

The Dales Way Association
Committee Meeting – Thursday 25 April 2019
11am Friends Meeting House, Settle

Present: Colin Speakman (Chair), Donald Holliday, Chris Grogan, Tony Grogan, Ryk Downes, Gordon Tasker, Kath Doyle (Minutes).

1- Apologies: Frank Sanderson, Tony Hill.

2-Minutes of the Committee Meetings of January 7th 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

3-Matters arising Chris confirmed that the 6 charity boxes have been ordered and will arrange to pass one to Donald as soon as they are received. Chris confirmed that they do have a small chain attached to them, for security.

Colin has emailed West Riding Ramblers Association to remind them of their responsibilities regarding the DW link Routes and will follow this up.

Action Tony will reissue Wordpress passwords individually and everyone will then access.

Action: Ryk to check whether he already holds an existing Wordpress account and let Tony G know.

4- Plans for the DW 50th Anniversary

Chris stated that **BBC Countryfile** had expressed an interest in featuring the Dales Way. However the director has decided to pursue a different subject so we will not feature.

Gordon provided an update on the production of the **banners for the Exhibition** and shared the draft designs with the committee for their approval.

Action- Gordon to request the pdf files from Briggs Printers and pass to Tony G for QA by 1st May. Gordon and Kath will visit Briggs on 2nd May to finalise the content and the banners will be available as a backdrop for the DW dinner in June and then for the DW Exhibition in August.

Kath confirmed that she has written to baggage handling /holiday companies, national parks, accommodation providers and other organisations to ask for material for the Exhibition. This work is on going.

Tony G and Chris confirmed that the **Commemorative booklet** is progressing well and will be issued to DWA members as a thank you. It will also be available for sale at the exhibition in August.

Chris confirmed that plans for the **DW Lunch** were progressing well and 34 guests have confirmed their attendance already with 5 still to respond. Guests will be asked to pre order their food. Chris asked for committee members to offer lifts to the venue to those members without transport.

Action- Chris to write out with menu.

Ryk confirmed that there are already 121 participants registered (maximum 250) and that the **DW Ultramarathon** will start in the first field on the Matson estate at Bowness and the 1st checkpoint will be Burneside, 2nd roadside, 3rd at Sedgwick Hall, Dent and 4th at Gearstones where the medical team will be based. Other checkpoints to be arranged and the finish will be in the field at the Ilkley Tennis Club in a marquee. The coach for runners will leave Ilkley at 6am on the morning of the race.

Colin confirmed that a number of **DW talks** were arranged including Rawdon Library on 30th May, Baildon Walkers Are Welcome AGM on 4th July as well as the coffee morning and the evening talk to be held at the Manor House in Ilkley in August

Action Colin to confirm the dates and Tony G to update the website/ last newsletter and Gordon to ensure dates correct for publicity leaflet.

Colin confirmed that the **DW Public Walk** would commence at 10am on 3rd August from Ilkley Old Bridge and that the Exhibition would be officially opened at 3pm by John Grogan MP.

Action Kath and Gordon to discuss with Nick at the Manor House how we manage the opening hours on this date.

Colin stated that he has contributed to an article for the May edition of the Dalesman magazine and for the West Riding Ramblers Magazine. He said that the Yorkshire Post and the Ilkley Gazette are also keen to provide coverage.

Gordon raised the issue of publicizing the events at the Manor House and it was agreed by the committee that a handout/ leaflet would be produced by Briggs covering the exhibition, the talk and the coffee morning.

Action Gordon and Kath to discuss a draft with Briggs.

Kath mentioned the wealth of written material received as contributions for the exhibition and how this had been condensed to sound bites for the banners. It was agreed we would approach Briggs to provide 4 copies of the detailed material digitally copied and bound so that visitors to the exhibition can read the full text and they would form part of the archive material on the DW.

Action- Kath and Gordon to discuss with Briggs

5- Reports from the Areas

LDNPA/Cumbria – Donald reported that Burnside bridge still remains closed to traffic. Pedestrians can still cross.

YDNPA –Tony G reported that Alan Hulme has stated that the Dales Way counters are currently on hold. Harvey Maps are updating their Dales Way map and asked us to provide any changes. 2 changes to the map at Grassington and Burnside approaches and all DWA details were well out of date. Footprints have produced a new DW map, their last version was produced in 1990.

Tony sent additional way mark inners to Rob Wilson, ranger for Upper Wharfedale.

The confirmation notification to the minor route change at West Clint, Dentdale was received.

Ilkley to Bolton Bridge – Gordon updated on the B6160 meeting he had recently attended and that he and Kath had visited the area at the Farfields Friends Meeting House to review signage. Gordon said there was some foliage that needed to be trimmed back on the Farfield side of the road to improve the visibility of road traffic to pedestrians. The committee discussed and agreed that the responsibility and any associated funding for the road lies with the authorities and we support improvements that make the road safer for DW walkers and other pedestrians, walkers and cyclists.

Action: Gordon to feedback to the next B6160 meeting.

6- Finance Report. Donald confirmed the balance of our bank account as £6761.10 in the current account and approximately £2000 in the savings account. Chris confirmed that the closure of our PO box now saves the association £330 per annum.

7- Accommodation, Web and Membership Reports

Accommodation- no update from Tony H provided at the meeting

Website- Tony G stated that the DW Archive of scanned documents (newsletters and minutes of DWA meetings) is half done now, the first 10 years. All are available online in the DWA members area. Tony is on course to finish this by end of year.

Membership - Chris reported that the three year memberships expired at 31/3/19 and renewal notices had been issued with the latest newsletter to the 58 members.

8- 2019 AGM – the date for the 2019 AGM is confirmed as Saturday 19th October 2019.

Action- Chris to approach the Flying Duck in Ilkley and will provide confirmation of the venue via the website.

9-Date of next committee meeting An additional meeting prior to the August events was agreed for Friday 5th July 2019 at 10:30am, venue to be confirmed.

Action- Ryk Downes to seek a suitable venue in either Otley or Yeadon and inform Chris.

10- Any other business. There being no other business the meeting closed at 13:00