

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING High Peak Liberal Democrats

Date: Wednesday, 9th December 2015

Venue: Spire House, Bings Road, Whaley Bridge

MINUTES

1. Attendance

B Atkins, R. Atkins, N. Bromley, A Debes, D Lomax, R Lyon, D Rayworth, J Simm, B Taylor, C Weaver, M Weaver and S Worrall.

2. Apologies

R Bickerton, J Good, M Jones, P Wainright, M Wild, R Wild and M Williams

3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on 18th November 2014

It was proposed by David Lomax and seconded by Barrie Taylor that the minutes of the AGM held on 18th November, 2014 be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

4. Reports from:-

4.1. Chair

The Chair noted that whilst it had been a difficult year nationally successful local campaigns had been run thanks to Ray Atkins and David Lomax. Despite the national difficulties High Peak Liberal Democrats had had a good PPC in Stephen Worrall.

The Chair noted that the Liberal Hall had finally been sold at auction and that alongside positive developments in Buxton and the increasing membership things looked positive.

The Chair thanked Stephen Worrall, Margaret Weaver and mainly Barrie Taylor for keeping things running in the Executive and to all of our Councillors and members for everything that they had done over the year.

4.2. Treasurer

The Treasurer presented her report to the meeting and asked the meeting to note that whilst the balance stood at ~£2300 this did not include some bills still due.

4.3. Membership Development Officer

The Membership Development Officer reported that membership currently stood at 97 members, with the sad passings of David Frith and Joyce McGillivray noted. David Frith was an active walker and prolific deliverer and Joyce McGillivray had been actively involved in running the Chinley Coffee morning.

4.4. Conference Representatives

Barrie Taylor and Stephen Worrall reported that both Federal and Regional Conference had been positive and they both strongly encouraged members to attend.

4.5. Liberal Democrat Groups

4.5.1. Derbyshire County Council

Beth Atkins and David Lomax reported that despite being outnumbered they were fighting hard, particularly on healthcare with the Council supporting Stepping Hill Hospital's specialist status in opposition to Wythenshawe.

Additionally heavy scrutiny is being given to 20mph zones and the benefits of cycling v walking with regards to tourism.

A further £157 million of cuts are needed with transport, care, school crossings and youth services at risk. Within this new train franchises are coming up for tender.

4.5.2. High Peak Borough Council

Ray Atkins and David Lomax informed the meeting that the Local Plan is now in its final consultation phase and the hope is that both the Inspector and the Council will have passed by March.

The Liberal Democrats and Independent Councillors had formed a group on the Council.

Due to the cuts pending from DCC wardens in sheltered accommodation are under threat.

The combined authority D2N2 still being discussed, Liberal Democrat position is that it is too big and that there are no obvious benefits to High Peak.

5. Election of Honorary President

It was proposed by Stephen Worrall and seconded by Beth Atkins that Barrie Taylor be elected as honorary president. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Election of Officers, Executive Committee Members

6.1. Chair

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by Beth Atkins that Roy Lyon be elected as Chair. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.2. Vice Chair

It was proposed by Beth Atkins and seconded by David Rayworth that David Lomax be elected as Vice Chair. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.3. Secretary

It was proposed by David Rayworth and seconded by Alan Debes that Stephen Worrall be elected as Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.4. Treasurer

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by Jane Simm that Margaret Weaver be elected as Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.5. Membership Development Officer

It was proposed by Stephen Worrall and seconded by Margaret Weaver that Barrie Taylor be elected as Membership Development Officer. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.6. Data Officer

It was proposed by David Rayworth and seconded by Chris Weaver that Stephen Worrall be elected as a data officer. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.7. Executive Committee Members

It was noted that all county and borough councillors are ex officio members. Colin Bannister, Nick Bromley, Graham Hewitt, Mike Jones, David Rayworth, Jane Simm, Chris Weaver and Maxine Williams were elected as Executive Committee members. Roy Lyon proposed and Stephen Worrall seconded.

7. Election of Federal and Regional Conference Representatives

7.1. Federal Conference Representatives

The following members were duly nominated as representatives: Ray Atkins, Colin Bannister, David Rayworth, Barrie Taylor and Stephen Worrall. Margaret Weaver proposed and Beth Atkins seconded.

7.2. Regional Conference Representatives

The following members were duly nominated as representatives: Ray Atkins, Colin Bannister, David Rayworth, Barrie Taylor and Stephen Worrall. Margaret Weaver proposed and Beth Atkins seconded.

8. To note the Accounts for 2014

The 2014 accounts were duly noted.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the 2015 Local Party Accounts

Andrew Garner was appointed as the Independent Examiner for the 2015 Local Party accounts.

The meeting closed.