

The 2021 Area Annual General Meeting of the South Yorkshire & North East Derbyshire Area of the Ramblers

held via Zoom on Saturday January 23rd 2021 starting at 2pm

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2021 AGM.01: PRESENT: Kate Ashbrook, Ramblers Trustee, Mike Pye (Vice President), Cath MacKay (Vice President), and local Ramblers Members : Allen Pestell (Chair), Malcolm Dixon (acting Secretary), Gavin Johns (Treasurer), Les Seaman (Access Officer), Isobel McCormick, Basil Merry (Chesterfield NED), Kate Frizzell, Johnathan Revell, Helen Barker (Dearne Valley), David Gadd (Doncaster), Philip Ryder, Rosemary Boyle (Rotherham Metro), Judy Gathercole, Angela Coles, Malcolm MacKay (Sheffield) , Jim Conibear, John Adler, Allen Hudson (Sheff 40's), Catherine Hillier (Sheff 20's), Martin Bennett (Derbyshire Dales) and Glynis Judd (Sheffield CHA). There were an additional 6 members present.

2021 AGM.02: APOLOGIES: David Blunkett (President), Helen Jackson, Jack Burling, Roly Smith, Terry Howard (Vice Presidents), Nicki Speakman (B&P), Sue & Gordon Heywood (DVR), Jeremy Kenyon , Mick Nott (Sheffield 40's) and Christine Whittaker (Webmaster).

2021 AGM.03: Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked everyone for persevering.

Appointment of Tellers: Cath MacKay and Phil Ryder elected.

2021 AGM.04: Remembering Members who had passed away during last 12 months:

inc:	Betsy Wilson & John Bater	(Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking group)
	Brian Melbourne	(Dearne Valley Ramblers)
	John Wadsworth	(Rotherham Metro Ramblers)
	Peter Haynes	(Doncaster)

2021 AGM.05: President's Address (In his absence David Blunkett had sent a small film)

"He Apologised for his absence due to a long standing trip which coincided with the Area AGM. He also wished to say "Thanks" to David Gadd for his long standing commitment to the Ramblers cause and had always enjoyed working with him. He also wished to remark that although Group walks had not been possible during the pandemic it had been remarkable just how many people had taken the opportunity to get out and go walking, either individually or in family bubbles. He had never known so many people out walking and he hoped we would take the opportunity to translate this into getting new members on our walks and into the organisation once the pandemic was over. He noticed we had lost a lot of members and he hoped that we could build on people's need to be out there walking and being in the countryside. We needed to build on that for the future. We would meet again and enjoy each other's company again. He finished by thanking everybody for their hard efforts to keep things going in the meanwhile."

2021 AGM.06: Minutes of the 2020 Area AGM

"Moved they be accepted" : Cath MacKay Seconded: Judy Gathercole CARRIED

2021 AGM.07: Matters Arising – None

2021 AGM.08: 2019/20 Area Annual Report – no matters arising

"Moved Annual Report be accepted" : Gavin Johns CARRIED

2021 AGM.09: Treasurer's Report **2021 AGM.08** copies distributed Gavin Johns reported:

He was pleased to present the accounts of the Area for the year ending 30th September 2020

During the year ending Sept 30th 2020, the Area received £6,500 from Central Office and distributed £5,462 to Groups in the Area. The Area had spent approx. £932 during the year on administering the Area, including production and distribution of the Area Annual Report.

We had allocated £18,097 from the Ivy Cowen Trust Legacy Fund to the 5 Year Ivy Cowen Project to support the Area and Groups to meet the Ramblers charitable objectives. To date we had spent £830, leaving just over £17,000 in the Fund. The Clarion Call book had earned £466 in sales.

The Bradfield Ancient Ways Initiative (BAWI) had spent £5,311 and received a £4,250 donation, leaving a balance of £9,989 for phase 2 of the project.

The Groups have asked the Area for approx. £6,145 funding for the coming year. We will be contributing £2,096 from our own funds in line with The Rambler's Reserve policy towards our budget of £7,596 and will therefore be asking Central Office for £5,500, a decrease from last year. We had turned down one quarter's allocation and may turn down another as the Groups had been unable to spend it as they had hoped.

