



**South Yorks &
N.E. Derbyshire**

SYNED Area Council Meeting

Monday 20th November 2023

In person in the Cafe Bar Room, the Showroom, 15 Paternoster Row, Sheffield S1 2BX and via Zoom

Present: Richard Mills (DLYW vol/Sheff); Sara Whitby (Area Publicity/S40's); Lucia Contrino (S40's FPO); David Gadd (Area VP/Donc); Terry Howard (Area VP/Sheff); Judy Gathercole (Area Memb/Sheff); Cath MacKay (Area VP/Sheff); Nicki Speakman (B&P FPO); Gavin Johns (Area Treas/C&NED); Phil Ryder (RMR Rep); David Ward (S20's); Jez Kenyon (Area ViceChair/S40's); Liz Sharpe (S40's); Malcolm Dixon (Area Sec/Sheff)

Via Zoom: Helen Barker (DVR)

Apologies: Roly Smith (Area VP); Les Seaman (Area Access/Sheff); Cynthia Ashton (CoOp Ramblers) and Michael Stainer (C&NED).

1. **CHAIR:** VCh JK chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. **MINUTES** of August 14th, 2023, SYNED Area Council meeting approved.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** couldn't hear anything, both live audio and recording garbled.
 - a) **Lost Paths/DLYW Project:** something got handed out. Archives looked at, no progress? Something about a footpath worth looking at jointly with BHS, goes through a wedding venue?? Long history behind some of these paths, interesting to future generations? Not about creating new paths, but retaining existing ones on the map? Discussion around paths which are in process of being reclaimed and issues around path network generally. Agreed we are happy to support BHS in their applications. Pathwatch discontinued, extensive discussion around what groups are doing re footpath reporting and the problems encountered when reporting issues.
 - b) **BAWI – Phase 2 & other projects:**
 - c) **SYNED River Walks Project:**
 - d) **Sheffield Footpath Warden Scheme:** need to get people interested above just wanting to walk, build contacts, wider picture around it.
 - e) **Memorial Plaque:** ditto
 - f) **Memorial Garden:** agreed to fund refurbishment of the memorial garden at Longshaw with £3500 from Clarion Call funds. Chat about selling remaining copies of the book. £5 to members plus £2.50 p&p. Payment details tbc.

4. **Other Access Matters:** none

5. Other Countryside Matters: none

6. Other Rights of Way matters: none

7. Officers reports:

Chair: none received

Secretary: manning a stall at Heritage weekend? – couldn't work out what was being discussed as sound too poor, sorry.

Treasurer's Report:

Area Membership Report: Report attached.

Webmaster / Newsletter / Social Media: none received.

Publicity: let Sara know if groups want anything publicising. Send something out re clarification call. Sara spoke about things she's been involved with recently to promote walking. Use of Facebook/instagram by groups discussed as a means for publicising stuff.

8. Group Reports: Sheffield – something handed out?

9. Ramblers 'New/Refreshed' strategy for discussion at EGM in Manchester November 25th

Long discussion about this.

10. SYNED Area AGM Arrangements

- Saturday January 20th 2024 – walk at 10am, 6 miles, meeting will start at 2pm.
- Rowms Lane Social Club, Rowms Lane (A6022), Swinton S64 8AE
- Guest Speaker
- Trustee Speaker
- Area Annual Report; Election of Area President and other Area Officers – roles are all up for election every year, maybe circulate Ramblers 'job' specs and what's involved to encourage people to stand? Area footpath Sec is vacant at present.

12. AOB

Dates of next AC Meetings:

January 20th 2024 (AGM) Rowms Lane Social Club, Swinton

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Appendix 1 – Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report – 14 August 2023

Action items from last meeting: Q4 Area Funding from CO cancelled.
Area & Group budgets agreed and sent to CO.

1. General Account

	£
Opening Balance	1576

We have **received** the following:

0

Sub Total	0
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We have **paid** the following:

G Johns – Treasurer's expenses	26
Sheff Quakers – Hall Hire	80
Sheffield 40's – Q4 Area Funding	200
Dearne Valley – Q4 Area Funding	290
Chesterfield – Q4 Area Funding	500

Sub Total	1096
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The current balance (4 Aug)	480
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2. Bradfield Ancient Ways Improvement Project

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Opening Balance	9989
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We have **received** the following:

Total	0
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We have **paid** the following:

Total	0
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The current balance (15 May)	9989
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3. Ivy Cowen (Deceased) Trust Project

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Opening Balance	14781
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We have **received** the following:

Total	0
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We have **paid** the following:

Total	0
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The current balance (15 May)	14781
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Allocated Money

Lost Ways	£1000
GHB Ward Walk	- £1000
Riverside Walks	- £3 – 5, 000
First Aid Training	- £3 – 5,000
Sheffield Walk Festival – Hi viz	- £250
Sheff Walking Forum	- £100

4. Clarion Call Account

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Opening Balance	4813
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We have **received** the following:

Total	0
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We have **paid** the following:

Total	0
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The current balance (14 Aug)	4813
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5. Bank Account

The current Bank bal (14 Aug)	30063
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Other Business

Dearne Valley Group have requested support from the Area for First Aid in an Emergency booklets and Red Cross First Aid course costs, totalling £990.

Appendix 2 – Membership

	CNED	Donc	Sheff	RothM	B&P	DVR	Sheff 20	Sheff 40	NOT allocated	SYNED total	National Total
01/01/2016	473	230	614	266	180	105	231	230	0	2329	106452
01/01/2017	439	224	590	259	167	114	258	233	0	2284	105234
01/01/2018	424	204	580	246	152	117	233	240	0	2196	104617
01/02/2019	410	236	564	251	154	147	225	250	0	2237	102023
01/10/2020	371	224	522	238	144	151	210	239	73	2172	102151
30/09/2020	353	228	507	229	135	150	167	251	44	2064	98717
30/09/2021	363	231	505	212	143	142	157	268	52	2073	101130
30/09/2022	368	222	490	203	152	132	199	282	70	2118	102144
2023											
Jan	373	229	493	203	154	140	207	296	74	2169	104183
Feb	369	228	493	207	156	142	208	294	82	2179	104314
Mar	374	232	495	210	157	143	208	298	83	2200	104484
Apr	371	231	494	211	159	144	204	300	85	2199	104039
May	371	231	491	213	161	145	195	305	81	2193	103587
Jun	369	232	484	211	157	148	192	312	79	2184	103456
Jul	367	228	475	215	158	148	198	316	77	2182	104041
Aug	372	231	477	213	159	147	194	313	80	2186	104144
Sept	374	232	496	206	154	140	202	290	74	2168	105127
Oct	371	232	497	205	156	140	207	293	74	2175	105125