

The Dales Way Association
Committee Meeting – Thursday 16th August 2018
11am Friends Meeting House, Settle

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

1- Apologies: Frank Sanderson, Tony Hill.

2-Minutes of the Committee Meetings of April 12th 2018 and July 6th 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

3-Matters arising - Colin confirmed that the Buck Inn, Buckden has reopened . We do not know if they are providing accommodation.

Carried forward Action- Colin to write article for the website suggesting an alternative where walkers could leave their cars in Skipton and use the X84 bus service.

4- Reports from the Areas

LDNPA – Donald reported that the footbridge at Haggfoot has a closure notice from the 1st Sep with no diversion notice.

Action- Donald to follow up with the authority.

YDNPA – Tony G reported that he had requested Alex to complete his Footpaths Officer report for the year.

Action- Tony G agreed to follow up with Alan Hulme on progress with Ben Heyes on the staithe at Bolton Bridge and feedback to Gordon.

Action- Colin to write to the West Riding Ramblers Association to remind them of their responsibilities regarding the DW link routes.

Ilkley to Bolton Bridge – Gordon reported that he and Kath will be walking their section of the route and recording stiles, signposts etc to report back to the next committee meeting.

5- Finance Report. Donald confirmed the balance of our bank account, providing the committee with a 3 year spreadsheet 2016-2018. He confirmed he will be contacting our accountant Martin Bairstow to meet to audit the 2017-18 accounts.

Action- Tony G to place the accounts in the members area of the website.

6- Accommodation, Web and Membership Reports

Tony H provided the committee with an account of a less than satisfactory recent accommodation experience of two DW walkers on the route.

Action - Colin to provide a written response to the walkers on behalf of the association incorporating the wording from our website "... the accommodation is not inspected by the DWA, inclusion is not a recommendation".

Action- Tony G requested committee members to log into their Wordpress accounts to check they are functioning.

Action- Chris to give Gordon access to the DWA Facebook account.

Chris reported that membership stands at 301 who pay by direct debit or PayPal

7- Plans for the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Dales Way in 2019.

Chris confirmed that the 50th DWA Celebratory Lunch would take place at the Cruick Barn at the Craven Arms, Appletreewick on Thursday 20th June 2019 12-4pm where no charge will be made for the hire of the room.

Colin is to provide a guest list of up to 30 people who have influenced the development of the Dales way over the past 50 years.

The committee agreed that a lunch will be provided by the DWA and guests will be requested to pay for their own drinks/ beverages. Donations to the DWA can be made on the day.

Action: Chris to issue a "Save the Date" email to go out to invited guests once list is finalised.

Gordon provided an outline of the proposals for the **DWA 50th Anniversary Exhibition** which the committee supported.

Action: Gordon, Colin and Kath to meet with Nick Robinson, Curator, on Wed 22nd August 2018 to discuss potential to use Ilkley Manor House for the DWA 50th exhibition.

Action : Gordon to place a request on DWA Facebook for photos and memories (soundbites) of walking the DW to be used in the exhibition.

Action- Tony and Chris to hold preliminary discussions with the printers re producing information boards for the exhibition and feedback to Gordon.

Colin explained that a group called the Punk Panthers plan to run the Dales Way in 48 hours for charity in June 2019.

8- 2018 AGM- Saturday 13th October 2018

Action- Chris to ring the Flying Duck to agree lunch and room booking.

Action- Colin to devise a walk for the day to arrive at the Duck by 1pm for lunch. Meeting to commence at 2pm.

9- Autumn Newsletter –Items for the newsletter to be sent to Kath by 10th September. Kath will complete and send to Tony G by 18th September 2018.

Action- Colin to provide Chairman's introduction and article on buses.

Gordon to provide piece on contributions for the DWA 50th Exhibition.

Tony Hill to provide an article re Accommodation experiences.

10-Date of next committee meeting Thursday January 17th 2019 at 11am at the Friends Meeting House, Settle

11- Any other business

The committee wholeheartedly supported Colin's proposal to make Alex McManus an Honorary Member of the DWA.

Chris reported that Hawkshead at Bowness have said many walkers finishing the DW would like to leave a donation for the upkeep of the route but there is currently no facility to do this.

Action- Donald to visit the store and discuss whether a charity box on the counter would be the simplest and most effective way of resolving this and then order as appropriate.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 13:10