

South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Area

Area Council Meeting

11th February 2013

Scout HQ, Trippet Lane, Sheffield, S1 4EL

Present: Allen Pestell (Chair), David Gadd (Secretary), Gavin Johns (Treasurer), Basil Merry (Chesterfield), Philip Ryder (Rotherham Metro), Cath MacKay (MWPF), Christine Hewett (Sheffield Visually Impaired Group), Judy Gathcole, Nicola Farmery (Barnsley and Penistone), Chris Greig (Dearne Valley), Terry Howard (President).

Apologies: Les Seaman (Access), John Newrick (Chesterfield), Tony Liversidge (Doncaster), Christine Whittaker (Information Officer).

Minutes of the meeting of 26th November 2012

The minutes were approved as being correct.

Matters Arising from those minutes

None not dealt with elsewhere.

Draft minutes of the AGM of 26th January 2013

The minutes were considered to be accurate and there were no issues arising other than the unfilled vacancies of a Footpath Officer and a Publicity Officer.

Group Reports

BM said that the Chesterfield Group's new walking programme was now on their website and that they were again contributing to the Chesterfield Walking Festival.

DG said that an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order had been successful for a 1200 metre footpath across land owned by the Sandbeck Estate.

TH said that the Sheffield Group had held its first footpath working party.

Officer's Reports

President

TH said that at the AGM he had expressed the need for Area Council to move forward in several ways. Communication issues were being addressed, but he felt that how the Area functions needed to be addressed, that footpath work needs to be encouraged and that we need to discuss 'Lost Ways'.

He said it was disappointing that the Macmillan speaker didn't come to the AGM because there is a lack of clarity about how Macmillan and Ramblers will work together.

Chair

AP thanked the Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire Group for successfully hosting the AGM.

He reported that the preceding ACROW meeting had discussed the current proposed route of the High Speed 2 train and that Groups through which the route passes are asked to consider rights of way issues and inform ACROW.

AP then asked CM to explain that, due to the formation of the Access, Countryside and Rights of Way committee (ACROW) it was necessary to make a minor amendment to the constitution. Section 8 currently reads 'The Area Council shall have power to appoint such sub-committees as it may from time to time decide and may determine their powers and terms of reference. The Area Council shall have power to co-opt three additional members to a sub-committee who may or may not be members of Area Council. All Honorary Officers shall be entitled to attend the meetings of any sub-committee'. It is proposed by Cath MacKay and seconded by Terry Howard that it is amended to:

'The Area Council shall have the power to appoint such sub-committees as it may from time to time decide and may determine their powers and terms of reference. The sub-committee shall have the power to co-opt members who may or may not be members of Area Council. All Honorary Officers shall be entitled to attend the meetings of any sub-committee'.

This was agreed unanimously.

AP said that the Rotherham Metro Group were actively pursuing RMBC re the blocked Kimberworth 17 footpath. It was agreed that the Group's expenditure of about £100 will be funded by Area Council.

AP said that Anastasia from central office was coming to a meeting later this week to discuss the off-roading situation in the Peak District.

Secretary

DG said that a list of correspondence had been distributed.

Benedict Southworth had been kept informed about further correspondence from an affiliated group regarding the affiliation fee and the cost of insurance from Slade Perkins.

Treasurer

GJ presented his financial report. He commented that the Herbert Proctor legacy remained at £2,282. Also that if spending continued as at present it may be unnecessary to request the forth quarter payment from central office. GJ proposed and DG seconded a motion to change the bank mandate:

'To the Unity Trust Bank plc

On behalf of the Organisation, we confirm that at a properly convened meeting of the Committee it was resolved that:

1 The Mandate for the operation of the bank account(s) payment instructions and banking services is provided to the Bank and that amendments to the Mandate may be provided by any Committee members, Director or Trustee or any other officer of the organisation who is notified to the Bank as being authorised by the Committee to do so;

2 The Bank is entitled to rely on this Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it;

3 The Bank will be notified in writing of any change in Committee members/Directors/Trustees of the Organisation.

4 The Terms and Conditions remain unchanged and in all other respects.

This was agreed unanimously.

Newsletter distribution

The annual Newsletter is a formal document and gives notice of the AGM. Hence all members should receive a copy. In 2012 we agreed to distribute as many copies as was reasonably possible electronically. However there were a couple of queries and it was agreed that the secretary would try to establish whether all members had received a copy.

General Council 2013, Warwick, 13/14 April

At the AGM it was agreed that Allen Pestell and Judy Gathercole would be the delegates for SYNED. There was the opportunity for another, non-voting, member to attend (for which Area Council would pay).

Two motions, agreed at the AGM, would be forwarded from this Area:

1 'This General Council seeks to reverse the loss of Affiliated Groups by asking the Board of Trustees to contact all such Groups which have felt it necessary to resign to re-affiliate'.

2 'This General Council asks the Board of Trustees to urge the government not to seek or remove any planning powers from the National Parks'.

2014 AGM

The 2014 AGM will be on Saturday, 25th January at the Woodland Discovery Centre, Abbey Lane, Ecclesall Woods. There is seating for 50, a kitchenette, car parking and pre-meeting walking opportunities.

AOB

The 'Spirit of Kinder' event will be held on Saturday, 27th April in the New Mills Town Hall. Keith Warrender, John Stewart and Kate Ashbrook will make presentations.

Christine Whittaker had information that Ramblers were hoping to organise a training session in the area to standardise walking routes submitted to the Ramblers Routes website.

ACROW and Area Council:	6.30 and 7.30, 10 th June, 2013
	6.30 and 7.30, 9 th September, 2013
	6.30 and 7.30, 25 th November, 2013
AGM:	2.00, 25 th January, 2014
General Council:	13/14 th April, 2013

Area website: www.synedramblers.org.uk

National website: www.ramblers.org.uk