or enlist assistance from higher athletic authorities.

COURSE MEASURERS

A number of our RR fraternity applied to participate in a Course Measurers course mid year but were disappointed to find that at the last minute it was deemed that sufficient were operating in Avon and no more were required. This was particularly galling when at a later date one race was embarrassed by the unavailability of a Qualified Course Measurer?

SPORTS:HALL (Co-ordinator – Dave Tuner)

FUN IN ATHLETICS

South Glos were very successful at the U11 Sports:hall (Fun in Athletics) day in Torbay beating all other full County squad teams. Scores : South Glos Gladiators 390; Cornwall Stripes 380; Somerset Spartans 380; Devon Darts 350; Somerset Saracens 345; Dorset 318; Gloucestershire 257; Devon Demons 252; Cornwall Stars 223; South Glos Giants (B Team) 208; Wiltshire Wizards 197.

It is envisaged that a consolidated Avon Team will compete in the 2006 event.

AVON (SCHOOLS) SPORTS:HALL CHAMPS

Excellent numbers and a high quality of athletes competed in the Avon (Schools) Sports:hall Championships (U13 & U15) at BGS in January. Teams for the South West Champs were selected from the successful competitors.

SPORTS:HALL (South West Final)

The U13 & U15 Boys qualified for the National Finals at the N.I.A. with outstanding wins at these South West Championships. Jade Ellans was again the outstanding 'All Rounder' winner in the girls competition and will go also to the N.I.A. as an individual competitor.

SPORTS:HALL (National Final)

From the 12 teams in each of the National Finals the Avon Team finished 3rd in the Boys U13 event and 10th in the Boys U15 event.

On an Individual basis Jade Ellans once again excelled to come 1st in the Vertical Jump with a leap of 69 cm.

AVON SCHOOLS (Representative – Covered by Lesley Nunn)

SOUTH WEST SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS - TRACK

Moves to compete in the South West Schools T&F Champs rather than the West Midlands proved to be an effective move providing Senior competition not available at the latter event.

RANKING LISTS & PERFORMANCE DATA (Mike Sheridan & Mike Strange)

County Ranking Lists were again compiled but the comprehensive nature of these lists is being undermined by time limitations (assistance would be welcome). An England Athletics scheme (Power of 10) aligned to the identification of talented athletes has been piloted and a South West Ranking Officer is being sought.

DISCUSSION – COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Clubs:Future

City of Bath & Bitton RR commented that they had now responded to the Clubs:future Audit.

Coach Qualification - Continuity

Peter Miller noted that the current requirement, to maintain a Coach's active status, is for the club (or other recognised body) to write to UKA confirming activity.

Course Measurers

It was noted that with Phil Holland unwell at the moment the only Course Measurer available is Paul Temple.

Discussion concluded that we should pursue the issue of course measurers training again under the auspices of an established South West Regional set up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the accounts as listed below but did not seek acceptance as the Audit was still in progress.

Account for the period 01-01-2005 to 31-12-2005

	Income		Expenditure	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Road Running	£ 9,011.50	£ 4,848.50	£ 445.00	£ 643.66
Cross Country	£ 1,073.50	----	£ 2,962.03	£ 938.91
Track & Field	£ 1,111.00	£ 1,805.00	£ 875.55	£ 1,666.34
Affiliation Fees	£ 190.00	£ 190.00	£ 25.00	£ 25.00
Bank Interest	£ 175.68	£ 113.52	----	----
Grants	£ 100.00	£ 500.00	£4,668.06	£ 2,696.87
Secretary's Expenses	----	----	£ 180.95	£ 142.39
Other Committee Expenses	----	----	£ 116.60	£ 100.70
Avon 30 th Dinner / Ties	£ 1,050.00	----	£ 2,574.59	----
Sundry	£ 15.00	£ 150.00	£ 171.00	£ 851.33
Totals	£ 12,726.68	£ 7,607.02	£ 12,018.78	£ 7,065.20

Bank balances at 31-12-2005

Community A/C £ 39.23 (£ 3,804.13)

Business Premium A/C £ 18,574.41 (£14,698.73)

Notes on the above Accounts (Year ending 31-12-2005)

1/ ROAD RUNNING

Again, substantial Income was generated by the un-attached fees generated particularly within Bristol & Bath Half Marathons.