Our thanks were due to our independent examiner, Ms Lorraine Watson for approving the Accounts.
"Moved the Accounts and Treasurer's Report be accepted" : Basil Merry, Sec: Judy Gathercole CARRIED

2021 AGM.10: Election of President: David Blunkett - moved by Allen Pestell for what would be his third and final year. Felt we hadn't really used him much during the last 12 months but hoped that would improve, and knew his heart was with us. Nomination seconded by Mike Pye CARRIED

2021 AGM.11: Election of Vice-Presidents: Cath MacKay, Terry Howard, Mike Pye and Roly Smith.

Helen Jackson (subject to CM contacting her, and she accepting for another year),

Jack Burling was, but had indicated he wished to step down on health grounds

Chair also wished to propose David Gadd as a new Vice President, who had given many years of dedicated service to the organisation and should join our list of esteemed Vice Presidents.

A small book token had also been presented to DG which he had used to buy "The Making of the British Landscape" by Nicholas Crane which he heartily recommended.

All above Moved: Allen Pestell Seconded: Judy Gathercole CARRIED

2021 AGM.12: Appointment of Honorary Area Officers

Area Chairman: Allen Pestell moved: Mike Pye Sec: Gavin Johns

Area Secretary: Malcolm Dixon moved: David Gadd Sec: Gavin Johns

Area Treasurer: Gavin Johns moved: Cath MacKay Sec: Isobel McCormick

Area Access: Les Seaman moved: Judy Gathercole Sec: Cath MacKay

Area Footpaths Officer: no one currently covering this position as all matters were going through the ACROW Committee. But AP asked anyone who might be interested to come forward if they wished.

Area Webmaster: Not only was Christine Whittaker wishing to step down, but our current webhost BTCK had given notice of ceasing operations in May. So this was a chance to start from almost new.

Was thought that we might use the RamblersWeb template for our future design & hosting, which some of our local Groups also already used. And Sheffield 40's were already looking after our Domain Name for us.

Area Webmaster: Johnathan Revell moved: Kate Frizzell Sec: Malcolm Dixon

Area Membership: Malcolm Dixon (as Area Sec) although Judy Gathercole offered to assist.

Area Newsletter/Annual Report - links the Groups with Area and keeps the membership informed.

Secretary would compile the Annual Report and news articles could be funneled towards the website.

Refer back to the Area Council

Area Social Media & Publicity Officer – new posts and some of this work could possibly be better done by the Groups themselves. Could do with someone who's active & happy to be on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. Refer back to the Area Council

Members Without Portfolio Cath MacKay & Terry Howard moved: Allen Pestell Sec: Les Seaman

Group Representatives: Each Group allowed to have upto two Representatives on the Area Council. Secretary asked that they inform him ASAP who they might be so he could keep them informed of Meetings, etc.

2021 AGM.13: Appointment of an Independent Examiner

Ms Lorraine Watson was Moved by Gavin Johns Seconded: Allen Pestell

CARRIED

2021 AGM.14: Affiliation to Like-Minded Organisations

Currently affiliated to:- Peak District Green Lanes Alliance, The Open Spaces Society, PNFS – Peak & Northern Footpath Society and CPRE – Campaign for Protection of Rural England.

Moved: "we re-affiliate to these organisations" by Les Seaman Seconded: Mike Pye

CARRIED

2021 AGM.15: Appointment of Delegates to the Ramblers General Council – April 17th at NEC Birmingham

We had three names (Allen Pestell, Jeremy Kenyon & Nicki Speakman) put forward by Area Council for the two Delegate positions. However it was still unclear if a physical meeting would be possible. This was confirmed by KA who reported that the venue had been booked when it was thought things might be improving. Trustees were meeting shortly to decide what form the GC would take. Likely to be a virtual one again but hoped to be more interactive than the 2020 one had been.

Its possible Government legislation would allow for AGMs to be delayed again until things had improved later in the year. Names & Motions had to be submitted by March 6th. As two of the nominees weren't present it was decided to refer the matter back to February 15th Area Council to decide who should attend.

2021 AGM.16: Area Motion to the 2021 Ramblers General Council

"This General Council urges the Board of Trustees to increase its efforts to retain our current membership and recruit new members to the Ramblers. In recent years we have seen a loss of over 10,000 members. This loss cannot be overlooked if we wished to renew and sustain the organisation, and ensure that the Ramblers is seen as relevant to current and future generations."

