

High Peak Liberal Democrats
Constituency Executive Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th July 2012
at
The Old Pack Horse, Chapel-en-le-Frith

PART ONE

1. Present

Ray Atkins, Dorothy Challand, Bob Hobson, David Lomax, Roy Lyon, Brian Musgrave, Barrie Taylor.

2. Apologies

Beth Atkins, Ann Strudwick and Geoff Strudwick, Stephen Worrall.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by David Lomax that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April, 2012 be accepted. This was carried.

4. Matters Arising

- i. There were no matters arising.

5. Reports

i. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary informed the meeting that he was still awaiting access to the membership web site and that he would update the Executive at the next meeting.

ii. County Councillors' Report

CC Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that the CC had now agreed to look at the future of youth clubs across the county on an individual case basis.

iii. Borough Councillors' Report

It was reported that David Lomax is now the 'leader' of the Liberal Democrat group on the borough council.

A meeting which is to look at the development of housing up to 2028 was noted as being scheduled for 26th July. The meeting is to consider a proposal that an additional 300 new homes be built each year. If agreed, the proposal would be submitted for public consultation.

The new recycling pattern was noted.

It was noted that regular slots had been agreed for Liberal Democrat borough councillors on High Peak radio.

6. Business Matters

i. Liberal Hall

Brain Musgrave updated the meeting on the progress of the planning application. He reported that the application had been declined twice. The most recent refusal had been on four grounds:

- the impact upon adjacent dwellings;
- a lack of proof that the building was no longer required for local usage;
- development being detrimental to highway safety;
- the unacceptable standard of the proposed residential accommodation.

It was noted that there was a six month period during which an appeal could be lodged and suggested that the consultants be asked to quote a fee for managing any such appeal. It was agreed that once a fee quotation had been received the Trustees would meet with either Barrie Taylor or David Lomax, representing the Executive, to agree a way forward.

It was also agreed that High Peak architects Ltd be asked to contact the Derbyshire police to determine whether they might have any interest in the hall.

Brian Musgrave was thanked for his ongoing input into this project.

A discussion on the safety of the hall agreed that it was currently safe for use. It was accepted that there was a need to maintain a careful watching brief to ensure that aspects requiring repair did not decline and render the hall unsafe. It was also accepted that funds would not be spent on the hall but that, if necessary, it would be taken out of use.

ii. Fund Raising

The urgent need to raise funds not least to support candidates in the CC elections was noted for future discussion. It was noted

that the only planned fund raising event is a coffee morning scheduled for 8th December.

7. Current financial position

- i. The Treasurer presented a budget statement to June 2012.
- ii. The budget statement noted a current account balance at 30/6/12 of £2091.77. Costs relating to the web site (£122.40) and the '200 Club' (£80.00) were noted.
- iii. The President indicated his intention of submitting the previous year's accounts in the near future.

8. Derbyshire County Council Elections

- i. Ray Atkins provided an analysis of the current situation in both the New Mills and Whaley Bridge wards.
- ii. It was agreed that:
 - i. there was a need to raise funds and establish campaign budgets;
 - ii. separate campaigns were needed for New Mills and Whaley Bridge;
 - iii. the 'connect' system needed to be operational as soon as possible;
 - iv. Ray Atkins, Beth Atkins, Barrie Taylor and David Lomax prepare realistic campaign programmes.

9. Police Commissioner Elections

- i. It was noted that a £5000 deposit, refundable if 5% of the vote was secured, was needed for candidates.

10. A.O.B.

- i. There was no AOB.

11. Date of the next meeting

11th September 2012.

Action Points

Action	Responsible	Time scale
Liberal Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gain appeal fee quotation from consultants; · Ask High Peak Architects to contact Police; · Meeting Trustees + Executive representative 	Trustees Barrie Taylor/David Lomax	A.S.A.P.
2011 accounts - submit	Barrie Taylor	A.S.A.P.
Prepare CC election campaigns	Ray Atkins, Beth Atkins, David Lomax, Barrie Taylor	11th September 2012.