2/ CROSS COUNTRY

This heading includes the Avon & Somerset County Cross Country Championships and teams to the Inter-County Championships.

Lack of Income reflects the fact that the 2004 Championships were hosted by Somerset. Our expenditure reflects £ 437 paid to Somerset to cover 50% of the net loss, takes into account the costs to attend the Inter-Counties & the purchase of medals for the 2005 Championships.

3/ TRACK & FIELD

Our Income is significantly increased because we increased our entry fees & the second day (West of England Champs) drew income from outside of the County.

4/ GRANTS

The £ 500 was received from the MCAA in respect of Young Athlete development. Expenditure can be broken into two areas a) Coach Education Grants £ 1,145.00 & b) other grants £ 1,551.87 which includes £ 750 to Avon Schools AA.

5) SUNDRY

Income relates to £ 150 received from Bitton RR. Expenditure relates to £ 451.35, Life Members Awards, £ 249.98, new Photocopier (held by Hon Sec) & £ 150 paid as a deposit for our 30th Anniversary Dinner.

MATTERS ARISING

Audit

It was confirmed that the accounts had not been Audited at this stage.

Reconciliation

It was pointed out that the Income / Expenditure differential did not equate to the increase in stated Bank Balances. The discrepancy was put down to the value of cheques issued but not shown as cashed on the Bank Statement.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President-	Peter Griffin
Chair-	Graham Howell
Vice Chair-	Mike Down
Hon Secretary-	Mike Strange
Hon Treasurer-	Mike Andrews
Coaching Co-ordinator	Hilary Nash
Officials Co-ordinator	Ray Gooding
Road Running Co-ordinator	Gordon Robbins
Track & Field Co-ordinator	Vacant (interim cover by Graham Howell)
Cross Country Co-ordinator	Andy Heyes

Treasurer, Bill Kingston resigned after many years of unstinting service,
Mike Andrews was proposed by – Bill Kingston; Seconded – Peter Griffin; Elected Unanimously.
Remainder proposed (en block) – Barry Smart; Seconded – Bill Kingston; Elected Unanimously

Team Managers

Cross Country Men / Women	Mike Down
Road Men / Women	Vacant to be filled by Committee (Greg Davey, C.o.B. to be asked)
Track & Field Men	Ken Holmes
Track & Field Women	Pat Swinbank
T & F Young Athletes Boys	Hilary Nash
T & F Young Athletes Girls	Alan Thomas

Mike Down wished to be relieved of the 'Road' Team Manager job

Pat Swinbank wished to be relieved of the T & F Women's job but offered to continue until a replacement could be found. It was the feeling of the meeting that we ask Alan Thomas to gradually ease into this extended responsibility.

Proposed (en block) – Mike Strange; Seconded – Graham Howell; Elected Unanimously

Trustees – Iain Macintosh; Ray Gooding; Peter Griffin.
Ray Gooding only for re-election.
Proposed – Mike Strange; Seconded – Graham Howell; Elected Unanimously

Auditors – Christopher Miles, Malcolm Swinbank
Proposed – Mike Strange; Seconded – Graham Howell; Elected Unanimously

CHANGES TO RULES

The following amendments were made to our Constitution & Rules. (Please follow the code)
Code : **Bold = Insert**; *Italics = Delete*.

1/ Rule change proposals from our President – Peter Griffin

4/ GOVERNMENT

h) The Annual General Meeting may elect any person who has given long and meritorious service to the Association and is in their opinion worthy of the honour of ‘Life **Vice-President**’ *Membership* of the Association (**provided that they have attained the status of Officer - see 4g**) or ‘**Honorary Life Member**’ (if they have **not**).

Such appointments will be made every 5 years – commencing 2005 – when an engraved memento will be presented to them at the at the Association’s Quinquennial Dinner by an invited Athletics Celebrity. This person will be our Guest of Honour on the night in question.

Life Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members (see 4 (i)) shall have full voting powers at the Annual General Meeting.

i) In addition to the officers mentioned in the rules, the Executive Committee shall recommend a candidate for election as President of the Association. *Life Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members may also be elected at the discretion of the Annual General Meeting.*

Amendment Proposed Mike Down; Seconded Barry Smart.

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Life Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members (see 4 (i)) shall have full voting powers at the Annual General Meeting.

