

High Peak Liberal Democrats
Constituency Executive Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 17th March 2010

at

New Inn, Chapel-en-le-Frith

PART ONE

In the absence of the 'Acting' Chair, Mike Harrison, it was proposed by Bob Hobson and seconded by Alistair Stevens that Barrie Taylor take the chair. The proposal was carried unanimously.

I. Present

Bob Hobson, Shirley Holt, Brian Musgrave, Roy Lyon, Alistair Macdonald, Jane Simm, Alistair Stevens, Barrie Taylor, Pat Wildgoose (PPC Agent).

II. Apologies

Beth Atkins, Ray Atkins, Mike Harrison, Edith Longden, Ann Strudwick, Geoff Strudwick

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Alistair Stevens and seconded by Bob Hobson that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February, 2010 be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

IV. Matters Arising

- i. It was reported by Brian Musgrave that the Liberal Hall Trustees had met and agreed to appoint Louise Dowd as the planning consultant. She will now prepare the necessary submissions.

V. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported:

- i. A bank balance of £3520.00.
- ii. '200 Club' – that there are now 23 members and that the September to March draws had been made.
- iii. That he had received a demand for the payment of some £750.00 of arrears relating to the lease of a printer. It was noted that the lease had been taken out in 2006 signed by Steve Sharp on behalf of the High Peak Liberal Democrats and that Steve Sharp had met all previous lease payments. The last payment received by the leasing company, CF Asset, was in August 2009. The lease has one further year to run and the cost of terminating the

lease would be in the region of £2000 with the printer returned to the lease company.

It was agreed that Alistair Macdonald would contact Steve Sharp and that Brian Musgrave would check the High Peak Liberal Democrats' liability and write a 'holding' letter to the lease company.

- iv. The treasurer raised the national position on elected representatives contributing a percentage of their allowance to a party fund. It was agreed to place this on the agenda at the next meeting.

VI. County Council Report

County Councillor Taylor indicated that there was nothing to report additional to the report made at the previous meeting.

VII. Borough Council Report

There being no Borough Councillors present, there was no report.

VIII. A.O.B.

- i. Borough Council Election. The resignation of Steve Sharp as a Borough Councillor has necessitated an election. It was noted that the process had commenced. It was proposed by Bob Hobson and seconded by Roy Lyon that the Constituency make no financial contribution to the Borough Council election. The proposal was passed unanimously.

IX. Date of the Next Meeting

It was noted that in the light of the likely calling of the general election, the meeting scheduled for 21st April would not be allowed as the constituency would be suspended. It was agreed that an informal election campaign meeting would be held on the 21st April at the New Inn at 8.00 p.m. This being an informal meeting, there will be no agenda and all members are welcome.

The next formal meeting of the Executive is scheduled for Wednesday, 19th May 2010 at the New Inn, Chapel-en-le-Frith, assuming that the election result has, by then, resulted in a new Parliament.

PART TWO

X. General Election

- i. Pat Wildgoose, the PPC's agent was welcomed to the meeting.
- ii. The PPC thanked Shirley Holt for her considerable support in preparing the election literature.
- iii. The campaign plan was outlined.
- iv. An election budget of £5000.00 with a contingency of £500.00 was confirmed. It was noted that detailed costing would now be prepared.

Action Points

Action	Responsible	Time scale
Contact Steve Sharp re. lease of printer	Alistair Macdonald	19 th May 2010
Check liability of Constituency re. the printer and write a 'holding' letter to the lease company.	Brian Musgrave	19 th May 2010