

High Peak Liberal Democrats
Constituency Executive Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 24th January 2017

at

The Old Hall Hotel, Buxton

PART ONE

1. Present

A. Debes, A. Forbes, C. Lawley, D. Lomax, R. Lyon, J. Poulter, D. Rayworth, A. Scott, F. Swallow, B. Taylor, S. Unwin, C. Weaver, M. Weaver and S. Worrall.

2. Apologies

B. Atkins, R. Atkins, N. Bromley, E. O'Connor, K. Park, K. Parry, P. Roberts and J. Simm.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by B. Taylor and seconded by A. Forbes that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September, 2016 be accepted. This was carried.

4. Matters Arising

- i. Charles Lawley confirmed that Page Plus access had been arranged for the relevant people.
- ii. This item was no longer relevant.
- iii. The Secretary confirmed that he had contacted Charles Lawley about converting social media followers into members.
- iv. The Secretary confirmed that Sebastian Cousins had spoken to New Mills 6th Form.
- v. The Secretary confirmed that he had spoken to BUSU.
- vi. The Secretary confirmed that there did appear to be sufficient interest in "Pint Night" events to proceed. It was agreed that the Secretary would use Doodle Polls to arrange the events.
- vii. The Secretary confirmed that the trustees had signed the relevant forms.

5. Reports

i. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary informed the meeting that membership currently stood at 138, which was an increase of 7 since the last meeting.

Nationally membership has now exceeded 80,000 for the first time ever.

Issues with Connect were noted.

ii. County Councillor's Report

David Lomax informed the meeting that after ca. £200 million of cuts over the past 5 years a further £38 million of cuts was due this year. Cuts are expected to continue over the next 5 years but with "only" £40 million of cuts over the next 5 years as opposed to ca. £240 million over the previous 5 years. The overall budget now stands at ca. £500 million.

Concerns raised over two of Derbyshire's biggest business leaving which would hit the Council's income.

Tax rise of 3.99% (1.99% + 2% Adult care) planned, coming in under 4% so no referendum required.

iii. Borough Councillor's Report

David Lomax informed the meeting that the cost of renovating the old buildings owned by the Council was proving problematic.

iv. Parish/Town Councillor's Report

None

v. Other

It was noted that the Crescent renovation work was ongoing and on schedule

6. Business Matters

i. Social events

It was agreed that the Secretary would arrange "Pint Nights" via Doodle Poll with assistance from "locals" once dates/locations were agreed.

It was agreed that the Secretary would arrange a “Policy Discussion” meeting to enable members to discuss and engage with national issues and policy.

It was agreed that Alistair Forbes and Adam Scott would arrange an event specifically for new members.

It was agreed that Alistair Forbes would arrange a day time event “Coffee morning” style with a training focus.

It was agreed that the Secretary would contact Nick Clegg (via Jane Simm) and Vince Cable about the possibility of speaking at an event.

It was noted that there was a Coffee Morning in Whaley Bridge, 11 am on 13th February, at the Mechanics Institute.

It was agreed that Barrie Taylor (via Edith Longden) would explore the possibility of a “Barn dance” event.

7. Finance

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the accounts currently held approximately £5,500 not factoring in the ca. £1000 owed for paid Christmas delivery.

The accounts for the new trust for the Liberal Hall proceeds are almost set up.

8. Election Strategy

The Election Strategy was discussed in detail.

9. AOB

It was agreed that the next meeting would be in week commencing 6th March, Secretary to arrange via Doodle Poll.

Action Points

Action	Responsible	Time scale
Arrange Pint Nights via Doodle Polls	Secretary	ASAP
Arrange Policy Discussion Meeting	Secretary	ASAP
Arrange a new members event	Alistair Forbes and Adam Scott	ASAP

Arrange a day time "Coffee Morning" style event with a training focus	Alistair Forbes	
Contact Nick Clegg (via Jane Simm) about speaking at an event.	Secretary	ASAP
Contact Vince Cable about speaking at an event.	Secretary	ASAP
Advertise Coffee Morning in Whaley Bridge	Secretary	ASAP
Explore possibility of Barn Dance with Edith Longden	Barrie Taylor	ASAP
Arrange next Executive Meeting via Doodle Poll for week commencing 6 th March	Secretary	ASAP