And that we further record in these minutes : “that we recommend that presentations be made every 5 years when an engraved memento will be presented to them at the at the Association’s Quinquennial Dinner by an invited Athletics Celebrity. This person should be our Guest of Honour on the night in question. “

Amendment passed unanimously

2/ Rule change proposals from our Hon. Secretary – Mike Strange

4/ GOVERNMENT

b) At the Annual General Meeting the following officers of the Association shall be elected: -

Chairperson (the chairperson shall not be expected to serve for more than a maximum of three years),

Vice-Chairperson, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, **Honorary Deputy Treasurer,**

Honorary Welfare Officer, Honorary Track and Field Co-ordinator, Honorary Cross Country Co-

ordinator, Honorary Officials Co-ordinator, Honorary Coaching Co-ordinator and Honorary Road Running Co-ordinator.

Amendment Proposed Gordon Robbins; Seconded Andy Heyes.

That the position of Honorary Deputy Treasurer should not be adopted into the Constitution and that the word Honorary be eliminated from the designation of Executive Members. New proposal:

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Track and Field Co-ordinator, *Honorary* Cross Country Co-ordinator, *Honorary* Officials Co-ordinator,
Honorary Coaching Co-ordinator and *Honorary* Road Running Co-ordinator.

Amendment passed unanimously

Rule change proposals from our Hon. Secretary – Mike Strange

2/ OBJECTS AND DUTIES

c) To observe *National requirements* for **the requirements of UKA / England Athletics in respect of ‘Welfare’** (that shall include in its cover specific requirements toward ‘Child Protection’ and ‘Equity’).

Seconded Graham Howell; passed unanimously

Rule change proposals from our Hon. Secretary – Mike Strange

GENERAL AMMENDMENT

That after 1st April 2006, when Governance ceases to rest with the *AAA of England* and the *Midland Counties Athletic Association*, that references to these bodies be deleted from our ‘Constitution & Rules’ and that appropriate references to **England Athletics & South West Region** replace them.
(Note that during a transitional stage reference to MCAA may still be deemed appropriate for a period beyond the date stated.)

Seconded Graham Howell; passed unanimously.

It was further noted by Graham Howell that we need to similarly amend our Headed paper. It was pointed out by Peter Miller that the correct affiliation now should be to England Athletics only.

A.O.B.

Proposal by e-mail from Hon Life Member Tony Hurley

“that the Junior (*Track & Field*) Championships should be free of entry fees, in order to promote and encourage the participation of the young people in our sport”

Tony's footnote adds :- this will hopefully have as an end result a much larger entry and a more meaningful championship.

Feeling from the meeting did not give wholehearted support to this motion.

It was generally felt that it was un-necessary to apply this policy and that it would open the flood gates for other Championship events. In discussion it was apparent that Members present felt that some comfort should be afforded toward 'large school entries'. The out of pocket expense incurred by some school staff could be considerable. Thus a move to give **discretion to the organiser to apply suitable discount to large school entries was approved unanimously.**

Officials Conference

On behalf of the County Ray & Pam Gooding announced their intention to attend the UKA Officials Conference on 9th April. Ray enquired whether anyone had any points to raise and if so asked that they speak to him after the meeting.

County Records

Peter Griffin noted that he is embarking on a project to record all Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists in National Inter-County Championships and all County Championship Records since the inception of the County. Any assistance would be appreciated by Peter.

South West Council

Mike Down requested that we ensure that become involved in the new SW Regional Council in order that we carry influence to the benefit of our County. He reflected that Avon had always felt left out in the past due its position on the outer fringes of the Midlands Area.

Gordon Robbins commented that all Clubs would be able to and should be encouraged to vote for representation on this SW Council. Nomination are from a club with supporting references from two other clubs.

Affiliation

John Clapp asked for guidance on topping up Membership/ Affiliation before England Athletics takes over Membership.

Reorganisation & ABAC

Arthur Renshaw looked for a recommendation on who to vote for in the reorganisation process and a view on the merits of Insurance offered by ABAC.

No real guidance was available on the ABAC Insurance and it was reiterated that if in doubt we should support nominations from our County so that our needs can be addressed.

Future Policy on County Finances.

Mike Down suggested that the County was becoming quite wealthy and some thought must go into sensible investment into our long- term future. Mike Strange commented that some proposals would shortly be put to the Committee in the form of a County Development Plan.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Mon 22nd May, 7.30 pm**, Civil Service Club, Bristol.

AGM CLOSED

At 9.55 pm.