

**High Peak Liberal Democrats**  
**Constituency Executive Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010**  
**at**  
**Old Pack Horse, Chapel-en-le-Frith**

**I. Present**

Beth Atkins, Ray Atkins, Laurie Barlow, Bob Hobson, Shirley Holt, Roy Lyon, Alistair Stevens, John Storey, Barrie Taylor, Ann Strudwick, Geoff Strudwick

**II. Apologies**

G Jennings, D Lomax, A McDonald, J.Sims, P Wildgoose

**III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

These were accepted as a correct record

**IV. Matters Arising**

- i. **Collection of councillors' levies** – the arrangements for collecting borough councillors' levies were not yet up and running, Ray Atkins agreed to act. Meanwhile, no action had yet been taken on agreeing a rate for County Councillors' levies. The rate needed to be fixed by a meeting of all local parties in Derbyshire, Barrie Taylor to take action.
- ii. **Local election candidate approval panel** – Barrie Taylor reported that the panel had not yet met. It was agreed that Barrie Taylor would be chair and convene a meeting as soon as possible.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported:

- i. A bank balance of approximately £600.

**VI. Membership**

- i. The membership secretary reported a net gain of 3 members, giving a total of 103.

## **VII. County Council Report**

County Councillors Taylor and Atkins presented brief reports.

## **VIII. Borough Council Report**

- i. Ray Atkins reported on the new bin collection schedule. Some members expressed concerns about rotting food waste.

## **IX. 'Riso Printer'**

- i. Executive noted that High Peak Print was the leaseholder and that there was no legal liability to HPLD. However, Barrie Taylor is to contact Brian Musgrave for legal advice. An urgent need to ensure a settlement of the outstanding account with the company who serviced the Riso during the election was noted.

## **X. Fund Raising**

- i. It was noted that the New Mills Carnival stall had cost £78.50 and raised £135. It was agreed that the profit would contribute to North Branch funds.
- ii. It was agreed that the fund raising events were an important mechanism for raising the party's profile. The aim is to complete 4/5 such events by the end of September. It was suggested that the North Branch should set out its own strategy for raising funds.
- iii. It was agreed that Shirley Holt and Alistair Stevens would liaise to arrange future events. Possible future events were noted as:
  - Chinley fete – 17<sup>th</sup> July
  - Glossop – 15<sup>th</sup> August
  - Hope – 30<sup>th</sup>/31st August
  - Hayfield Show – 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> September
- iv. It was noted that a requirement of receiving MEP funding was to hand out publicity material.

## **XI. A.O.B.**

- i. It was agreed that there was a need to determine where to contend future local elections, recognising the potential for success in particular seats.
- ii. The possibility of running a High Peak survey to determine issues that are of interest to the public was raised.
- iii. The question of the constituency starting a web based discussion group to focus upon local issues was raised.
- iv. It was agreed that an autumn session presented by Ed Maxfield on the issue of 'lobbying when in government' should be organized.
- v. The start time for Executive Meetings was confirmed as 8.00 p.m.
- vi. It was agreed that the Treasurer would investigate the cost of a 'Freepost' license.

## **XII. Date of the Next Meeting**

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

### **Action Points**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Time scale</b>
Councillors' Levy	Ray Atkins Barrie Taylor	22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Meeting of local election candidates approval panel	Barrie Taylor	22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Riso printer – contact Brian Musgrave	Barrie Taylor	22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Decide fund raising events	Shirley Holt/Alistair Stevens	28 <sup>th</sup> July
Investigate 'Freepost' costs	Bob Hobson	28 <sup>th</sup> July