

South Yorkshire and North east Derbyshire Area

Area Council

5th September, 2017

Quaker Meeting House, St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW

Present: Allen Pestell (Chair), David Gadd (Secretary), Jez Kenyon (Sheffield 40s), Mark Hodgkinson (Sheffield 20s), Terry Howard (MWPF), Les Seaman (Access), Philip Lee (Dearne Valley), Philip Ryder (Rotherham), Nicki Speakman (Barnsley & Penistone), Christine Hewitt (Sheffield VI Group), Christine Whittaker (Information Officer).

Apologies: Gavin Johns (Treasurer), Cynthia Ashton (Co-opted), Judy Gathercole (Sheffield), Cath MacKay (MWPF), Lizzie Joyce (Sheffield 20s), Basil Merry (Chesterfield & NED), Angela Coles (Sheffield).

Minutes of the meeting of 6th June, 2016

An item omitted from the minutes was:

TH requested financial support from the legacy for an initiative, probably a publication, based on a set of early 1900s Clarion Ramblers glass slides. He outlined the idea and its relevance to the Ramblers and Walking. Everyone supported the proposal.

With this addition, the minutes were approved as being correct.

Matters arising from those minutes

Re the Clarion Ramblers slides TH said that a group consisting of Roly Smith, David Sissons, Anne Beecham and himself, had met to discuss how to proceed. The photos show the birth of the Clarion Ramblers, with wonderful photos of, for example, ladies in big skirts and hats at Kinder Downfall, GBH Ward 'skinny dipping', and generally what Kinder has meant to Sheffield and to Ramblers. The plan is to produce a book of photos, with articles on the formation of the Clarion Ramblers, how Ramblers grew from them, etc. Suggestions were made about the photographic plates being archived, the possible serialisation in *walk* magazine, the possibility of a web version. TH said that such matters would be considered in time.

TH requested £4000 to cover publication of the book. This was agreed unanimously, with the point made that, since the book was to be sold, this money would almost certainly be re-cooped.

Group reports

There were no outstanding Group items.

Officer's Reports

Chair

From the previous ACROW meeting the Chair mentioned the possible loss Smithy Wood, which is an ancient woodland. It already has an access road and a planning application has been lodged for a service area.

Secretary

The Secretary presented the up-dated membership figures:

	CNED	Don	Sheff	R'ham	B&P	DV	Sh20	Ch20	Sh40	SYNED	National
1/10/13	505	234	661	269	242	99	226	22	179	2399	
1/12/13	542	227	663	272	223	100	223	25	190	2449	
1/06/14	536	232	677	271	202	103	214	23	219	2486	107837
1/06/15	478	232	626	264	187	103	235	37	227	2403	107473
1/01/16	473	230	614	266	180	105	231	33	230	2392	106452
1/08/16	457	227	603	265	172	107	247	26	238	2369	106131
1/09/16										2363	105991

Correspondence:

4 July PDGLA June Newsletter distributed
11 July AC/ACROW/Contact list distributed
30 July PDGLA July Newsletter distributed
24 August Ramblers CEO letter to Chairs and Secretaries (Natasha Clayton)
25 August Email to Central Office re 2017 AGM date/venue
25 August CNED Newsflash
7 Sept Emails re President's address at AGM
7 Sept Email to Central Office re Robert Peel speaking at AGM.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report dated 5th September was distributed, with the recently received legacy noted. The Area Budgeting form for 2016/17 was distributed; all Groups have been allocated what they requested. Re the bequest, Groups have been asked to submit requests for spending within Ramblers' charitable aims and objectives. Area Council had previously agreed to purchase a digital projector. This was extended to include a screen and a laptop. PL agreed to research suitable items for the November meeting.

Information Officer

CW said that reports for the Area Newsletter are due from officers and Group Chairs within the next few weeks. This led to a brief discussion on the possibility of improving the appearance of the Area Newsletter by, for example, including photos.

Review of Area Council/Group relationship and increasing participation

AP proposed that DG, CM, TH, JK and himself form a sub-committee to review this subject and suggest ways forward. All agreed.

Review AC and ACROW meeting dates/days

We discussed the possibility of changing the day and dates that we meet, but agreed that it would be impossible to change either the day or dates satisfactorily. 2017 dates are listed below.

Lost Ways

TH said that while we await guidance on the Deregulation Bill, there was a strong possibility that DMMO applications in future would need to be paid for. DG said that he felt that identifying lost ways was relatively easy, using old maps such as the 1903 Cassini Historical map, but that the problem arose with finding additional evidence. TH mentioned the possibility that somebody, for a fee, was prepared to seek evidence from the archives in Kew. Several members will be attending the national Don't Lose Your Way seminar in Birmingham on 5th October.

We agreed that £2000 should be allocated for Lost Ways expenses.

AGM

We agreed to ask our President, Roly Smith, if he would talk about the Clarion Ramblers glass slides project and perhaps the re-wetting of the moors. We also agreed to ask Central Office if Robert Peel, from the Kent Area, would come and talk about how their newsletter, covering several Areas in the south-east, developed.

2016 Meetings: ACROW meetings start at 6.30pm and Area Council meetings start at 7.30pm

All meetings are held in the Quaker Meeting House, St James Street, Sheffield S1 2EW.

2016 21st November

2017 6th February
 5th June
 4th September
 20th November

2017 AGM: 2.00pm, Saturday, 28th January
Sheffield 40s Group to host
Bradfield Village Hall
The Sands
Low Bradfield
Sheffield, S6 6LB
The walk will be preceded by a 5-6 mile walk from the venue.

2017 “Spirit of Kinder” 2.00pm, Edale Village Hall

2018 AGM: 2.00pm, Saturday, 27th January
Rotherham Metro to host.

Area website: www.synedramblers.org.uk

National website: www.ramblers.org.uk