

Minutes of a Dales Way Association Committee Meeting.

This Meeting took place on **Sunday 10th December 2000** at 2.00 pm at 67 Grove Road, Ilkley.

Present:- Pat Hickman, Joan & Russell Jamieson, David Smith, Colin Speakman, Margaret & Ken Staines.

1. **Apologies** from Martin Collinson, Douglas Cossar.
2. **Minutes** of the previous Meeting held on 10th September were agreed to be a true record.
3. **Arisings from the Minutes.** There were no matters that are not covered below.
4. **Officers Reports.**

Sales. Russell Jamieson reported no difficulties after the changeover from Ken & Margaret Staines. (Although there were still problems with GPO redirection of mail). Sales continued steadily. Certificates continued to be produced by Margaret Staines. Cheques received are being passed on to the Treasurer (David Smith) together with a note indicating what items they covered. Expenses incurred have to be recovered from the Treasurer, but if Cash has been received, this can be used to cover the expenses. However it is essential that precise details of the figures are given to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer reported that payment of over £300 had been made by the Lakes National Park to cover goods that they had mislaid. In effect this covers the amount that would have been received if they had been sold. Overall, during the financial year to date, there was a very considerable reduction in sales made. Total received over the period was only half that for the same period the previous year.

It was confirmed that the Lakes National Park still held stock and it was hoped that sales of this would continue, as at present, on a Sale or Return basis. It was agreed that future policy needed to be discussed with the Park. In particular it is likely that we would want to be paid in advance for any further stock supplied to them.

Russell reported that stock of certain items was running low. It was agreed that he go ahead and replenish this after discussion with Ken Staines about minimum quantities, lead times etc. No special authority was needed for modest orders, but the Treasurer must be told if significant amounts are involved (Say above £500).

New Order Forms have now been designed and arrangements will be made for printing early in the New Year.

Footpath. A letter has been sent to Bradford Council requesting action to improve a stile on the new length of path near Farfield Hall. This has been the subject of correspondence in the local press.

Finance. David Smith reported that membership was holding up to the 450 mark. Finances remained healthy with the total amount in our Bank accounts now being in excess of £9,500. Once again he stressed that it was most important that we identified ways of using this to benefit the Dales Way.

It was agreed that the next meeting should discuss possible projects that we could help fund. Information boards along the length of the route needed to be considered again and a volunteer found to research, and handle progress.

5. **Planned Meetings with the National Parks and other Authorities.**

Pat Hickman reported that the meeting arranged with the Yorkshire Dales National Park for Tuesday, 14th November had been cancelled by her. This was because only Douglas Cossar and herself would have been able to attend. This is most regrettable and will have sent the wrong signs to the Park about our commitment to the Dales Way. It is also illogical in view of the fact that the proposed meeting with South Lakeland & Lakes National Park (see below) will only have two, less qualified, Members attending.

A meeting has been arranged with South Lakeland & Lakes National Park for Tuesday, 12th December. Unfortunately this will only be attended by Pat Hickman & David Smith. Neither of these are fully competent to discuss matters of legislation etc, etc.

6. **2001 Handbook.**

David Smith reported that this should be produced to the same timescale as previous years. A meeting was arranged early in the New Year to agree content. To date about the same number of adverts had been received as for the current issue. Work was going to be needed to amplify the 'Route Changes' section to cover all recent alterations.

7. **Any Other Business.**

The need for volunteers to work on the Committee was stressed. It would be expected that they would attend a few meetings before being given specific tasks. It was suggested that maybe a Flyer could be included with the Spring Newsletter exhorting Members to volunteer.

Supplies of Membership Forms had now almost run out. It was proposed that the present form be reprinted with only minor changes. This is urgent as it will probably already be too late for them to be sent out with 2001 Handbooks. However printing will not be possible until early in the New Year.

It was reported that the Ramblers' are pressing for the line of the path along the river bank on the way to Addingham, be made an official right of way. It was agreed that the Association would back them fully with this.

8. **Next Meeting.** It is proposed that this be in Ilkley on **Sunday, 11th March.** It was also agreed that the 2001 AGM be held in Linton again and on **Sunday, 13th May.**

Finally many thanks to Fleur & Colin Speakman for their hospitality.

More thanks are due to Fleur Speakman for stepping in and providing a very enjoyable lunch for Members (& non Member spouses) before the meeting. This was a great success and undoubtedly far better than would have been the case if held in a Pub or Restaurant.

David Smith