In proposing what he felt was a wide ranging Motion, Allen Pestell said that membership figures had been falling for a number of years and this fall had to be nipped in the bud. We couldn't afford to keep on losing members. This year's lockdowns had meant we hadn't been able to do the usual campaigning work, especially at national level. This had usually kept us in the public eye and made us attractive and people would want to join us. The access campaign back in the late 1990's had brought us many members and we should have carried that on – working for woodland and riverside access for example. We also needed to be protecting our local authority footpath departments from cutbacks.

Covid had proved we didn't need office blocks and that staff could work from their homes. We could save a lot by moving out of the London CO building into smaller premises and possibly away from the capital altogether. We could have more locally based staff and representation.

He also felt that the membership fee was relatively high and should be reviewed. He noted that English Heritage had given their members a free three months whilst their properties had not been opened. Were our members getting value for money? National Trust and the RSPB were also losing members.

He was also concerned about the transfer of power that had gone from Groups and Areas to the Centre and felt that that should be reversed and make local Group membership more attractive. He felt we should be surveying our Members to find out what they wanted from their membership and from Central Office.

JC commented that their much of their group membership didn't come from the Ramblers but through their website and the walks programme. People found they had to join the Ramblers to go on the Group's

walks. But every group, like individuals, was different, and many people were happy to go walking on their own and supported the organisation for its campaigning and other activities. But he felt we should be more responsive as to why people joined and what they wanted from the Ramblers. Local efforts were just as important in getting members in. There were plenty of walking groups out there and people chose the one that suited them best. Membership numbers are also affected by local actions and work by volunteers working on access and footpath work and recruitment campaigns & shows.

IM was concerned that the organisation was not very diverse and could do with featuring more BAME and younger people in their publicity material and in their groups.

DG also felt we had to offer a greater variety of walks, especially short local walks which had attracted new members in his area.

AH said we should use the pandemic as an opportunity. Website hits had more than doubled. People had discovered walking for the first time during the first lockdown and were looking for information about walking and where to go. Some places were getting rammed at weekends and we needed to provide alternatives and we also needed to get them into the organisation. It was a recruitment opportunity but we had to make our walks attractive. Needed more family walks. Sheffield 40's were doing their own survey and had a Facebook page which attracted lots of interest and many non-members.

PR was concerned about the subscription rate. The Ramblers charged £37, but local walking groups charged just £6 per year. Obviously more attractive but people had to be shown that paying the extra £31 was contributing to keeping our local footpath network and open spaces. We couldn't compete but must market ourselves better to bring in these new walkers after the pandemic.

Motion was formally Seconded by Cath MacKay

CARRIED

2021 AGM.17: Items of Any Other Business.

1) To Financially Support the Appeal Against Loxley Valley Housing Development M: AP S: CM

In moving support for this, AP said this former Hepworth's industrial site, which he had prior involvement with at the time of its closing, did need clearing up but didn't necessarily need a large housing development there. CM was seconding support and declared an interest as Chair of the Friends of the Loxley Valley (FOLV) who were jointly appealing against the Development with the CPRE and other organisations including the Council who had rejected the original planning application. If allowed, this Development would fill most of the valley between Dam Flask, Stannington and Malin Bridge, bordering on the Peak Park who are also one of the objectors. One of the biggest reasons for objecting is that this is only an outline proposal. The developers only aim to clear the site and then sell off plots of land to other developers. There is very little detail which is up to others and still to come. The Council has already found 21 cases of non compliance with developers guidelines & local strategies.

Neither FoLV nor CPRE had sufficient funds and that is why they have launched the Appeal.

Allen Pestell was proposing that "We donate £1,000 to this Appeal" Seconded by Malcolm MacKay

There were a number of comments in response:

Including :- "Whilst seeing many reasons for supporting the objections, wonder whether it fell within the remit of a Ramblers Group, especially as wasn't known what affect it would have on path network.

Felt it set a dangerous precedent. Others felt it wasn't necessarily in line with Ramblers ambitions.

Also concerned about giving money to another charity (CPRE) which wasn't meant to happen.

Maybe we should just tell the membership about the Appeal and ask them to show individual support.

There was some confusion over whether we could donate to another charity or not, when it was broadly sharing the same objectives. This needed to be clarified.

