

X

the dales way
association



©

Minutes of a Dales Way Association Committee Meeting

The Meeting took place on **Sunday 1st February 1998** at 1.30 pm at 67 Grove Road in Ilkley.

Present:- Martin Collison, Pat Hickman, Frank Sanderson, David Smith, Colin Speakman, Ken & Margaret Staines.

1. **Apologies** were received from Douglas Cossar and Joan & Russell Jamieson.
2. **Minutes** of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.
3. **Arising from the Minutes.**

Frank Sanderson stated that he was not especially seeking to act on the Lake District National Park Committee personally. He felt however that the Association should take steps to ensure that its interests were covered by it. Colin Speakman proposed that he would have some discussion on the matter with the CNP who he would be visiting in the week following the meeting. It might prove possible for them, or maybe the Friends of the Lake District to put forward his name. Alternatively it was suggested that the objective would be met if existing Members of the Committee were identified who would have similar interests to those of the Association.

4. **Officers Reports**

Sales. Margaret Staines reported slow sales at this time. As agreed at the previous meeting she had now purchased, and received, stocks of Tee Shirts, Woolly Hats & Baseball Caps all featuring the Association logo. Including new stock of Sweat & Polo Shirts the Association outlay was approx £1,150. Samples were presented and items purchased by Committee Members. Stock was being delivered to the Lake District National Park Authority in Kendal for resale as discussed at the previous meeting.

Footpaths.

Pat Hickman presented a report on various matters concerning the route. Her report is included as an Appendix to these Minutes. These resulted in some discussion including progress on the proposed new length of footpath to avoid the dangerous road near Cleabarrow. Despite our donation of £150 towards this project it seemed unlikely that any quick action would take place. (Ref. Minutes of Meeting on 28.9.97).

Colin Speakman reported problems with misleading new sign posts on the improved new route between Addingham & Bolton Bridge. David Smith agreed to investigate & seek a correction. David Smith reported that he had noted excellent new finger posts & way marking between Addingham & Ilkley.

Frank Sanderson reported on the position of the proposed Dales Way Seats. One of the stone Heads that will be incorporated has been completed. Correspondence with Cumbria County Council was tabled. It appeared that work had been delayed on the site near Bowston due to the use of volunteer labour and poor weather. It is reasonable to assume that this will be erected this Spring. The other site at Black Moss Tarn is on hold pending reaching agreement with the farmer (and/or his son).

Financial & Membership. David Smith reported the present membership to be 407. Renewal notices for the first quarter of the year are only just being sent out however and there is bound to be a number who do not renew. This probably leaves the steady current membership in the region of 350 of whom over 100 provided accommodation. 81 Members paid their subscriptions by Standing Order.

Finances remained healthy with a positive cash flow of £1,223 for the financial year to date. This included purchases of items for resale totalling some £1,700. It did not however include the latest large purchase detailed under Sales above. Taking account of this we will only be breaking about even and that is likely to be roughly the position at the end of the financial year. The sales of Dales Way items are making a very positive contribution of the finances of the Association. The risk attached to the considerable investment in stock had been discussed and agreed at the previous meeting.

5. **Sales & Membership Leaflets.** Stock of the existing leaflets was now running low. These were a combined Membership and Sales form. A temporary 'sales only' leaflet featuring the newer items now available for sale had been prepared and was now being sent out. (A copy is being included with the 1998 Handbook).

David Smith was working on the design of proper replacement leaflets which would duly be printed commercially. In view of the much larger range of items for sale it was agreed that two separate leaflets would be necessary - one a dedicated Membership Application Form and the other listing all the items for sale. These would have a similar appearance and layout to the current printed form. Hopefully drafts can be available for the next meeting.

6. **The 1998 Handbook.** This had just become available and Committee Members present were given their copies. They would be posted to the membership in the next week or so. As always the standard was high with some new features and Douglas Cossar was congratulated, and thanked, in his absence.

Although we get adequately paid for the inclusion of extra leaflets from outsiders, this was now getting out of hand. As a new feature two advertisements had been printed in the Handbook. Although it will need discussion in the Autumn, it is proposed that such advertisements would replace separate leaflets in the future. A suitable cost would need to be agreed together with policy. Should the facility be offered for accommodation as well as for Taxi services etc. The Handbook covers can be used as additional space, but care has to be taken to ensure that any extra pages do not push up the postal charges.

7. **Any Other Business.** There was nothing under this item.
8. **Next Meeting.** It was agreed that this be on **Saturday, 4th April**. Venue to be arranged, but if possible at Ribbleshead.

The date for the **1998 AGM** was also agreed as **Saturday, 9th May**. Venue Linton if available.

Many thanks to Fleur & Colin Speakman for the hospitality provided for this meeting.

David Smith