

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING High Peak Liberal Democrats

Date: Tuesday, 18th November 2014

Venue: The Old Packhorse Hotel, Chapel-en-le-Frith

MINUTES

1. Attendance

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

2. Apologies

B Atkins, C Harbutt, G Hewitt, S Holt

3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on 3rd December 2013

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by David Lomax that the minutes of the AGM held on 3rd December, 2013 be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

4. Reports from:-

4.1. Chair

The Chair noted the sad passing of the former Treasurer Bob Hobson and spoke on how he would be sorely missed.

The Chair thanked Ray Atkins, David Lomax, Barrie Taylor and Stephen Worrall in particular for keeping things running during the year. Additionally all those who had contributed in any way to the work of High Peak Liberal Democrats throughout the year were thanked.

The Chair noted that the upcoming year was bound to be a more active and interesting one, with the selection of the PPC imminent and a General Election to fight.

Finally the Chair thanked the new Treasurer Margaret Weaver for agreeing to take on the role at such short notice.

4.2. Treasurer

The Treasurer presented her report to the meeting and asked the meeting to note that the current balance was artificially high due to outstanding 200 Club win payments.

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by Ray Atkins that the report be submitted. This was carried unanimously.

4.3. Membership Development Officer

The Membership Development Officer reported that membership currently stood at 59 members, with the sad passings of Peter Ashenden, Bob Hobson and Elizabeth Riddell noted.

The Membership Development Officer also informed the meeting that a member had recently moved in from Winchester and was interested in becoming active.

4.4. Conference Representatives

Stephen Worrall reported that with the Regional Conference having been held in Hinckley, a Local Authority that the Liberal Democrats control, it was nice to spend some time in a "Liberal Democrat area". Stephen Worrall also reported how the quality of speakers and training had improved, that being a Conference Representative gave you the opportunity to elect important Regional Officers and that attending Regional Conference meant being able to attend a hustings for the Presidential election.

Barrie Taylor spoke on how Federal Conference allows you to see the "real side" of the large amount of very positive work that Liberal Democrat ministers are achieving in government.

4.5. Liberal Democrat Groups

4.5.1. Derbyshire County Council

David Lomax reported how there were now fewer meetings under the new Labour administration and that with many cuts still to be made there was a lot of bad news about.

David Lomax additionally informed the meeting of impending changes to the cabinet at Derbyshire County Council, as well as the potential sale of County Hall.

Finally David Lomax reminded the meeting that with the number of Liberal Democrat County Councillors now down to 3 it was difficult.

4.5.2. High Peak Borough Council

Ray Atkins informed the meeting that the Local Plan had finally been submitted to the government inspector and that the Boundary Review had passed with little incident.

5. Election of Honorary President

It was proposed by Stephen Worrall and seconded by Ray 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 Ray Atkins that Roy Lyon be elected as Chair. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.2. Vice Chair

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

6.3. Secretary

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by Brian Musgrave that Stephen Worrall be elected as Secretary. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.4. Treasurer

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

6.5. Membership Development Officer

It was proposed by Ray Atkins 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 Ray Atkins and seconded by Jane Simm 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. Alan Debes and Jane Simm were elected as Executive Committee members. Stephen Worrall proposed and Roy Lyon seconded.

7. Election of Federal and Regional Conference Representatives

7.1. Federal Conference Representatives

The following members were duly nominated as representatives: S Holt, B Taylor, S Worrall. David Lomax proposed and Ray Atkins seconded.

7.2. Regional Conference Representatives

The following were duly nominated as representatives: S Holt, B Taylor, S Worrall. David Lomax proposed and Ray Atkins seconded.

8. To note the Accounts for 2013

The 2013 accounts were duly noted and approved, Stephen Worrall proposed and David Lomax seconded.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the 2014 Local Party Accounts

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by Roy Lyon that the appointment of the Independent Examiner for the 2014 Local Party Accounts be deferred to the upcoming Special General Meeting.

The meeting closed.