

## **Area Council**

**26th November 2018**

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

## **Present**

Allen Pestell (Chair), David Gadd (Secretary), Gavin Johns (Treasurer), Les Seaman (Access), Terry Howard (MWPF), Wayne Grounsell (Sheffield 40s), Jez Kenyon (Sheffield 40s), Christine Whittaker (Information), Cynthia Ashton (Sheffield Co-op Ramblers), Nicki Speakman (Barnsley and Penistone), Ken Coupar (Sheffield 20s), Christine Hewitt (Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group), Philip Ryder (Rotherham Metro).

## **Apologies**

Cath MacKay (MWPF), Philip Lee (Dearne Valley).

## **Minutes of the meeting of 3rd September 2018**

Agreed as being correct.

## **Matters Arising**

TH said that the 'Walking Through Time, a celebration of Sheffield's Walking Heritage' in Bradfield on 30th September had been excellent. A similar event may be held next year.

## **Group Reports**

**CNED** GJ said that the ongoing problems with Derbyshire County Council re footpath work were continuing. The group are planning an Open Day in May.

**Doncaster** DG said that the group had decided not to organise a social event to accompany their AGM, bearing in mind that organising a social activity/refreshments etc was time-consuming and did not attract a significant number of members. Two committee replacements needed during the year had been easily filled.

**Sheffield** TH said that the three Sheffield groups were trying to get together and were discussing the possibility of establishing a joint rights of way committee.

## **Officer's Reports**

**Chair** AP reported on issues raised in the ACROW meeting and the possible situation regarding Brexit.

**Secretary.** DG distributed up-to-date membership figures.

|         | CNED | Don | Sheff | RM  | B&P | DVR | 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   |
| 1/01/17 | 439  | 224 | 590   | 259 | 167 | 114 | 258  | 25   | 233  | 2334  | 105234   |
| 1/06/17 | 433  | 213 | 581   | 255 | 157 | 114 | 249  | 23   | 238  | 2293  | 105136   |
| 1/01/18 | 424  | 204 | 580   | 246 | 152 | 117 | 233  | 23   | 240  | 2256  | 104617   |
| 1/03/18 | 427  | 213 | 574   | 246 | 143 | 121 | 234  | 23   | 246  | 2263  | 104259   |
| 1/06/18 | 423  | 224 | 559   | 251 | 144 | 129 | 227  | 23   | 253  | 2270  | 103605   |
| 1/09/18 | 422  | 228 | 560   | 252 | 144 | 139 | 224  | 25   | 253  | 2287  | 103031   |
| 1/10/18 | 422  | 230 | 565   | 251 | 143 | 139 | 228  | 24   | 253  | 2294  | 102818   |
| 1/11/18 | 422  | 235 | 564   | 247 | 146 | 141 | 229  | 24   | 254  | 2301  | 102645   |
| 1/12/18 | 414  | 235 | 566   | 250 | 148 | 141 | 230  | 22   | 247  | 2294  | 102296*  |

**Treasurer.** GJ distributed the financial report as at 26 November 2018. All Group and the Area annual returns had been completed and sent to central office.

AP asked that £400 be transferred to the Kinder and High Peak Advisory Committee to assist with the costs of organising the celebration on Saturday, 27th April 2019 between 2.00 and 4.00 to mark the 70th anniversary of the 1949 National Parks Act. Winnats Pass had been chosen as the venue because of its significance in the mass trespass of 1928. This event is at the planning stage.

### **AGM**

The Barnsley and Penistone Group have everything under control re the AGM on 26th January.

CW will buy a laptop to accompany the digital projector and screen.

GJ will send an electronic version of the accounts to DG, who has the projector.

We agreed to present a motion on the decline of public transport. NS agreed to prepare a draft for consultation.

### **Publicity/Printed display material**

It was thought wise for SYNED to have some printed material to offer at displays etc. It was agreed that CW would produce a document giving the basic details of what each group in SYNED does, plus their contact details.

CW was finding it difficult to access information on the Five Weirs Walk. It was suggested that she ask the Sheffield Archives.

### **2019 dates.**

25th February, 3rd June, 2nd September and 25th November were accepted as the dates for Access Countryside and Rights of Way (ACROW) and Area Council (AC) meetings in 2019. ACROW meetings will continue so start at 6.30 and AC meetings to follow at 7.30. The Quaker Meeting House will continue to be the venue.

KC, on behalf of the Sheffield Walking Group (Sheffield 20-30s), accepted the invitation to host the AGM in 2020.

### **AOB**

PR mentioned that accessing membership details was being changed by central office. Membership secretaries had been notified of these changes (22nd November) and were being invited to link-up for an online train session.

*\* 1st December membership figures added following the meeting.*

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.

2019 AGM: 2.00pm, Saturday, 26th January  
Barnsley and Penistone Group to host.  
West Bretton Village Hall  
Bretton Lane  
Wakefield, WF4 4LB

A gently undulating 5.5 mile walk will start from the venue at 10.30 and take in the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and woods.

2019 dates: 25th February  
3rd June  
2nd September  
25th November

2020 AGM 25th January  
Sheffield Walking Group (Sheffield 20-30s) to host.

Area website: [www.synedramblers.org.uk](http://www.synedramblers.org.uk)  
National website: [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)