

**Minutes of The Dales Way Association
Committee Meeting – Thursday 12 April 2018
11am – 1.00 pm
in the Friends Meeting House, Settle**

This is an extra meeting with a short agenda. Minutes of the previous meeting (April 12th 2018) and usual updates will be dealt with at the next scheduled meeting on August 16th 2018

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

Apologies: Kath Doyle, Alex McManus, Frank Sanderson

Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Alex has retired from the committee. Colin will write to Alex on behalf of the Committee and thank him for everything he's done for the Dales Way.

1. Update on Tenement Farm.

Tony Hill reported that there are still problems with the road bridge closure into Burneside. This is affecting traffic into the village although walkers can still cross. People with old guide books or who are tired often walk up the road. Others follow the signage through Sprint Mill and Tenement Farm without too much difficulty. Tony H and Donald agree that a sign at the eastern end of the path pointing to Tenement Farm would be useful. Tony H and Donald will continue to monitor and liaise with Geoff Fewkes.

2. Sharing the workload.

The Committee agreed Alex had done an incredible job as Footpath Officer but 80 miles is too much for one person. We will now implement a lengthsman system rather than having a single Footpaths Officer with the path divided by Authority as follows:

YDNPA – Tony Grogan

Cumbria County Council – Donald/Tony Hill

Lake District National Park – Donald/Tony Hill

Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Gordon/Kath

North Yorkshire – Gordon/Kath

Everyone should get in touch with the main people in their Authority to say that Alex has retired and they are the new contact. In future ALL major items should be copied into emails to the whole committee. Smaller matters can be reported

at subsequent meetings. No commitment to spend DWA funds must be made without the agreement of the full committee.

3. Other Footpath Matters

A new bridge is to be constructed at Hagg Foot. The Dales Way does not cross the bridge but the footpath the Dales Way follows will be temporarily closed for 50 metres around the bridge. DWA agree we must have a diversion for Dales Way walkers. Donald and Tony H to deal with this.

Thursgill Bridge at Grayrigg washed out a number of years ago. Work is to be done to restore the river bank. Donald to liaise with Geoff Fewkes and visit the site if possible.

4. Update on 50th anniversary celebrations – possible dates and events

Following the DWA April meeting Chris and Tony G had been to visit the Craven Arms at Appletreewick to check on the availability of the Cruck Barn as a suitable venue for a celebration lunch. After a very positive meeting Chris had been unable to get the information the Committee needed to make a decision and it was agreed we would look at other venues.

Update: The Craven Arms has been in touch to say they would love to host our lunch and will waive the £250 hire charge for the Cruck Barn. We have booked the Barn for the sole use of the DWA on afternoon of Thursday 20th June 2019. Times, menus, prices etc to be discussed at the August meeting. Colin will provide a guest list.

Kath and Gordon will put together an exhibition. Colin will check on the availability of the Manor House in Ilkley for an exhibition launch and/or for the exhibition to remain in place during the summer of 2019.

A group is planning to run the Dales Way in a single Day. Colin will liaise with Rick Downes.

4. AOB

Tony H continues to encourage accommodation providers to update their information on our website without prompting. Feedback from walkers is that most accommodation is good with a few exceptions.

Burneside Parish Council and Croppers continue to work together to improve the village. The plan to eventually reroute the Dales Way is still being considered as part of the improvements.

The Buck Inn has reopened

The Fox and Hounds at Starbotton is now a DW Accommodation provider

The meeting closed at 12.45