

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
High Peak Liberal Democrats**

***Date: Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009***

***Venue: The New Inn, Chapel – en – le Frith***

**Minutes**

**1. Apologies**

G Boardman, C Hannal, Linda Leather, Roy Lyon, Steve Sharp, A Shaw, Jane Simm

**2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

It was proposed by Bob Hobson and seconded by Barrie Taylor that the minutes of the AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

**3. Reports from:-**

**3.1. Chair**

The chair reported that the difficulties in promoting the profile of the PPC role were being resolved. He highlighted the success of the 'Shirley Williams' dinner but noted the need for more effective fundraising. He concluded by congratulating Cllrs. Atkins and Taylor on their increased majorities in the CC elections.

**3.2. Treasurer**

The Treasurer reported on the challenges of the new legal requirements for accounting. He expressed satisfaction with the regenerated website and his gratitude for the substantial donation that is funding the site's first year of operation. He concluded by reporting that current funds amount to £2000.

**3.3. Membership Report**

Access to membership details was clarified.

**3.4. Conference Representatives**

Cllr Taylor reported that:

- He was in receipt of a full set of policy papers.
- The next federal conference is in March 2010 in Birmingham.
- The new constitution is now in force.
- No election candidates may use the party logo without prior approval.
- New requirements apply to election accounts.

**3.5. Liberal Democrat Groups**

**3.5.1. Derbyshire County Council**

It was reported that:

- Two seats had been lost in the 2009 CC elections

- Liberal Democrat councillors have equal status with Labour councillors in their ability to ask questions at cabinet committees.
- Membership of scrutiny committees is providing useful material.
- The Policy and Resources committee is operated exclusively by Conservative members

### **3.5.2. High Peak Borough Council**

It was reported that:

- The year had been dominated by the development of the alliance with Staffordshire Moorlands Council.
- Concern exists that a 'democratic deficit' has been created and that the viability of the alliance will be tested when the two councils are led by two different parties.

## **4. Motions to AGM**

### **4.1. Amendment to the Constitution**

It was proposed by B Atkins and seconded by M Harrison, "That the new model constitution be adopted by the High Peak Constituency." The motion was carried unanimously.

### **4.2. It was proposed by B Taylor and seconded by B Hobson that Shirley Holt be accepted as a member of the High Peak Constituency. The motion was carried unanimously.**

### **4.3. It was proposed by B Taylor and seconded by B Hobson that R Atkins be nominated for a place on the regional candidates committee. The motion was carried unanimously.**

## **5. Election of Honorary President**

It was proposed by B Hobson and seconded by H Perry that B 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 B Hobson and seconded by B Taylor that A Stevens be elected as Chair. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by B Hobson and seconded by G Jennings that M Harrison be elected as Vice Chair. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **6.2. Secretary**

It was proposed by B Hobson and seconded by M Harrison that R Lyon be elected as Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **6.3. Treasurer**

It was proposed by M Harrison and seconded by B Taylor that B Hobson be elected as Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **6.4. Membership Development Officer**

It was proposed by B Taylor and seconded by B Hobson that S Holt be elected as Membership Development Officer. The motion was carried unanimously

**6.5. Data Officer**

It was proposed by H Perry and seconded by G Jennings that B Taylor be elected as a data officer. The motion was carried unanimously

**6.6. Executive Committee Members**

It was noted that each ward was allowed 1.5 members, that Branches would determine their representation and that the next Executive Committee meeting would consider approval.

**7. Election of Federal and Regional Conference Representatives**

**7.1. Federal Conference Representatives**

The following members were duly nominated as representatives: B Musgrave, B Taylor, R Atkins, B Atkins. Reserve to be S Holt.

**7.2. Regional Conference Representatives**

The following were duly nominated as representatives: All Federal and Regional representatives, S Holt, H Perry. G Boardman, A Stevens

**8. To note the Accounts for 2008**

The 2008 accounts were duly noted.

**9. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the 2009 Local Party Accounts**

It was proposed by B Taylor and seconded by B Hobson that Margaret Weaver be asked to fulfil the role of independent examiner of all branch and constituency accounts. The proposal was carried unanimously.