

High Peak Liberal Democrats
Constituency Executive Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th June 2014
at
The Old Pack Horse, Chapel-en-le-Frith
PART ONE

1. Present

Beth Atkins, Ray Atkins, David Lomax, Roy Lyon, Jane Simm, Barrie Taylor and Stephen Worrall.

2. Apologies

Alan Debes and Margaret Weaver.

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 8th April, 2014 be accepted. This was carried.

4. Matters Arising

The Secretary had contacted Paddy Ashdown and Shirley Williams with regards to their availability for a fund raising dinner. Paddy Ashdown was unable to attend and Shirley Williams had not responded.

The Secretary had thanked Brian Musgrave for his work on the Liberal Hall and requested updates from him as the situation developed.

Stephen Worrall had paid £122.00 to reactivate the website.

5. Reports

i. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary informed the meeting that membership was still at 65 but that sadly Peter Ashenden had passed away. The meeting put on record it's sadness at this news and that it's thoughts were with Peter's family and friends.

Six members are about to lapse, two are renewing, two are not renewing and two were not contactable.

Additional access for other Executive members to the Membership data is being pursued.

ii. **County Councillor's Report**

Beth Atkins informed the meeting that Visit New Mills is moving along well, with its website almost ready to go to encourage tourism. In tandem with this plans for the Carnival and Folk trains are also going ahead well and Friends of New Mills station is to be relaunched.

The New Mills's Children Centre received a 2 in its Ofsted inspection.

Greenbank money is to be used to improve the entrance to Hayfield and planters/bike racks may be installed on Union Road.

DCC voted to not support any Work Experience at all.

Quarry resubmitted proposal for greenwaste again leaving little time to object and complain.

iii. **Borough Councillor's Report**

Ray Atkins informed the meeting that the Local Plan is to come up for vote again next month. The C14 site had been removed due to being over an old mine/underground streams but it may yet be reincluded.

6. Business Matters

i. **Current state of finances**

In the absence of the Treasurer Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that statements were now being sent to him and that the chequebook had finally been found.

As a result debts totaling £624.00 had been settled (including £122.00 to reimburse Stephen Worrall).

The current balance stands at £2958.00 with approximately £150.00 owed to the 200 Club.

The meeting was informed that Beth Atkins's Councillor contribution had already been mostly used up in delivering costs and printing costs for leaflets in New Mills. Beth Atkins is to submit a summary of expenditure to the Treasurer

ii. **Fund Raising Dinner**

A potential dinner in the Autumn was suggested with the PPC suggested as the speaker.

iii. Liberal Hall

No change.

Secretary to talk to Brian Musgrave about potentially trying different agents.

iv. Website

Stephen Worrall informed the meeting that the website was now active again.

He requested that anyone with anything they wanted distributing pass it to him so that it could go on the website.

7. Current Financial Posistion

Barrie Taylor informed the meeting that the current balance stands at £2958.00 with approximately £150.00 owed to the 200 Club.

8. Selection of candidates

i. Selection/Shortlisting Committee

Selection committee to be trained ASAP. Roy Lyon to contact Patricia Wildegoose.

ii. PPC

Stephen Worrall is to attend a Candidate Approval Assessment Centre in Tamworth on 12th July 2014.

iii. Borough Elections

No change.

9. Discussion

Ray Atkins proposed to hold a Special General meeting to discuss the future of the leadership of the party. Stephen Worrall seconded. This was carried.

Those present at the meeting to provide the Secretary with their availability in July for the meeting.

Action	Responsible	Time scale
Obtain additional access to membership data for Executive members.	Membership Secretary	ASAP
Submit summary of expenditure to Treasurer	Beth Atkins	ASAP
Contact Brian Musgrave about agents	Secretary	ASAP
Contact Patricia Wildegoose about training of Selection Committee	Chair	ASAP
Contact Secretary with availability for Special General Meeting in July	All	ASAP
Schedule Special General Meeting in July	Secretary	ASAP