

High Peak Liberal Democrats
Constituency Executive Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th May 2010
at
Old Pack Horse, Chapel-en-le-Frith
PART ONE

I. Present

Beth Atkins, Ray Atkins, Laurie Barlow, Bob Hobson, Shirley Holt, David Lomax, Roy Lyon, Alistair Macdonald, Jane Simm, Alistair Stevens, John Storey, Barrie Taylor, David Walker, Linda Walker,

II. Apologies

Graham Boardman, Mike Harrison, Glynn Jennings, Linda Leather, Brian Musgrave, Ann Strudwick, Geoff Strudwick

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Alistair Macdonald and seconded by Shirley Holt that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March, 2010 be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

IV. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

V. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported:

- i. A bank balance of £1000.00+.
- ii. That he was in receipt of a bill from High Peak print for £400. In the light of a planned meeting with Steve Sharp it was agreed that the treasurer should wait for the outcome of the meeting before paying the bill.
- iii. That the general election account had still to be finalised by the PPC Agent.
- iv. '200 Club' – that there are now 31 members and that a recruitment drive is needed.
- v. That planning for the funding of the next general election should be based upon the need to raise some £2000 per annum.
- vi. That the issue of the lease on the printer needed resolution.

VI. Membership

- i. It was reported that there are currently 104 members. A list of new members was read out. It was proposed by A Macdonald and

seconded by B Taylor that all be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

VII. County Council Report

County Councillors Taylor and Atkins reported that the new council plan had been approved, and that the number of full Council meetings had been reduced in favour of more use of scrutiny committees.

VIII. Borough Council Report

- i. A new mayor, G Oakley, has been appointed.
- ii. The local development framework has been issued for consultation.
- iii. R Atkins is no longer the 'chair' of the Environment Committee.
- iv. M Harrison has been elected to 'chair' the Development Plan Committee.
- v. The sale of the BC Chinley facility is proceeding.

IX. Councillors' Levy

- i. The national position relating to a councillors' levy was outlined: the Executive has to set the levy for borough councilors and the County Council group has to set any levy for county councilors.
- ii. It was proposed by A Macdonald and seconded by B Taylor that the levy on BC expenses be set at 10% of the allowance received. This was carried by 6 votes to 2 with 6 abstentions.
- iii. It was agreed that the levy should be remitted to the Treasurer by standing order.

X. Enlisting the 18 year old

- i. It was agreed that there was a need to establish a university group at Derby University in Buxton, and that new technologies should be used to attract young members.
- ii. It was agreed that Ann Strudwick and Geoff Strudwick be thanked for their continuing support of the web site.

XI. A.O.B.

- i. There was no A.O.B.

XII. Date of the Next Meeting

- i. 30th June at 8.00 p.m.
- ii. Future meetings were agreed for: 28th July, 22nd September, 27th October, 24th November (AGM)

PART TWO

XIII. General Election

- i. A review of the General Election campaign was held.
 - i. Positives – attracted new members
 - ii. Weaknesses – lack of early planning; local knowledge currently held by too few people; new poster sites needed; PPC too involved in operational issues to meet sufficient people
 - iii. Action needed – issue leaflet aimed at areas for development; identify potential candidates early; develop an election team with clear roles and responsibilities; expand membership; increase local councilors; arrange a presentation on strategy by H Stephenson; establish a plan in preparation for the 2011 borough council elections
- ii. I vote of thanks for A Stevens, S Holt, P Wildgoose and D Challender was proposed by A Macdonald, seconded by B Taylor and carried unanimously.

Action Points

Action	Responsible	Time scale
Contact Steve Sharp re. lease of printer	B Taylor	30 th June 2010
General election future strategy sub group to meet and report back at the next meeting	R Atkins, B Hobson, S Holt, A Stevens, B Taylor	30 th June 2010
Candidate Approval Panel To be established: B Hobson, A Macdonald, J Simm, A Stevens, B Taylor, L Walker	B Taylor	30 th June 2010