

Minutes of the Dales Way Association Committee Meeting Thursday 19th September 2024 held at the Friends Meeting House (Gallery Room), Settle, at 11am.

Present: Colin Speakman, Ryk Downes, Tony Grogan, Cath Williams, Chris Grogan (Minutes)

Apologies: Gordon Tasker, Kath Doyle

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

We noted that the 2023 AGM had been a great success. There were no matters arising that are not covered by agenda items.

Footpath Reports:

Tony presented Gordon's Bradford and North Yorks report – see attached

Tony presented the YDNPA report – see attached

Cath presented Cumbria/LDNPA report – see attached

Colin thanked everyone for their reports and all the hard work that has gone in to monitoring and improving the Dales Way. The relationship Cath is building with Helen from W&F and Matt from LDNPA is particularly welcome.

Finance Report:

Chris presented Gordon's Finance report – see attached

Colin suggested a donation of £100 to Burley WAW as a thank you for all the work on the Bolton Bridge path. Agreed unanimously

ACTION – Colin to liaise with Gordon

Website/Membership Report

Tony presented the Website report – see attached

Chris presented the Membership report – see attached

ACTION – Chris to put joining info on the Facebook page

Accommodation Provider liaison

There was no report

2025 AGM – Agreed another Spring AGM in Grassington either Sat April 26th or Sat April 5th (preferably 26th)

ACTION – Everyone to confirm dates with Chris asap

Chris to contact Devonshire Institute and book the Octagon Room

Autumn/Winter Newsletter

ACTION - Please send articles and photos to Kath but copied in to Tony by Friday 25th October at the latest. Sooner will be appreciated. Newsletter to be distributed mid November. Tony to do as much as possible so Kath doesn't come back from holiday to a huge task.

Key items to include:

Bolton Bridge, Hubberholme, Bramhope, report from W&F, LDNPA waymarks, Skyware new edition of guidebook, advance notice of AGM.

Dales Way Link route

Ryk presented the proposal for changing the Dales Way Leeds Link route around Bramhope to remove long road section. Agreed unanimously to adopt new route.

ACTION – Ryk and Colin to produce 1:25,000 map showing the new and old routes with route description and items of interest if possible in time to put in Autumn Newsletter.

Tony to publish on website as a consultation document. Ryk and Colin to share with Leeds City Councillors, Leeds Ramblers etc.

In future produce a standalone pamphlet.

Date of Next Committee Meeting

Friday 24th January in Settle

ACTION – Kath to book Friends Meeting House 11 - 2

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The Colvend meeting is on Wednesday Nov 6th at 10.30am