

**High Peak Liberal Democrats**  
**Constituency Executive Meeting**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**at**

**The Old Pack Horse, Chapel-en-le-Frith**

**PART ONE**

**1. Present**

David Lomax, Roy Lyon, Barrie Taylor and Stephen Worrall.

**2. Apologies**

Ray Atkins, Bob Hobson and Jane Simm.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 be accepted. This was carried.

**4. Matters Arising**

**i. Liberal Hall**

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that the appeal fee would be in the region of £1300.

He also informed the meeting that he had been contacted by Brian Musgrave to set up a meeting between the executive and the trustees to discuss the possibility of appealing. David Lomax and Roy Lyon are to be informed of the date set for the meeting

Roy Lyon questioned whether the issue of safety for those groups still using Liberal Hall had been addressed. Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that this is the responsibility of the trustees but that the executive can and had informed them of its views.

**ii. 2011 accounts**

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that as of 11/09/2012 the accounts had been completed and signed by both himself as Acting Treasurer for 2011 and Mike Harrison as Chair for 2011. They would be submitted as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked Barrie Taylor for fulfilling the role of Acting Treasurer for 2011.

**iii. County Council Election Campaigns**

David Lomax informed the meeting that a plan of action for both target wards, New Mills and Whaley Bridge and Blackbrook, had been decided upon. Additionally a funding request to ALDC of £300 per target ward had been submitted.

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that Ray Atkins had stated his desire to implement the plan of action as soon as possible.

David Lomax informed the meeting that the plan mainly consisted of releasing two Focuses every month. In the first month these would be in Whaley Bridge and New Mills, in the second month in Hayfield and Chinley, in the third month back in Whaley Bridge and New Mills and so on. Additionally once a month somewhere in one of the target wards a resident survey would be distributed and followed up the next day by a street surgery.

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that they believed that there would be a £1000 shortfall in the funding necessary to run the campaigns, £400 if both ALDC funding requests were approved.

**5. Reports**

**i. Membership Secretary's Report**

The Membership Secretary informed the meeting that membership currently stood at 64. This was a 1.6% rise on the previous figure but the problem of lapsed members not having been chased still existed.

He also stated the belief that these lapsed members would be best contacted via use of a members newsletter, the main purpose of which would be to invite them to the next General Discussion Meeting. This was agreed.

Stephen Worrall volunteered to contact the most recent batch of lapsed members (those who lapsed on 01/07/2012) via email as well. This was agreed.

**ii. Derbyshire Constituencies Meeting Report**

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that boundary changes for the Derbyshire County Council wards had been confirmed as those initially suggested. This meant that the only change in High Peak

is to be the amalgamation of Glossop North and Rural and Glossop South into a single “Glossop” ward with 2 councillors.

Finally he informed the meeting that at its AGM in December Derbyshire Constituencies is to adopt a formal structure.

## **6. Business Matters**

### **i. Fund raising**

The Chair invited suggestions from the meeting for fund raising opportunities.

Stephen Worrall raised the previously mentioned idea of a fund raising dinner, attended by Andrew Stunnell MP.

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that Ray Atkins had requested that he enquire as to whether the executive were still interested in this, with Andrew Stunnell MP no longer being a minister. He also noted that Ray Atkins had suggested the potential for holding a jumble sale in Liberal Hall.

Roy Lyon and Stephen Worrall agreed that if anything as an “ex – minister” his attractiveness as a guest speaker had increased. It was agreed that the Secretary should contact Ray Atkins and ask him to sound out the availability of Andrew Stunnell MP with a view to holding the event in November at The Royal in Hayfield.

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting of a coffee morning to be held in early November and promised to send the Secretary details of both that and a planned coffee morning in December.

Stephen Worrall suggested further advertising of the “200 Club” and it was agreed that this would form part of the members newsletter which is to be created. He also raised the previously mentioned idea of running the printer as a business, with Bob Hobson having already formulated a rough plan. It was agreed that whilst this may be of some benefit in the long run it did not provide the funding quickly enough to be of benefit to the upcoming election campaigns.

## **7. Current financial position**

### **i. The summary provided by the Treasurer was noted.**

## **8. Derbyshire County Council Elections**

### **i. Candidate Selection**

**Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that a non – optional standard procedure was to be followed for candidate selection.**

**The Secretary was instructed to circulate to all current members a copy of the Derbyshire Liberal Democrats Candidate Application Form and request that anyone interested in standing for election to Derbyshire County Council complete and return the form, by 01/10/2012, in order to be considered by the Selection Committee for inclusion on the approved candidates list.**

**Roy Lyon suggested that the Selection Committee consist of the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, President and one ordinary executive member.**

**David Lomax suggested that Jane Simm be the ordinary executive member.**

**Barrie Taylor proposed that this be the format of the Selection Committee and Stephen Worrall seconded it. This was carried.**

#### **9. Police Commissioner Elections**

**Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that it had been agreed that there would be no Liberal Democrat candidate for the Police Commissioner election in Derbyshire. The Liberal Democrats are entitled however to one member on the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel responsible for scrutinizing the elected Commissioner. Only one eligible nomination was received and so Denise Hawksworth was elected to this position unopposed.**

#### **10. Meeting Programme**

**Stephen Worrall stated the belief that the dates for the three remaining meetings in the year should be agreed in principle at this meeting so as to avoid the fate of the proposed second General Discussion Meeting which was rearranged so many times in an attempt to find a suitable date that it was in the end cancelled.**

**It was agreed that the meetings would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December. The first would be a General Discussion Meeting at the Old Pack Horse, Chapel – en – le Frith, the second would be an Executive Meeting at the same location and the third would be the AGM at The Royal, Hayfield.**

**The Secretary would circulate suggested discussion topics amongst those present at this meeting and when one was decided upon the members newsletter would be created to advertise the meeting, the 200 Club and other items amongst current and lapsed members.**

## Action Points

| Action   | Responsible            | Time scale   |
|--|------------------------|--|
| <b>Convene meeting between trustees and executive.</b>   | <b>Barrie Taylor</b>   | <b>ASAP</b>  |
| <b>Contact members who lapsed on 01/07/2012</b>  | <b>Stephen Worrall</b> | <b>ASAP</b>  |
| <b>Contact Ray Atkins to sound out Andrew Stunnell MP on potential fund raising dinner</b>   | <b>Secretary</b>       | <b>ASAP</b>  |
| <b>Inform Secretary of details for two upcoming coffee mornings</b>  | <b>Barrie Taylor</b>   | <b>ASAP</b>  |
| Circulate to all current members a copy of the Derbyshire Liberal Democrats Candidate Application Form and request that anyone interested in standing for election to Derbyshire County Council complete and return the form, by 01/10/2012, in order to be considered by the Selection Committee for inclusion on the approved candidates list. | <b>Secretary</b>       | <b>ASAP</b>  |
| <b>Contact Jane Simm to request she be the ordinary executive member on the Selection Committee</b>  | <b>Secretary</b>       | <b>ASAP</b>  |
| <b>Circulate suggested topics for General Discussion Meeting</b>   | <b>Secretary</b>       | <b>ASAP</b>  |
| <b>Create members newsletter advertising General Discussion Meeting, 200 Club etc. to current and lapsed members</b>   | <b>All</b>             | <b>After topic for General Discussion Meeting decided upon</b> |