

High Peak Liberal Democrats

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday April 12th, 2011

Present:

Mike Harrison (Chairman), Alistair Steven, David Lomax, Barrie Taylor, Shirley Holt, Stephen Worrall, Graham Scott

Apologies:

Mr & Mrs Strudwick, Maeve Serby, John Storey, Jane Simm, Roy Lyon, Brian Musgrave, Alan Debes

Minutes of last meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on March 8th, 2011 were approved.

Matters Arising:

18th birthday cards: SH advised that these had not yet been invoiced. Invoice would be prepared and submitted within 7 days.

200 Club: Cheques for outstanding monthly draws recently made by Bob Hobson still require countersigning by AS.

Liberal Club: MH gave a brief update on the current position. A meeting had been arranged for April 13th at the Liberal Club with local property agent Martin Walton, Brian Musgrave and a local architect to discuss future options.

Bank Account access: BT updated the meeting on the situation regarding access to the account. He also confirmed that the latest Prater Raines Ltd invoice for Website maintenance had been paid.

Membership Secretary's Report:

SH advised that she believed there were approx. 109 members, but this could not be verified due to problems accessing the data.

The Website is receiving more than 80 'hits' each day.

SH expressed her concern that the detail of the website contained on recent leaflets was too small.

Treasurers Report:

MH reported that, in response to a request, Bob Hobson had advised by email on March 24th that the state of our accounts was as follows:

Constituency £2,200 (approx.) - net of known bills and o/s cheques.

South Branch: £1,500

North Branch – Unknown. He suggested contact with Brian Musgrave.

Based on this information it was agreed that sufficient funds existed to fight the forthcoming local elections on the basis previously agreed.

BT reported that the maintenance contract for the RISO printer would cost £300 approx. per annum. It was agreed to go ahead with this and pay by quarterly installments with all VAT payable for the year being due with the first installment.

MH again expressed concern at the absence of a Treasurer following the resignation of Laurie Barlow. Constituency accounts for 2010 had not been filed with Cowley Street by the deadline of March 31st, 2011. A replacement Treasurer is now required as a matter of urgency.

It was agreed to address and resolve this issue at the next Executive meeting, following the election.

Council Reports:

Nothing significant was reported.

Local Election Campaign:

A general discussion took place on the current state of the election campaign and the plans for remainder of the election period.

Any Other business:

None

Date of next meeting: Tuesday May 24th, 2011