CM felt the Appeal was broadly within the Ramblers aims. One point that had been made was that there was nothing about the footpath network in the proposals, although it was bound to have an effect even if only during building & clearance work which would go on for years.

MP felt that recent changes to the Planning Regulations may mean it was unlikely that an Appeal against the Development would get through. But felt we should help them. People do walk in the area and that is going to be prevented for some time, so we had grounds to support the objectors.

AP felt we should refer the matter to the next Area Council whilst we got clarification on whether we could donate to a fellow charity.

CM reported that FOLV had been unable to open a bank account during the Covid crisis and that it was using the CPRE account to collect funds for the appeal. But it was 'ring-fenced' within that account and could only be used for this FOLV appeal. GJ felt this may get around the "paying to another Charity" issue.

HB was concerned we were getting hung up on "how we pay" rather than "whether we should pay".

She felt this was a large amount of money to be giving to a single planning issue. She knew of similar cases locally and didn't think this was an appropriate use of funds.

There was concern that the meeting was biased towards Sheffield concerns.

KA said we should refer to "FIN011 - Ramblers Guidance on the Use of Charitable Funds" (PDF) before making any decision as to whom you could make a payment to and the intended size of that donation.

Refer back to next Area Council whilst taking further advice moved by AP

AGREED

2) To Financially Support the Peak District Access Fund (JK)

This was to be moved by JK who wasn't able to be present. KA had sent some advice to him about the Fund, which was not a charity but came under the Peak District National Park Authority. Felt we should take advice from Central Office before making any payment to this Fund and referred back to Area Council.

AGREED

3) To Financially Support Research into Local Lost Ways (TH)

TH was suggesting that an amount of money would be allocated to pay for any out-of-pocket expenses that may be accrued by members doing this research. Likely to be in the hundred's to cover travel, etc.

It was suggested that researchers could approach the Area Council outlining what they intended to do and how much it was likely to cost, so it could be budgeted for and controlled.

DG felt this should be more of an issue of who was going to do the work rather than the cost of doing it.

Finding Lost Ways was the easy part. Claiming them was the hard part and didn't know who was going to do it. Still needed to decide which of these Lost Ways were worth pursuing. Couldn't go after everything and Local Authorities were already cash strapped.

DG said they would only go for paths that would be useful and added to the footpath network.

But we needed more people to come forward to offer to do the work. It was very time consuming work.

Proposed: "We put aside an allocation of £1,000 to cover these costs" moved: DG Sec: JC/AH CARRIED

4) Authority to sign cheques & make payments for the Area

Following change of Area Secretary we needed a fresh mandate to the Bank as to who was authorised to sign cheques or make payments on behalf of the SYNED Area Council.

"It was agreed that any two out of Chair, Allen Pestell, Secretary, Malcolm Dixon and Treasurer, Gavin Johns would be authorised to sign cheques or make payments on behalf of the SYNED Area Council.

Further that they would also be authorised to make online payments once that had been set up with the Unity Trust Bank (thus eliminating the use of cheques)"

Proposed by Gavin Johns Seconded by Judy Gathercole

CARRIED

5) CM asked that when the FOLV Appeal was discussed at the February Area Council, consideration would also be given to sending out the Notice of Appeal via the Area's & Group's email listings, as it had been impossible to send out or distribute leaflets about it in the usual way due to the Covid restrictions.

2021 AGM.18: Guest Speaker: Kate Ashbrook, Chair of Ramblers Board of Trustees

(who blogs at:- " <https://campaignerkate.wordpress.com> ")

Good to see everyone. Missed having a morning walk but remembered the many previous occasions when she had been here. SYNED had a deserved great tradition for campaigning for access over the years.

Thanked everyone for keeping going during the pandemic - campaigning & lobbying, leading walks and trying to keep up with the regulations, clearing paths and keeping the committees going and adapting to on-line meetings and social events. Realised it hadn't been the easiest of years. So – well done.

Ramblers had achieved a lot. People had started walking who had never walked before, they had discovered new local paths & access for the first time. Membership had gone up for the last 6 months but we still needed to reach new members amongst walkers, and needed to expand on our equality and diversity.

Felt the Area's Motion to the GC was pushing at an open door. Recruitment was vital to the organisation. We needed to expand our message and our reach.

