

MINUTES OF DALES WAY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
The meeting took place at 1.30pm on Sunday 12th November, 2006 at Addingham
Memorial Hall

(Please read note about dates at the end of the Minutes)

Present: David Smith, Colin Speakman, Douglas Cossar, Michael Buckley, Bill Griffiths, Pat Hickman, Alex McManus, Margaret & Ken Staines.

Apologies: Pauline Robertshaw, Frank Sanderson.

Colin opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Minutes of last meeting: These were accepted as a true record.

Matter arising: Bowness Survey – Douglas said he was disappointed that only two large groups, plus a few individuals came through. The reason for running the survey for three days rather than a week as at Hubberholme was because most people set off from Ilkley on a Monday and it was thought that most people would be arriving in Bowness from Thursday onwards. David said it had been a very expensive exercise costing £529 in expenses for the three days. The Association had to finance this survey. Alex's expenses were included in this amount as during the three days he has managed to survey all footpaths on the Dales Way in Cumbria and the National Park making it a very useful exercise.

Correspondence: None

Officers reports

Sales: Mark was not present to comment. David reported it had been decided to discontinue the Sale of T.Shirts etc. but badges, certificate and books will still be sold by David. Order forms are still going out. The meeting agreed a 25% discount to help sell surplus stock via the Newsletter and maybe on the Website at a later date.

Footpath: Alex reported the YDNP are not going to replace some of the missing signposts which is disappointing. Alex had received a complaint from a Mr.Spate re the path blockage around Holme Park P.36 in our Dales Way Route Guide. Alex has written to Capita Symonds and they are to investigate. The sprint Bridge to Burneside Road is dangerous. Alex will contact the Parish Council. David commented another dangerous stretch on the far side of Sedbergh. Alex would look into it. The Harrogate Link Path has disappeared from the Explorer Map. Colin said there is a possibility of an alternative route. A meeting was to be arranged between the appropriate Authorities. Colin would talk to Peter Goldsmith, Harrogate Ramblers. Ben Hayes (Bolton Abbey Estates), YDNP and Nidderdale AOB would also be contacted.

YDNP meeting: The minutes of the YDNP meeting were given to David who would circulate them. At the meeting another Interpretation Board was requested for Barden Bridge. The cost of this would be £375+VAT+Carriage. It was agreed we should order the Board from Firecrest. Fading of the Board in Ilkley was discussed. Firecrest were to be asked to investigate.

Bowness Survey: YDNP want us to continue with the surveys plus one at Sedbergh during the school holidays. More NP volunteers are needed to help. Douglas would liaise with NP regarding manning the survey. No Bowness survey next year unless warranted. A continuous survey was suggested to be held via a proportion of the Accommodation Providers in the form of the questionnaire and SAE to be handed to walkers doing the Dales Way and asking them to post it back to us at the end of the walk. The meeting agreed Dentdale to be a good place to concentrate on with Jan/Feb being the best time for us to deliver to the Accom.Providers.

Handbook 2007: We have a new Editor for the Handbook Rhona Thornton. The Handbook will be produced early in December.

Membership: We have 458 members.

Finance: Our bank balance is approx. £10,000.

Web Secretary: Chris handed out statistic sheets. It had been very quiet the last few months. QDK have been very slow with the statistics.

Accommodation Providers: There were no Accommodation Providers at the meeting.

Secretaries: Reminders have been sent out to all Accom Providers reminding them to send in any amendments before 1st Dec. Information and photos have been sent to Ilkley Parish Council. Kate Brown is very keen to have a Dales Way Seat near Ilkley Old Bridge. She will contact us when the Parish Council have come to a decision.

A.O.B. : A commercial postcard company has been contacted regarding them taking over our postcard. The meeting agreed to go ahead.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2007
AT 2.00PM AT ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL. (Please note the Hall is expensive, it is booked from 2pm-4pm, if we want a drink before we leave, the meeting must close at 3.30pm).

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS in 2007:

Sunday 13th May at LINTON for the AGM.

Sunday 19th August at ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL

Sunday 18th November at ADDINGHAM MEMORIAL HALL