

## MINUTES OF A DALES WAY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting took place at 1.30pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 at 67, Grove Road, Ilkley.

**Present:** Colin Speakman, David Smith, Alex McManus, Chris. Musson, Ken & Margaret Staines and Pat Hickman.

**Apologies:** Frank Sanderson, Pauline Robertshaw and Rita Smith.

The chairman apologised for the date of this meeting being changed twice.

The Minutes of the last meeting, the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2003, were accepted as a true record.

**Matters Arising:** a) **Speakman Gemmel Guide** – it was reported that Royalties of approx. £250 had been received by the Association. Colin was thanked for his generosity of donating his Royalties to the Association. With regard to members checking the walks in the book, Douglas thanked everyone who had contributed and most amendments were now to hand. Douglas commented that we had a major job on our hands. It was decided to form a Sub-committee to deal with it, consisting of Douglas, David, Colin and Alex, the first meeting to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 at David's home-Dalegarth, Moorfield Road, Ilkley. b) **Web Site** – this was now progressing well and should be on-line in a week or two. The site is not quite finished and will have to be changed by us. c) **National Park Meeting** – Pat distributed the minutes of the last meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2003. It was agreed these were very useful meetings. Pat was asked to write to Grassington Parish Council re application for use of Back Lane to be used as an official Dales Way route.

**Officers' Reports:** **Sales** – David reported Rita was doing a good job with the Sales. It was agreed an order form should be put on the Web Site. **Footpath** – Pat said everything was on the YDNP minutes. She had nothing else to report. **Membership** – there are now approx. 450 members 64 new members this year and lost approx. 108. **Finance** – there will be no surplus this year owing to cost of Web Site, souvenirs, brochures etc. Balance is approx. £9000.

**Accommodation Providers:** David is going to contact those who have not paid their subs. 81 are fully paid up. Pat offered to phone accommodation providers for updates for the handbook.

**National Trails Trust:** The Countryside Agency has a very heavy workload with the CROW Act. There will be nothing happening with our application for the Dales Way to be a National Trail for a long time to come. It was agreed to take this subject off the Agenda.

**Interpretation Boards** – We have been granted outline approval for inclusion of a grant from the Sustainable Development Fund of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to the sum of £5798. Margaret & Ken will attend a meeting at Grassington on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November with Alan Hulme, Kate Geddes and Sue Manson. They will work with us to help us to develop our project to a stage where it can be submitted for final grant approval.

**Any other business: Dales Way Leaflets** – no decision was taken with regard to a re-print of the leaflets. **National Park 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** is next year. A relay walk is to be held along part of the Dales Way. We will not be involved in the organisation of the walk. February/March was suggested, over 1 or 2 days. We may be asked to lead a small group. Kathy Bennet is in charge of all 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Next years AGM was arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 possibly at Linton Village Hall.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 at 67 Grove Road, Ilkley at 1.30pm.

Everyone was thanked for attending and Colin closed the meeting at 3.45pm.

David thanked Colin and Fleur Speakman for their hospitality.

## DALESWAY ASSOCIATION

Report of meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 at YDNP Grassington to discuss the Grant from The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

Present: Alan Hulme YDNP, Kate Geddes YDNP, Sue Manson YDMT, Margaret & Ken Staines

Sue Manson explained the offer was only yet outline approval and all information must be gathered and submitted for the final grant application approval by 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2004. Two plans were discussed in case the one favoured by the YDMT (Plan A) was not possible, these are as follows:-

### PLAN A:

- a) A1 size interpretation boards to be placed on the walls of Leeds, Shipley, Harrogate, Ilkley and Windermere railway stations. The purpose of these are to promote the Dalesway and to direct people into the National Parks.
- b) Postcards with the same design as the boards. These will be designed to be given away to visitors, who hopefully will post them to friends out of the National Park.
- c) Our own Dalesway leaflet re-vamped, with the front cover changed to show the new design as the boards and postcards. These would be distributed as they are now. (Alan Hulme still has a box full of the current leaflet, but keeps sending them out to TIC's).
- d) Details of the Dalesway to be incorporated in all the village boards along the route at National Park expense.

### PLAN B:

- a) Interpretation Boards in various villages as discussed previously.
- b) Postcards as Plan A.
- c) Leaflets as Plan A
- d) Not discussed

Ken and I are contacting the Railway Stations. We also have to get quotes from various Designers. Kate gave us four addresses to contact. Before that we have to submit a rough draft of the design with our information on it. They are very keen that 'Green Messages' get through and that public transport is well represented. (In theory they approved the design you saw at our last meeting. They were also very impressed with Pat's sketches and suggested some of them could be incorporated in the finished product).

We also have to contact LDNP and let them know what we are doing. They apparently have plenty of money to spread around and Sue thought they may jump on the 'bandwaggon' quite willingly.

A maintenance agreement will be drawn up for the boards. They will need to be in place for 5/7 years to comply with the conditions of the Grant. We may have to take out Insurance.

We did find the Millennium Trust makes room for deviation within the Grant.

We have a very tight schedule to get everything together before January, so we may have to shout HELP!

If you think this report needs circulating to Committee members, let me know and I will send them.

Margaret