

High Peak Liberal Democrats
Constituency Executive Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th November 2012
at
The Old Pack Horse, Chapel-en-le-Frith
PART ONE

1. Present

Ray Atkins, Alan Debes, Graham Hewitt, Roy Lyon, Graham Scott, Barrie Taylor and Stephen Worrall.

2. Apologies

Jason Good, Bob Hobson, David Lomax and Brian Musgrave.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by Roy Lyon that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September, 2012 be accepted. This was carried.

4. Matters Arising

- i. Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that a meeting had been convened with the trustees and that the trustees had decided to appeal the refusal of planning permission on the grounds that the refusal was tenuous.

Graham Scott raised the possibility that the land may be worth more than the building.
- ii. Stephen Worrall informed the meeting that the lapsed members had been chased and that Ann Shaw would be renewing her membership.
- iii. The Secretary informed the meeting that according to Ray Atkins the fund raising dinner with Andrew Stunnell MP should be able to go ahead.
- iv. Barrie Taylor confirmed that he had informed the Secretary of the relevant details and that the Chinley event had raised £170.
- v. The Secretary informed the meeting that all current members had received the relevant application form and that to date four candidates had been approved by the selection committee.

- vi. The Secretary informed the meeting that Jane Simm had agreed to be the ordinary executive member on the Selection Committee.
- vii. The Secretary informed the meeting that discussion topics had been circulated and that the meeting had been held with some success.
- viii. It was noted that the Members Newsletter had been created and circulated.

5. Reports

i. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary informed the meeting that membership currently stood at 59. This was a 7.8% drop on the previous figure.

ii. County Councillor's Report

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting of the County Council's proposed "Investment Programme for Care". All but 4 care homes are to close and be replaced by flats with the resulting loss of the equivalent of 800 full time jobs. The County Council failed to secure a financial grant for the programme and currently the estimated £200 million cost is going to be split between £40 million from the County Council and £160 million for Housing Associations.

6. Business Matters

i. Fund raising

The need to better advertise the 200 Club was again raised.

A date of either 01/03/2013 or 02/03/2013 were shortlisted for the fund raising dinner with Andrew Stunnell MP.

7. Current financial position

- i. The Treasurer was absent but it was believed that the accounts currently contained approximately £2100

It was noted that the successful retention of the Liberal Democrat East Midlands MEP would be crucial.

8. Derbyshire County Council Elections

It was noted that the 4 formally adopted candidates so far were Beth Atkins, David Lomax, Graham Scott and Stephen Worrall.

It was confirmed that the ALDC had now promised £300 per target seat (£600 in total) funding.

It was proposed by Barrie Taylor and seconded by Alan Debes that Beth Atkins stand in New Mills and Hayfield, David Lomax stand in Whaley Bridge and Stephen Worrall stand in Glossop. This was carried unanimously.

It was also noted that Graham Scott would provisionally be standing in either Buxton East and Rural or Chapel-en-le-Frith.

The Secretary agreed to again circulate the application form to attract more members to stand.

9. Press Request

The request was noted and it was decided to inform them that there was no “Glossop” branch of the High Peak Liberal Democrats.

10. AOB

High Peak Liberal Democrats complimentary access to the Sir Winston Churchill Archive Papers was noted.

The Royal, Hayfield was chosen as the venue for the AGM and various discussion topics for the discussion to held after the AGM were suggested.

Action Points

Action	Responsible	Time scale
Organise fund raising dinner with Andrew Stunnell MP	All	Ongoing
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, in order to be considered by the Selection Committee for inclusion on the approved candidates list.	Secretary	Ongoing

Respond to press	Secretary	ASAP
Circulate suggested topics for General Discussion Meeting	Secretary	ASAP