

High Peak Liberal Democrats
Constituency Executive Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th March 2011
at
The Old Pack Horse, Chapel-en-le-Frith

PART ONE

1. Present

Alan Debes, Mike Harrison, Shirley Holt, David Lomax, Roy Lyon, Graham Scott, Alistair Stevens, Tobias Stroner, Barrie Taylor.

2. Apologies

Beth Atkins, Ray Atkins, Laurie Barlow, Brian Musgrave, Jane Simm, Ann Strudwick, Geoff Strudwick.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by David Lomax and seconded by Alan Debes that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February, 2011 be accepted. This was carried.

4. Matters Arising

- i. **Item 4i** – It was agreed that although the birthday cards being sent to those constituents reaching their 18th birthday, had been signed by the wrong person the cards would be sent unchanged. As there is a vacancy for a treasurer it was agreed that the invoice would be signed by the chair and submitted by S Holt.
- ii. **Item 5iii** – It was noted that the Riso printer payment had been made. In light of the need to give six months notice of the intention to terminate the contract, it was agreed that such notice would be given at the time of making the next payment on 23rd May 2011.
- iii. **Item 5iv** – The ex treasurer has agreed to conduct the '200 Club' draw. The draw will be made in the presence of the chair.
- iv. **Item 10** – It was reported that a meeting had taken place between B Musgrave and the Chair and that, with the Trustees' agreement; a local architect will be commissioned to prepare a scheme for submission to the planning committee. The new Trustees were as noted as: Mike Harrison, Alistair Stevens, Barrie Taylor with the final position to be filled by either Ray Acton or David Lomax. Once the fourth Trustee has been finalised the new Trust agreement will be put in place and the previous Trustees discharged.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- i. It was reported that at 106 membership is unchanged from that reported in February 2011.
- ii. The membership secretary reported receipt of a letter from John Storey expressing the likelihood of his resignation from the party. It was agreed that the issues raised would be discussed after the May elections.
- iii. It was reported that the website was operational.

6. County Council Report

County Councillor Taylor reported that there was nothing to add to the February report.

7. Borough Council Report

Borough Councillors Harrison and Lomax reported that:

- i. the 2011 – 2012 budget figures were awaited;
- ii. the select committees are being restructured;
- iii. a successful first meeting of the consultation on the Chapel vision had taken place.

8. Local Election Campaign

- i. It was noted that the 'Focus' had been produced.
- ii. It was proposed by A Stevens and seconded by B Taylor that S Holt be asked to arrange for the completion and submission of invoices relating to the publication of 'Focus'. This was carried with one abstention.
- iii. Barrie Taylor is continuing the process of identifying potential candidates for specific wards. Janet Carter is to stand in New Mills West, Graham Scott is considering standing in Doveholes, and George Kuppan is willing to stand as a 'paper' candidate. Tobias Stroner is willing to stand in New Mills East and will be interviewed by the approval panel.
- iv. All New Mills seats will have candidates.

9. Recruitment of Treasurer

- i. The chair has spoken to 'Cowley Street' and been informed that constituencies with less than £10000 of transactions are not required to submit accounts. It was agreed that the level of High Peak Constituency transactions during 2010 – 2011 should be clarified and that a conversation with the appropriate regional officer would be helpful.
- ii. It was noted that the past treasurer cannot access the account. Barrie Taylor agreed to contact the past treasurer and establish how the account might be accessed.
- iii. No suggestions were forthcoming as to a possible future treasurer.

10. Parliamentary Spokesperson

- i. The Chair has confirmed with 'Cowley Street' that a PPC elected within the constituency ceases to be the PPC on 31st December following the

- election. 'Cowley Street' also confirmed that whilst unusual, the appointment of a parliamentary spokesperson could be agreed by the executive committee.
- ii. It was noted that the constituency currently has neither a PPC nor a parliamentary spokesperson.

11. Telephone contact 03

- i. It was agreed to consider this issue after the May elections.

12. A.O.B.

- i. It was reported from the New Mills Town Council meeting that:
 - i. To avert the threat of the Citizens Advice Bureau withdrawing from New Mills, the town council is prepared to offer free office accommodation.
 - ii. The borough council had invited the town council to indicate areas for which the town council could take responsibility.
- ii. It was noted that an email relating to boundary changes had been received and that Shirley Holt was involved in discussions. It was agreed to discuss the issue of boundary changes at the June Executive meeting.
- iii. The constituency has been asked to supply a speaker for a Buxton Community School PSHE day. Barrie Taylor was invited to represent the constituency and agreed so to do.

13. Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday, 12th April 2011 at the Old Pack Horse, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

PART TWO

There were no part two items

Action Points

Action	Responsible	Time scale
Submit 'birthday card' invoices	M Harrison S Holt	A.S.A.P.
Give notice of intention to terminate Riso contract	B Taylor	23 rd May 2011
Conduct '200 Club' draw	B Hobson M Harrison	A.S.A.P.

Discuss issues arising from John Storey letter	M Harrison	June 2011
Clarify quantity of 2010 – 2011 transactions		A.S.A.P.
Telephone contact 03	S Holt	June 2011
Account access	B Taylor	12 th April 2011
Discussion of boundary changes – agenda item	R Lyon	June 2011