

## South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Area

### Area Council

8th February, 2016

Quaker Meeting House, St James Street, Sheffield, S12EW

**Present:** Allen Pestell (Chair), David Gadd (Secretary), Cath MacKay (MWPF), Jez Kenyon (Sheffield 40s), Judy Gathercole (Sheffield), Basil Merry (CNED), Mark Hodgkinson (Sheffield 20s), Angela Coles (Sheffield), Cynthia Ashton (Co-opted), Terry Howard (MWPF), Les Seaman (Access).

**Apologies:** Gavin Johns (Treasurer), Philip Ryder (Rotherham), Christine Whittaker (Information Officer), Lizzie Jones (Sheffield 20s), Christine Hewitt (Sheffield VI Group).

### Minutes of the meeting of 23rd November, 2015

In the Treasurer's report the Herbert Proctor legacy was donated to the Peak District Local Access Forum - Access Fund, not the Stanage North Lees fund. £532 was donated to this fund.

### Matters arising

Several members of Area Council attended a thank you event at Longshaw for the £532 donation. AP received a certificate in recognition of the donation. It was noted that the Derbyshire Area made a similar donation.

### Group Reports

TH noted that the Sheffield council officer responsible for co-ordinating the Health Walks programme had recently been made redundant.

### Officer's Reports

#### Chair

AP reported on the previous ACROW meeting. There were no comments or questions.

#### Secretary

DG said that the correspondence list would be circulated with the minutes.

Ramblers joining leaflets were available for any Group needing them.

The latest Group membership figures were not through yet, but the SYNED figures had dropped from 2399 to 2393 from 1st December to 1st February, whilst the national figures had reduced from 107,220 to 106,452 in the same period.

#### Treasurer

In the absence of GJ, DG reported that our opening balance was £2,379. The 2nd quarter funding of £1500 had been paid to Groups. £532 had been paid out of the Herbert Proctor Legacy, which has now been closed. The closing balance as of 8th February is £2855.

The legacy due to be received soon was briefly discussed.

### 2016 AGM

Review of minutes

A couple of amendments were made and the draft will be sent out as a pdf. There were no matters arising.

Review of the AGM

AP had recently attended the Notts Area AGM and noted that the host Group did not introduce the AGM. It was felt that we should continue with our approach, i.e. the host Group to introduce the meeting.

### General Council

Allen Pestell would be attending as a delegate. Nicki Speakman would be asked to be a second delegate. It was agreed that Christine Hewitt, Mark Hodgkinson and Terry Howard would attend GC as visitors.

AP said that Chair of Trustees Des Garrahan had said, at the Notts Area AGM, that four options would be presented to GC, the first one of which was to take no further action on the governance consultations, thus making it very likely that the consultation would be ended.

It was also pointed out that a motion from Kent was proposing 'no confidence' in the Board of Trustees.

Also that 'one member, one vote' is being dropped.

## **AOB**

### **Spirit of Kinder event**

TH said that the Spirit of Kinder event this year was being held at the Royd Hotel, Hayfield, on 23rd April in the afternoon. In the morning the Friends of Kinder Trespass were organising events involving young people. Speakers for the afternoon event were being contacted, with a possible topic being the concept of re-wilding.

### **Clarion Ramblers handbooks**

TH had a number of handbooks for sale at £4 each or 10 for £30. He said that they are a brilliant historical record of the early days of the mass walking movement.

2016 Meetings: ACROW meetings start at 6.30pm and Area Council meetings start at 7.30pm  
All meetings are held in the Quaker Meeting House, St James Street, Sheffield S1 2EW.

6th June, 2016

5th September, 2016

21st November, 2016

General Council: 2nd/3rd April, 2016  
University of York  
Heslington  
York, YO10 5DD

2017 AGM: 28th January  
Sheffield 40s Group to host  
Bradfield Village Hall  
The Sands  
Low Bradfield  
Sheffield, S6 6LB