

Minutes of the first Annual General Meeting of the Dales Way Association.

This was held at 2.00pm on Saturday 24th April 1993 in the Anderton Memorial Institute in Linton.

Present:

A.Barrett, I.D.G.Brooks, W.Clynes, D.Cossar, R.J.Dunn, P.Hannon, F.Sanderson, D.G.Smith & C.Speakman.

1. Adoption of the Constitution.

Both the Constitution & the Objectives of the Association were considered in detail. The following points were agreed:-

- a. Item 3 of the Constitution mentioned in error only 3 officers - whereas this should read 4. (President, Chairman, Hon.Secretary & Hon.Treasurer).
- b. Item 6 to be amended to add the word *committee*. Now to read "All officers & *committee* members" "
- c. Item 6. Although the limited size of the Association's funds meant that a formal, professional, audit would not be sensible, it was agreed to leave the existing wording which merely meant that the accounts would be checked by someone other than the Treasurer before each AGM. Alan Barrett subsequently offered to take on this task.

A copy of the agreed Constitution & Objectives are included as an appendix to these Minutes.

2. Apologies were received from the following members:-

J.Blakeborough, M.Downham, J.Fortner, D.Kelso, M.Lee, J.Molloy, W.Scott, P.Steen, P & D.Walsh & C.Wright.

3. **The Minutes** of the last ordinary committee meeting of the Association held on 17th March were considered & agreed to be a true record.

4. Arising from the Minutes.

It was agreed that consideration be given to the best method of marketing the Association Dales Way badges. These are currently stocked by the Treasurer with some other individuals holding small stocks on a sale or return basis.

It was agreed that when funds allowed a suitable design of Sweat Shirt or Tee Shirt be devised & purchased for sale. A future committee meeting will have to decide whether a further stock of badges needs to be purchased before proceeding with any other item.

5. The Chairman made his Report, commencing by welcoming those attending the AGM & explaining his ideas for a general policy for the Association in the future. He gave a brief run down on activities to date. This included the following points:-

Ordinary committee meetings in Ingleton.

The introduction of an official Dales Way logo used on paper work & the new badges.

The Newsletter - 2 issues to date.

The survey of the route between Sedbergh & Burneside.

Way Marking - future discussions with the Authorities.

Future status for the Dales Way & linking paths.

The Chairman ended by thanking existing committee members for their help.

6. Treasurer's Report.

Membership. This now stood at a very pleasing 75 with new applications coming in. Of these 50 came from outside the Dales area. To date all members due for their second annual subscription had rejoined.

Accounts. At the end of March 1993 the bank current account of the Association stood at £86.00. In addition a stock of badges was held worth £116 at cost & Unpaid Invoices for badges supplied totalled £304.

In the period from January 1992 to March 1993 inclusive Subscriptions received totalled £228 & Donations £112. The two main items of expenditure were the purchase of the badges at nearly £300 & postage which came to £55.

After some discussion, the suggestion that the subscription be raised to £4 per annum was agreed. However this would only be introduced for subscriptions due after the end of 1993.

7. Election of Officers & Committee.

The following were elected by the meeting:-

President Frank Sanderson

Chairman Colin Speakman

Treasurer David Smith

After discussion it was agreed that David Smith continue also to fill the post of Secretary on the basis that this only involved the clerical work of issuing agendas & minutes & handling most of the necessary correspondence.

In addition the President proposed that an additional post of Vice Chairman be created (although not in the Constitution) & that this be filled by Douglas Cossar. This was also agreed.

Committee. Paul Hannon together with Pat & David Walsh were elected. In addition the meeting was very pleased to accept the offer of Ian Brook to join the committee. Consideration to be given to the holding of at least some committee meetings at weekends, particularly Sundays, to allow attendance by members not free during the week.

8. Any Other Business.

Future Actions.

Arising from discussion about the task of Secretary it was stressed that future actions agreed at Meetings needed to be followed up by nominated individuals.

The following list was agreed & results will be reported at the next committee meeting - probably in September.

- a. Meeting with Dales National Park at Grassington to take up their offer to see their basic survey of the route.
- b. Consider the route in detail & record where improvement is needed. In particular to reduce road walking as much as possible. Produce a report which would be basis for later discussion with relevant authorities.
- c. Consider options for introducing proper way marking of the route. Produce report as basis for later discussion with relevant authorities.
- d. Consider design of Sweat/Tee Shirts for purchase for sale when funds allow.
- e. Consider use for a sum of £500 which Frank Sanderson reported could probably be made available for use on the route in the Bowness area. Laying out small circular walks for children is a possibility.

Audio Visual Show.

Alan Barrett offered to arrange an audio visual slide show for an Association event.

David Smith

THE DALES WAY ASSOCIATION

Constitution

1. Membership of the Association shall be open to all individuals and organisations who support the objectives of the Association and have paid the appropriate annual membership subscription.
2. Members shall pay an annual subscription to the Association at a level to be determined by an Annual Meeting of the Association.
3. Management of the Association shall be through a Management Committee consisting of the following four officers:- President, Chairman, Hon.Secretary and Hon.Treasurer and no less than three and no more than twelve additional members of the Association. The President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and other Members of the Committee will be elected at an Annual Meeting of all members.
4. The Management Committee will retain the power to co-opt other Committee members and to appoint other officers as it may determine within the total number of members as suggested above.
5. Five members of Committee will form a quorum.
6. All officers and committee members must stand for re-election at an Annual General Meeting of all members of the Association which must take place within three months of the end of the financial year of the Association at which a full annual report and audited financial statement must be made, and for which all members must be given at least 28 days' notice in writing.
7. An Extraordinary General meeting may be called by authority of the Committee of Management or at the written request of at least ten members of the Association, providing that all existing members receive at least 28 days' written notice of the meeting.
8. This Constitution shall only be amended by the majority vote of at least two thirds of members present at a properly constituted General Meeting of Members.
9. In the event of the Association ceasing to exist, all funds and assets shall be donated to a suitable organisation which, in the opinion of Members present at a formal winding-up meeting, most closely reflects the objects of the Association.

Objectives

1. To consider the route and status of the Dales Way Long Distance Footpath Route and related footpath links, and to support their appropriate maintenance, signing and way marking.
2. To encourage the interpretation and conservation of the Dales Way and the landscape corridor through which it passes.
3. To take an active role in the marketing and promotion of the Dales Way in ways that help to retain its essential character.
4. To keep an up-to-date register of accommodation, route changes, transport and related facilities for the benefit of users of the Dales Way.