

## MINUTES OF DALES WAY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Meeting took place at 1.30pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 at 67, Grove Road, Ilkley.

**Present:** Colin Speakman, David Smith, Frank Sanderson, Chris. Musson, Alex McManus, Bill Griffiths, Pat Hickman, Ken & Margaret Staines.

**Apologies:** Pauline Robertshaw, Pam Knowles-Fitton and Douglas Cossar.

**Minutes** of the last meeting were agreed to be a correct record.

**Matters arising from last minutes:** It is anticipated that Rita Smith will no longer be a committee member, this matter will come up at the AGM. **Speakman Gemmel Guide** is almost complete, a few alterations to the text are required. Colin has a meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. with Douglas. The new edition should be available this Spring. Colin thanked Douglas and Alex for their hard work in producing this book and also everyone else who had contributed. David will hold a stock of the books for the Association use.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Officers' reports: Sales** – the movement on sales is well down which is normal in winter. Nobody has offered take the sales on. David is happy to keep it going at present. The walking shop in Ilkley was suggested as an outlet, but this way could become complicated. Everyone was asked to keep the problem in mind in the hope someone would still take the sales on. The Badges and Certificates could stay with David.

**Footpath:** Pat had nothing to report, everything was quiet at the moment. Pat was asked if she would enquire about the path through Cam Forest. It is hoped we can get a proper marked path round the outside. A meeting on site with a warden would be ideal. Colin mentioned Bank Lane, Grassington. It would be much better if Bank Lane was marked as the official route of the Dales Way rather than going through the farmers fields and climbing the stiles. Bank Lane would take our walkers straight along the Dales Way and reduce the number of walkers getting lost near Grass Wood. Pat would write to the National Park. **Membership:** we are nearly up to the 450 mark again, but first quarter reminders are going out shortly, so we could lose some members. **Finance:** no problems we have approx. £1500. We have not had an invoice from the National Park yet for the membership leaflets. **Website:** Chris had nothing much to report. A meeting is to be arranged with QDK there are a few alterations to be made. The Spotlight site is now Sherpa Van.

**Accommodation Providers:** We have lost 10% of our providers. Margaret & Ken will take on the project of attracting more providers to advertise in the handbook. Frank thought we should be charging them more than we do. The committee agreed £10 including Membership.

**Interpretation Boards and Postcards:** Margaret & Ken have delivered to all B&B's up to the M6. From the M6 to Bowness will be delivered in March. David, Pam and Pauline have delivered Ilkley, Appletreewick and Grassington areas. The Ilkley Board is in situ. Leeds board to be erected East Chevin Road, Otley, the Bradford board to be erected at Otley Road Bridge in Shipley, but we need to query that as it may not be on the Dales Way. At this stage we have not had a definite reply from Harrogate or the Yorkshire Dales. No reply had been received from Kendal Ramblers re the final board being erected somewhere in the Kendal area. Frank said he would bring the subject up at the next



Windermere Town Council with a view to having the board erected on the lakeside at Bowness. The posters are slowly being dispersed to various sites. It was agreed we obtain a price for colour copying on stiff paper for use in shops etc. We should find out who has the copyright before we go ahead.

**Dales Way User Survey:** As Douglas was not at the meeting, this will be discussed next time.

**Any other business: 1)** Frank asked for the committee's backing against the new policy of diverting present funding from existing successful facilities, guided walks etc. towards new unpopular projects. This was agreed. Frank also informed the committee he had in his possession a painting from the very early days of the Dales Way, he would like it to be used elsewhere. Also the board he made showing all our Way Marks is available for display use and three Celtic faces made in stone, these could be used along the Dales Way in walls etc. Maybe one could be used at Ilkley.

**2) Handbook 2005** – this is already at the printers and should be out in early February. **3)**

**AGM 2005** – this will be held at Linton Village Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm.

**Date and time of next meeting: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 at 67, Grove Road, Ilkley at 1.30pm.**

Everyone was thanked for attending, Colin closed the meeting at 4.05pm. Many thanks to Colin and Fleur for their hospitality.