

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**at**

**Rems Café Bar and Restaurant, Chapel-en-le-Frith**

**PART ONE**

**1. Present**

R. Atkins, S. Cousins, A. Debes, A. Forbes, R. Lyon, W. Meredith, J. Poulter, D. Rayworth, A. Scott, B. Taylor, C. Weaver, M. Weaver and S. Worrall.

**2. Apologies**

B. Atkins, A. Garner, A. Garner, C. Lawley, E. O'Connor, J. Simm and L. Wakefield.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 be accepted. This was carried.

**4. Matters Arising**

- i. The Secretary confirmed that he had put Alistair Forbes in contact with Nick Bromley.
- ii. This item was deferred to the Membership Secretary's Report.
- iii. This item was deferred to the next meeting as Charles Lawley was absent.
- iv. Alistair Forbes circulated a draft of the members newsletter at the meeting. It was agreed all comments would be sent to the Secretary.
- v. Jane Simm had confirmed to the Secretary that she had contacted community leaders in Castleton.
- vi. This item was no longer relevant due to Fresher's Fair having already occurred.
- vii. This item was deferred to the next meeting as Charles Lawley was absent.
- viii. The Secretary confirmed that he had contacted Andrew Garner.

- ix. Roy Lyon confirmed that the arrangement of the candidate selection committee was ongoing.

## **5. Reports**

### **i. Membership Secretary's Report**

The Membership Secretary informed the meeting that membership currently stood at 131, which was an increase of 34 since the Referendum. Of the 10 members previously lapsing 1 had renewed, 2 were going to renew 3 were yet to be contacted and 4 were definitely lapsing.

It was agreed that the Secretary would speak to Charles Lawley about trying to convert some of our social media followers into members.

### **ii. County Councillor's Report**

David Lomax informed the meeting that only group leaders were now allowed to ask questions during full council meetings.

He highlighted the fact that a consultation on the closure of New Mills School was moving forward and that it was likely the School would close.

Will Meredith questioned how widely known this was as he had recently applied for a job at New Mills School and not been told of this.

Sebastian Cousins informed the meeting that as a student of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form at New Mills School awareness was low even within the School.

It was agreed that Sebastian Cousins would speak to fellow students to see what they wanted to be done.

### **iii. Borough Councillor's Report**

Ray Atkins informed the meeting that renewal, "nationalization" and collaboration with other Councils were all being considered as options for the future of waste services. The desire is very much to keep weekly bin collections.

### **iv. Parish/Town Councillor's Report**

None

### **v. Parliamentary Spokesperson's Report**

Stephen Worrall informed the meeting that High Peak was unaffected by boundary changes.

## 6. Business Matters

### i. Social events

It was agreed that the Secretary would again speak to BUSU about the possibility of doing an event with them.

It was agreed that the Secretary would assess whether members would be interested in "Lib Dem Pint nights".

### ii. Liberal Hall

It was agreed that the Secretary would get the requisite members to sign the new trustee forms.

### iii. ALDC Membership Offer

The offer of a free tablet for existing members recommending new members was noted.

## 7. Finance

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the accounts currently held approximately £3000 not factoring in the ca. £800 owed for phone canvassing.

## 8. Election Strategy

The Election Strategy was discussed in detail and the need for a specific Election Strategy meeting was identified.

## 9. AOB

None.

## Action Points

Action	Responsible	Time scale
Arrange Page Plus access for Alistair Forbes, Elinor O'Connor and Lindsay Wakefield	Charles Lawley	ASAP
Contact Hazel Grove Liberal Democrats RE Liberal Democrat "pint nights"	Charles Lawley	ASAP

Contact Charles Lawley about converting social media followers into members.	Secretary	ASAP
Sound out New Mills School 6 <sup>th</sup> Form as to their views on potential school closure	Sebastian Cousins	ASAP
Contact BUSU about an event	Secretary	ASAP
Sound out the membership's interest in local Lib Dem Pint Nights	Secretary	ASAP
Get trustees to sign forms	Secretary	ASAP