

MINUTES OF DALES WAY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting took place at 1.30pm on Sunday 2nd October, 2005 at 67, Grove Road, Ilkley.

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

Apologies: Frank Sanderson, Bill Griffiths.

Minutes of the last meeting: The last meeting was the AGM on Sunday 8th May, 2005. The Minutes were found to be a true record.

Matters arising from the Minutes: All matters arising are included below.

Correspondence: None

Officers' reports: **a) Sales** – Very disappointing. £703 has been received from sales but £100 is from badges, £150 from Handbooks and certificates £150. The other goods are not selling well. David is working on a new sales sheet for distribution.

b) Footpath – Alex has had a meeting with the YDNP ranger, Phil Richards, to discuss certain problems with the Dales Way route. Waymarking is a big problem and Alex hopes this can be resolved very soon. A list of all the problems was circulated round the meeting. All items will be discussed at the meeting with the Parks Authority on Tuesday 11th October at 10.00am. Some Committee members are also attending. Particular points Alex wanted to raise at the meeting are: 1) User Survey (Electric Counters) 2) YDNP Way/programme/policies 3) Grassington Waymark project. 4) Advance notice of closures 5) Proposed improvement to Dales Way. 6)

Sustainable development fund. **c) Membership** – This year membership has increased to 470 members. There have been a lot of requests for handbooks. We have 17 new Accommodation Providers. **d) Finance** – We are in a healthy state at the present time with nearly £10,000 in the Bank. David said anyone with out of pockets expenses should make a claim. **e) Web Secretary** - The YHA Hyperlink works well. No other links have been placed. Various future improvements were discussed. 15,000 hits have been made on our site. Sherpa Site is still a small problem. Their website name is too similar to ours. A meeting with Simon Fern is needed. We need more input control over the site. **f) Accommodation Providers** - Pauline said the beginning of the year was quiet but she has been busier as the year as gone on. **g) Interpretation Boards etc.** – We have very few postcards left. It was decided not to purchase more, not many have asked for them, but overall the postcards and posters have been very successful. The committee agreed to offer 50% of the cost of framing the Interpretation Board to be erected on the canal bank at Shipley. Rick Hill was having a problem with finance.

User Survey: Douglas spent a week at Hubberholme Church to carry out a User Survey. He talked to 71 walkers intending to walk the whole of the Dales Way and 22 walkers intending to walk part the Dales Way. The majority of those were from the UK but it was nice to see there were a few from other Countries. Douglas commented that waymarking was the biggest problem they had encountered. It was noted that approximately £60,000 a year is spent by Dales Way walkers. It was a very useful exercise and Douglas was thanked for his time and efforts. A complimentary copy of the new Dales Way route guide had been distributed to the Committee Members and it was agreed we should put a picture of the guide, and of our Handbook on the Website. The new

Route Guide needs distributing well as all proceeds now come to us plus Colin's Royalties. Colin agreed to write a Press Release.

Any other business: As there was no other business the meeting closed at 4.00pm. Our thanks to Colin and Fleur for their hospitality.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH 2006 AT 1.30PM AT 67, GROVE ROAD, ILKLEY.

MINUTES OF THE 11TH JANUARY 2006 MEETING

The meeting took place at 67 Grove Road, Ilkley, on Sunday 8th January 2006 at 1.30pm.

Present: Colin Spence, Thomas Smith, Douglas, Gail, Colin, Alison, Alex, Nicholas, Patrick, Karen, Michael, James.

Absent: Frank Harrison, Bill Griffiths.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The last meeting was the AGM on Sunday 8th Mar 2005. The minutes were found to be a true record.

Minutes arising from the 11th meeting. All minutes arising are included below.

1. Correspondence:

Colin's report: a) Sales - Very disappointing. £100 has been received from sales in 2005 from badges, £10 from handbooks and £1.50. The other goods are not selling well. David is working on a new sales sheet for distribution.

Colin's report: b) Alex had had a meeting with the VDFP manager, Phil Roberts, to discuss certain problems with the sales. Alex had a problem and Alex hopes this can be resolved very soon. A list of all the badges was circulated and the meeting. All those who are interested in purchasing with the Park Authority and certain members are also interested. Particular points Alex

mentioned at the meeting are: 1) User survey (Historic Council) 2) VDFP Way programme (Historic Council) 3) Advance notice of closure 4) Proposed improvement to Dalek Way 5) New badge development fund 6) Membership - This year membership has increased to 470 members. There

has been a 10% increase in the handbook. We have 12 new A4 envelopes for sale. We are in a healthy state at the present time with nearly £10,000 in the bank. David and anyone with not of books

expansive - will make a claim to Web Secretary - Tim VDA regarding work. No other items have been

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