

East Yorkshire and Derwent Area Ramblers Association

Minutes of Area Council Meeting held on 23rd July 2019 at Fimber Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Stephen Down [Acting Chair], Sarah Beathan, Tony Corrigan, Bob Dealey, Martin Hill, Steve Lack, Ann Laing, Joe Neal, David Nunns, Ian Reavill, Geoff Richardson, Sean Sedman, Marilyn Skelton, Marian Thomas, Harry Whitehouse

Apologies: Peter Ayling, Richard Bramall, Sam Borman, Matthew Harrison, Penny Hudson, Jane Preston, Phil Trafford.

AC 17/19 Chairman's Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

SD thanked members for attending and welcomed Sarah Beathan, GYBO Membership Secretary. Apologies were recorded.

AC 18/19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting [14th May 2019] were accepted without amendment.

Proposed/Seconded: AL/ MS

AC 19/19 Matters arising from Minutes [not covered elsewhere]

PA [in writing] reported: -

i. AC 13/19 B - Area Treasurer's report.

PA sent a card on behalf of the Area to George Malcolm reiterating our warm thanks for his ten years sterling service to the Area and Groups.

ii. AC 13/19 D – Countryside Matters, item 2

Ramblers objection to omission of the planned pedestrian bridge at Market Place in Highway England's latest plans reviewed at the Planning Inspectorate's Open Floor Hearing on 26 March in Hull. Mr Walker of HE proposed and the Inspector agreed, that Mr Walker would respond in writing to our objections. PA having received nothing so far wrote to HE Leeds on 2 July to query this but received no reply. PA asks AC to support a short letter to the Inspector about this.

AGREED

iii. AC 12/19 - Discussion Paper Area Website/Group Web Page Editors.

AL reported Ryedale Group had identified a volunteer interested in taking on the role of Group Web Page Editor, who was currently exploring the requirements of such a role.

MH stated Pocklington Group's view was that the Area Website fulfils a key purpose in promoting a coordinated and corporate approach to our area. A secondary concern is trying to find a volunteer

BD and JN on behalf of Beverley Group stated they had no volunteers who could look after their own group web page.

MT on behalf of Howden & Goole Group stated she believed there would be a training need.

SL of Hull & Holderness Group supported the proposal for groups to have their own Web Page Editor, informing the meeting it would probably be him. He had been authorised as an editor and found the system easy to use.

TC advised that as a replacement Area webmaster has not materialised after two years of advertising, Groups must seriously consider moving towards having their own Group Web Page Editor for promotion and communication with membership.

iv. AC 13/19 E - GWEM [Group Walks and Event Manager]

Although not part of **AC 12/19** but linked to it, is a need for Groups to have a volunteer e.g. Walks Secretary, who can occasionally update the National Walks Finder with information e.g. walk detail amendments and specifically a brief description of published walks - the latter information being obtained from walk leaders a few weeks prior to the event.

IR and GR outlined progress in York Group where volunteers managing their sub walking sections e.g. Public Transport, Tuesday Walks, Trails, etc have been approved as GWEM editors.

A guidance manual is available for using both the Groups Web Page and GWEM - *however expertise level requirements has been likened to that needed for an email or making an on line purchase.*

ACTION: TC will put an item in Area News and subject to interest shown will, with GR arrange a workshop for demonstrating the mechanics of being a Group Web Page Editor and/or GWEM.

AC 20/19 Urgent Countryside, Footpath and Access Issues

None. DN advised the meeting of personnel changes at NYCC and York Unitary Authority.

AC 21/19 Reports from Officers and Groups

A. BBC Countryfile Live – 15th/18th August at Castle Howard

AL presented a report updating the meeting on arrangements for the event, adding: -

- I. NYMNP are dealing with volunteer admission passes, the precise number to be allocated is not yet known - Distribution and handover to volunteers to be finalised
- II. Expenditure is within budget
- III. Display material is all to hand
- IV. A meeting of supervisors and volunteers is scheduled for 5th August

AL also gave verbal feedback on Driffield Show [17th July] thanking volunteers for their help.

B. Finance – Area Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report and proposed budget bid for financial year 2019/2020 were examined and discussed without amendment.

Proposed/Seconded: TC/SD - AGREED

C. Membership Report

Membership numbers were noted.

MS gave an overview of how Groups are responding to GDPR and their reaction to recent requests to carry out a check of membership lists. A limited and mixed response indicated compliance by one group only, with a conclusion that at Group level, generally, GDPR compliance is weak and not receiving responsible attention.

After a discussion of issues, two important elements must be recognised and complied with by all i.e.

- Ramblers General Council [April 2019] voted against any amendment to existing GDPR processes
- GDPR is a legal requirement to be strictly complied with by Ramblers.

NB: Committee Chairs and Membership Secretaries are the responsible post holders for GDPR compliance.

D. Area News

AL informed the meeting that the next mailshot evening will be at Beverley on 16th September 2019.

MT mentioned that no contributions for publication had yet been received and invited members to submit material as soon as possible. The next issue would include details of the Area AGM to be held at Welburn on 25th January 2020.

E. Group Reports

Reports from Beverley, Howden & Goole, Hull & Holderness, Pocklington, Ryedale, and York were noted.

SD added to GYBO's report concerning the National Young Ramblers Weekend 2020 stating a bid has been submitted to host the event.

A report on the Area Camping/Walking weekend was read out. HW added that it had been a very enjoyable and successful weekend, with a lot of work put in by the two organisers. Although titled 'Camping weekend' it was not conditional to be under canvas, some participants using other types of accommodation for their stay - all adding to the weekend experience.

It was noted there was no budget allowance to cover Area camp recce' expenses.

AGREED - SD would query this omission with the Area Treasurer.

AC 22/19 Correspondence

None

AC 23/19 Any Other Business

a. Vacant Posts

Still no interest in the vacant posts of Chair, Webmaster or Publicity Officer – SD will advise CO of the continuing situation.

AC 24/19 - Future Meeting Dates

Provisional Area Council Meetings 2019, starting at 7:30pm: -

Tuesday 15 October (Wetwang)

Tuesday 10 December (Wetwang)

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Saturday 25th January 2020 at Welburn Village Hall - EYDA Area Annual General Meeting