It was intended that we renew our brand, our look and our message over the year, which she felt we would like. We would be celebrating and protecting the pleasures of walking. Encouraging people to discover and enjoy walking, and bringing together the celebration and knowledge of what we do.

We needed to tell people what we did and had done.

We would continue to campaign for a countryside designed for walking with the Don't Lose Your Way campaign, researching and getting paths into local authorities before the Jan 2026 cut off date. Would also be campaigning for the abolition of that cutoff date. But there is provision to extend it for a further five years, which we were pushing for. Details still needed to be sorted. Still needed to get the applications in and paths claimed. We knew a lot of paths were not claimable but at least they were identified but that needed sorting. The Crowdfunder Appeal had brought in £68,000 . Never done that before and now had a lot of people who had never been involved in this sort of work before. So they would need to be contacted and followed up and kept in touch. Many weren't members but would be encouraged to join.

We had been campaigning. Had been lobbying to get access paid through the new Agriculture Act, using public money for public good including access. But had to make sure this was properly funded and enforced. We wanted a robust system that would defend the path network. Wanted to make rights of way improvement plans a reality and have new paths where people wanted them.

The Environment Bill returns to Parliament and as it was rather quiet on access the Ramblers were promoting a couple of Amendments via MPs Caroline Lucas and Richard Graham, to make access a target for the Bill. We were also keeping an eye on the Criminalisation of Trespass Bill, which was worrying in principle. It could still be amended in Parliament or misinterpreted. Most of us trespassed most days without knowing it. We were also working on Green Spaces and Equality. Wanted to see better provision in the places and communities where it was currently lacking.

Work on the English Coast Path continued, section by section. Hopefully would be fully open later this year. Would also be encouraging everyone to "Find Their Feet" – that included walk leadership training, first aid training and promoting self-guided walks encouraging people to feel confident walking especially if they hadn't walked much before. Would be reaching out to new walkers and non members.

Had brought in Area Support Teams and would be encouraging Areas to communicate with each other better, sharing and collaborating across boundaries in area clusters, especially where boundaries and local authorities were shared.

We were trying to increase our members and supporters. We did review our subscription rates on a regular basis, and took professional advice on this. We were looking at trying to retain and/or reactivating our members where subs had lapsed. They would be contacted and it was giving us results. Our membership had increased over the last six months which had been a difficult time for all of us.

We weren't complacent but were keeping our heads above water on this.

The CroW Act had been a great campaign and certainly brought in new membership. We now needed something to have the same effect again. We were still campaigning for access to woodland and riverbanks. Possibly could promote it more and maybe needed to talk to volunteers about these and other issues. It was intended to increase the support that our volunteers got. Training modules would soon become available via the Assemble website. It was long overdue. Lots of knowledge and expertise within the organisation and we had to find better ways of using and sharing it.

We were becoming digitally more savvy. Lots of information on the Insight Hub as well as membership numbers, such as the average age of a member in this Area being 64 and average length of membership

was 14 years. We could see which Groups were doing better than others and needed to find what they were doing right and share it. Needed to learn from each other more.

We still aimed to be a great charity, developing good policies. Celebrating and encouraging our volunteers. Awarding and thanking them for their hard work. Developing safeguarding policies. Had surveyed our members and our volunteers. 84% of our volunteers would recommend the Ramblers as a good place to volunteer. Membership growth was already an aim for this year. Needed to learn from each other, what works & what didn't. Needed to publicise better what we did. Increase awareness and engagement. And needed to do that at both local as well as national across England, Wales and Scotland. Needed to tell people that without the Ramblers work over the years they wouldn't be able to walk as they did and we continued to keep it so. It wasn't just about campaigning in the past but what we were doing right now, today.

We needed to be telling our members and then we needed to be telling other walkers and non members. We needed to be relevant and inclusive. We had to be a modern charity that we was seen as doing things well and our governance was fit for purpose – which it mostly was, but could be improved. We wanted everyone to be hearing us and our message. We had to engage with everyone including BAME, people with disabilities, etc, and all age groups. There was lots to do. The Trustees would be having a meeting around equality, diversity and inclusivity later this week. We all felt there was room for improvement in these areas which we had not been good at. We had had only person of colour on the Board in 90 years and he had felt it had been a bit tokenistic.

