

## **Dales Way Association Committee Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Location:** The Old School Tea Room, Hebden, Nr Grassington BD23 5DX

**Attendees:** Colin Speakman, Chris Grogan, Ryk Downes, Gordon Tasker, Kath Doyle.

**Apologies:** Tony Grogan, Tony Hill, Donald Holliday.

Our first committee meeting for 18 months. An informal setting outdoors and socially distanced, following a circular walk from Grassington to Hebden. It was wonderful to see everyone and catch up.

### **Press Release**

**Action:** Colin to produce a press release announcing that the Dales Way is open for business and to emphasise to walkers planning to complete the DW route the need to ensure that all meals are booked in advance as cannot guarantee that everywhere will be open or that B and Bs , pubs, restaurants etc will offer an evening meal.

### **Summer Newsletter 2021**

It was agreed that now the Dales Way is open for business once more we would produce a 2/3 page Mini Summer Newsletter to be issued to members early July 2021 once there is clarity on the COVID position after 21st June 2021 government announcement, with any impacts on the DW including Bolton Abbey Estate.

**Action :** Contributions as follows please to Kath by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 :

- Tony H = Update on reopening of B and Bs and walkers' reactions.
- Gordon = Bolton Abbey Staithe
- Ryk = Dales Way Ultra Run August 2021
- Chris = AGM 2021 plans
- Gordon = Finance update
- Colin = Brief chairs intro / Pioneer Walking Group/ Yorkshire Heritage Way.

**Action:** Kath to issue final version to Tony G/Chris by 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 for issue to members .

### **AGM 2021**

Agreed this would be held in November 2021. Date confirmed as Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Pre meeting walk, location and venue of AGM to be confirmed as soon as practicable.

### **Autumn 2021 Newsletter**

Agreed to produce an Autumn newsletter to be issued 6-8 weeks before AGM November 2021 date.

### **Bolton Abbey Estate**

Range of discussion on the impact on walkers and cyclists of current restrictions and recent local press and TV coverage.

DW path is open at either end of the Bolton Abbey estate for walkers. Access from the village via hole in the wall currently incurs charges.

**Action:** Colin to write to Ben Heyes at the appropriate time, once clarity on the access position post 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 is clear and also seek an update on the timetable for work to complete the Staithe path for DW walkers.

## **National Park Colvend Annual meeting**

**Action:** Colin to write to agree a date in October with Phil Richards/Alan

## **Dales Way Bus**

Colin stated that this service is now run by First Bradford rather than Arriva. On the first Saturday of operation, they did not have a bus small enough to go through the arch at Bolton Abbey and so had to take the circuitous route via Embsay.

## **Next DWA Committee Meeting**

It was suggested the committee meet again in early August 2021 to prepare for the AGM and Autumn Newsletter

**Action:** Chris to consider date and location. All agreed a walk was good for a change and the Old School Tea Room a welcome venue.

The meeting concluded with a very wet walk back to Grassington!