

East Yorkshire & Derwent Area Ramblers
Minutes of the Area Council Meeting held at Fimber Village Hall
on Tuesday 21st July 2015 7.30pm

Attendance (16)

Chris Bush (Chairman), Peter Ayling (President), Tom Halstead (Acting Secretary), Phil Catterall, Annette Clemenson, Tony Corrigan, Shirley Dalby, Bob Dealey, Stephen Down, Steve Lack, Ann Laing, George Malcom, Ian Reavill, Elaine Tague, Marian Thomas, Harry Whitehouse.

Apologies (5)

Jan Capel, Pauline Hakeney, Mike Jackson, Marilyn Skelton, Vera Silberberg.

AC 27/2015 Appointment of Minutes Secretary

- i. TC volunteered to act as Minutes Secretary for the meeting.
- ii. CB reiterated the importance and need for a minutes secretary. Group Chairs are asked to canvass for a volunteer. It would also be helpful if Group Chair email addresses were copied to the AC Secretary.
- iii. TH asked that Word doc format be used for submitted reports and to reach him at least 1 week prior to an AC meeting to enable agenda preparation. There is no need to copy to all AC members as they will receive documents with the agenda. This should assist in managing time at AC meetings.

AC 28/2015 Minutes of the previous AC meeting held on 12th May 2015

AGREED as correct – and accepted.

AC 29/2015 Matters Arising

- i. **AC 19/2015 - Goole FP 11 objections** - CB clarified that in addition to Ramblers, other parties had lodged objections.
- ii. **AC 20/2015 - Farlington Solar Farm** - PA reported the Ryedale Group Footpaths Secretary had responded to the application in the terms 'neither support/object'.
- iii. **AC 21/2015 - Speeton Cliff Blocked Footpath** – TH reported enquiries had established the path in question is not a Public Right of Way.

AC 30/2015 Footpath Maintenance Volunteer Project

Mr Patrick Wharam, Countryside Access Manager for East Riding of Yorkshire Council outlined a proposal for Ramblers volunteers to undertake 'unsupervised' maintenance of the rights of way network. Operating in liaison with ERYC's Countryside Access Officers, a small group[s] of volunteers would receive training as necessary, appropriate tools and in certain cases expenses.

A brief discussion followed on the nature, extent and practicalities of such working parties. Personal accident insurance is provided by Ramblers [who must be furnished with details of working party volunteers prior to project commencement].

The committee acknowledged the work that has been achieved by the Working Party and PA expressed Thanks to Ivor Jones and Ken Russ, Beverley Group members who first proposed the successful Volunteer Working Party with ERYC eleven year ago.

ACTION: Groups within ERYC area to discuss and liaise with Mr Wharam.

AC 31/2015 Treasurer's Report

GM spoke to his circulated report outlining the current financial position, described as 'healthy'. There were no queries and the report was accepted.



TR AC 21072015.pdf

Details of Area's 2015/2016 proposed allocation bid were discussed with GM explaining the review process and background to some of the items.



2015-16bid.pdf

ACTION: Members to study the proposed bid. Any queries or suggestions for additional items should be sent to GM **before** 18th August 2015.

AC 32/2015 Date of 2016 Area AGM

To be held at 2pm on Saturday 23rd January 2016 and hosted by Scarborough Group. It was agreed to invite a representative of Ramblers Worldwide Holidays as Guest Speaker.

ACTION:

1. Scarborough Group to identify venue
2. PA to liaise with RWW Holidays concerning the Guest Speaker.

AC 33/2015 Driffield Show

AL outlined arrangements for resourcing the Ramblers/National Trails stand.

AC 34/2015 Pathwatch

Following an update by TC to his circulated report a brief discussion ensued, primarily concerned with the mechanics of using the software.

As at 21st July 2015, Pathwatch registrations totalled 5400 non-members and 1400 members!



Pathwatch update
July 15.pdf

ACTION: Groups to encourage members to participate in project

AC 35/2015 Reports and Updates from Officers and Groups

Written reports were provided to the meeting and are contained in the following files.



Membership Report
for Area Meeting 21



Access Group
Report_July_2015.pc



Footpath
Report.pdf



Webmaster
report.pdf



Beverley report.pdf



Ryedale Walking
Group report.pdf



Scarborough.pdf



Camp_report.pdf



GYBO report.pdf



Area Countryside
Group Report-1.pdf

Verbal reports were provided by Howden & Goole, Pocklington and York groups.

AC 36/2015 Correspondence

Members discussed the content of correspondence from: -

i. Letter from Benedict Southworth CEO



CEOlettertoareas15
0715.pdf

NB: the correct link for the Guardian article in Benedict's letter is as follows

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/jul/10/guardian-view-on-rambling-right-to-roam-is-precious-freedom>

i. Governance Consultation letter from Des Garrahan [Ramblers Board of Trustees Chairman].



Governanceconsultationletterfromchair

The letter asks for informal discussion and feedback on the subject matter by Area/Groups. It was suggested the item is an agenda item at the next meeting and that Roy Hunt in his Board of Trustees role is asked to do a brief presentation.

i. Promoting Short Walks/ Walking for Health received from Clara Jones Ramblers CO

Items received from Ramblers CO but the schedule showing short walks by group is out of date.



Promoting short walks.pdf



Walking for health-1.pdf

A brief discussion followed on actions by groups to promote short walks to encourage new members and the results. A lot of effort was expended by leaders but attendance was poor and usually comprised existing members.

AC 37/2015 Any Other Business

- i. **Howardian Hills AONB Committee Liaison** - PC informed the meeting that Steve Harness the current Ramblers representative is standing down. Agreed it would be useful for Ramblers to continue having a liaison person. PC offered to enquire into what the role involves and probably take it on.
- ii. **North Yorkshire CC LAF** - TH advised that the forum was recruiting new members and explained the selection process involved. Members do not represent an organisation but an activity, i.e., walking, horse riding, farming, off road vehicles etc.
- iii. **East Yorkshire & Hull JLAF** - PA highlighted he has been a member of the LAF for ten years and hopes to stand down in the next year. Members in the ER who are interested in representing all walkers are encouraged to consider applying to the LAF. Action by this LAF has just resulted in the first traffic order by ERYC restraining use by four wheel-drive vehicles on Garton Balk green lane, near Drifffield.
- iv. **Open Access Walks: North Yorkshire** – TH advised that the revised booklet is now on sale price £2.99. PA expressed thanks on behalf of members for the time and commitment given by Tom in producing the book.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Agreed — this is a true record:

Signed..... [Date].....

Minutes prepared by Tony Corrigan