The Board was taking the lead on this. They were encouraging everyone who might be interested to stand as a Trustee, especially people of different backgrounds. Closing date was March 6th. It was a work in progress but needed to be done. We needed to change. We needed to modernise. We know we have to expand our reach. We need to tell people what we do and encourage them to join us. We know we need to do it and can do it with our members' support and ideas. We are one organisation. Members, volunteers, Trustees and staff.

However we were totally dependent on you - the volunteers and members. So a big "Thank You" to you. We couldn't function without you. But we had to go forward as one organisation, with one message and one intention and try to expand our reach. And that's what we aim to do throughout this coming year. Thanks for all your efforts and thanks for inviting me.

Q&A

MB Found that inspiring. Agree that without the Ramblers we wouldn't have the path network which we needed to continue to protect. We campaigned & protected. Done considerable work and heritage. Re the Agricultural Bill. You had touched on the access sections but there were also mention of protecting habitat in the bill, getting farmers and landowners to improve conditions. Noticeable at moment that the land was sodden and there were sections of paths especially around stiles and gates which were often quagmires. Need to encourage them to plant more trees and hedgerows and probably help to improve the path network at the same time.

KA felt that 'habitat' had had more emphasis than 'access', although we and other organisations tried to promote access. DEFRA was currently doing test & environmental land trials. But of 70 such schemes only 3 were related to access. But access should go together with conservation

GJ Given that most of staff were now working from home what was planned to do with Central Office?

KA Were already in the process of moving out of Camelford House into smaller premises at no 1 Clink Street, which would save us money. Not a permanent move and not necessarily wedded to staying in London. No one had moved in yet as still working from their respective homes. Staff had been brilliant in adapting to the changes and working from home, but now most seemed to prefer it.

GJ Although the Ramblers probably needed to keep a presence there, he would prefer the Ramblers to move out of London. There was nothing done there that couldn't be done in Birmingham or Sheffield. With the internet we didn't have to be London-centric. Offices were available elsewhere and would be cheaper.

KA That debate was still to take place. Had started it last year. But it became overtaken by Covid. Could retain a small hub in London for access to Parliament and have a main office elsewhere.
Had to have that discussion about what was really needed. This arrangement was for a maximum of 3 years, leaving our options open for the future , especially in the light of Covid and everyone having to work from home.

JC Did the Trustees set the management teams targets?

KA Trustees agree the Business Plan and agree the High Level Objectives and get KPI reports from the Executive on a quarterly basis about what we wanted to achieve. Not been too good at these in the past but were getting better at it because of the technology now available. Definitely keeping a sharp eye on Membership figures.

MB Two recent campaigns were of note. One was The Right To Roam which was trying to bring about a situation similar to Scotland's and were campaigning for more access to woodlands and rivers.
Had been suggested by Nick Hayes's 'Book of Trespass' (ISBN-10 :1526604698). The other was Slow Ways UK a digital mapping exercise to find off-road ways of getting from town to town.

KA Yes, we were in touch with both of these campaigns.

Nick Hayes and Guy Shrubsole (Who Owns England? ISBN-10 :000832171X) promoted the petition against Criminalising Trespass, which we helped with. They had drafted an amendment to the CroW Act, which took a different line from what the Ramblers would have done. But we did have regular meetings with them but they had their own views and it was their campaign not ours and we would probably do it differently, especially with this current Government. But we did work with them. They had a different approach to things which was interesting.

Dan Raven Ellison had started the Slow Ways Project and had got the backing of Ordnance Survey. Again we were talking with him and looking at ways we could work together. Totally approved of it. It would shortly have a national launch to test out the routes they had devised.

AP: Liked to propose a "Vote of Thanks" to Kate for her speech and the information she'd given us today. Had been detailed and had been interesting. It was always a pleasure to meet up with Kate and welcome her to our meetings.

Officially closed the 2021 SYNED Area AGM and thanks members for attending.

CM: "Thanks" to AP and MD for organising and running the AGM. It hadn't been easy.

GJ: Also wished to thank SYNED for inviting affiliated organisations to the AGM.

She was from the Sheffield CHA and their group was grateful to the Ramblers advice during the Covid pandemic.

Meeting Closed at 15:55.

Minutes taken and written up by Malcolm Dixon SYNED Area Secretary

Minutes to be ratified at the 2022 SYNED Area AGM – Saturday January 29th 2022