

MINUTES OF DALESWAY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
The meeting took place at 1.30pm on Sunday 26th September, 2005 at 67, Grove Road, Ilkley.

2004

Present: Colin Speakman, David Smith, Chris.Musson, Bill Griffiths and Ken and Margaret Staines.

Apologies: Douglas Cossar, Pat Hickman, Pauline Robertshaw and Alex McManus.

Minutes of the last meeting which was the 2004 AGM were agreed to be a true record.

Correspondence: None.

Officers's reports: **Sales** – Rita Smith has had to resign for personal reasons, it was unanimously agreed she had done a great job and the committee was very grateful for all her efforts. Rita will pack everything up this next week and David will collect the goods. David would approach Pauline with regard to Sales, if she is not interested he will put an appeal in the newsletter, or we could think about the possibility of approaching a commercial operator or we could have a 'bargain basement' to get rid of the stock. **Footpath:** a) In the absence of Pat, Margaret read out the minutes of the last meeting with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. This had been an interesting meeting, a lot of work has been carried out along the route. b) Ken reported a telephone conversation held with the South Lakes Authority, (Mick Donn). He could be interested in having a meeting with us, possibly next year. He would like us to supply him with as much 'ammunition' as possible to prove that Dales Way walkers are sustaining the Lakes. Colin was asked if he could provide this. c) A new bridge has been erected at Patten Bridge over the River Mint to replace the one washed away in floods. David showed a photograph of the bridge, sent to him by the contractors. With our intervention and the Kendal Ramblers it had only taken 6 months to replace. Colin asked David to send a letter of thanks to both the contractors and Cumbria County Council. **Membership:** The numbers are slightly declining 44 new members but 61 lost. Also lost are 10% of accommodation providers. Colin suggested the new Boards, Postcards and Website could increase our numbers considerably. **Finance:** We have a cashflow of over £1000 and £12,000 in bank, there will be some expenditure with the boards. **Website:** Is now up and running. A number of items have already been added. Lake District will not link with outside sites. Others have already done so. There was a request at the AGM for bus links on the Site but QDK will not do it. David and Chris to meet to discuss the future of the Website.

Accommodation Providers: There was no report.

Speakman Gemmel Guide: Colin has completed the text. Mrs. Gemmell has misplaced the original artwork of the maps, but hopefully the printers will be able to use the book. Colin has included information about the Association in the text. Mrs. Gemmell has sent her thanks to everyone for their work on the maps and has offered a donation to the Association. The new production should be out next year.

Interpretation Boards etc.: The spare board was on view, all others had been distributed. Everyone was pleased with the result. Distribution of the postcards was discussed. Pauline had previously agreed to distribute locally. Margaret and Ken would distribute up the Dale and would approach Kendal Ramblers for help in their area. Some posters had already been distributed and Colin took one for The

Yorkshire Dales Society and Bill took one for Newfield Hall. David would contact K.Beardmore regarding our leaflet which will be put into the new Dales Way pack produced by the Yorkshire Dales.

Dales Way User Survey: The National Park are putting possibly two counters along the route, Douglas had agreed to sit and talk to people, say at Cam Houses. A questionnaire sheet could be put on the Website. We will wait and see what the National Park come up with.

Any other business: Barden Bridge, traffic on road – National Park has it in hand.

Next meeting: Sunday 16th January, 2005 at 1.30pm to be held at 67, Grove Road, Ilkley.

Everyone was thanked for attending, Colin closed the meeting at 3.40pm.

Thanks to Colin and Fleur Speakman for their hospitality.