

NORTH YORKSHIRE L D W A - Committee Meeting

MINUTES 23.04.26

The Meeting began at 1935

In attendance: Robert Cope, Christine Stopford, Steve Hall, Roger Wandless, Lynn Hathaway, Dave Jacques, Malcolm & Sue Reid, & Jill King

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence: Sab Basheerkutty
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (22.02.26): accepted by Steve and seconded by Christine.
3. Matters arising: None
4. Chair's Update (Robert): Some in agenda items later
5. Treasurer's Update (Steve): Invoices have been received from Cold Kirby Village Hall (AGM) and KK25 plus Robert's accommodation at National AGM plus a donation from Peter Ford.

NEC are offering to fund 2 people to attend on line, a Food Hygiene Course adapted to suit the way we operate Check points, at a cost of £12.00 each. Steve's partner, Jan had attended on behalf of her Local group. More info later in the minutes.

Balance £1,667.30.

Awaiting Dave's expenditure from AGM attendance.

6. Secretary's Update (Christine): Nothing to report
7. Walk Secretary's Update (Lynn): The walks programme has at least 1 walk per month and Lynn reported that the Joint walks with other local groups are proving very popular.
8. Martyn Greaves bench: (Robert) Our bench is due to be moved and relocated to the top of the Gormire path (KK route). Robert is hoping for a slightly larger plaque with changed wording - 'funded by the legacy of Martyn Greaves' more appropriate. All paid for by the National Parks.
9. Feedback from the National AGM - attended by Dave and Robert: Overall the evening sessions were very useful and the AGM itself, straightforward. There had been discussions with Richard May, the IT man and with George Roberts on the Lean Project. There will be volunteers on the 100 wearing monitors to produce relevant data and supply urine samples. There had been a talk on the Saturday night by John Pucknell on the E2 trail, his experiences on his walk from Galway to Nice in the Alpes Maritimes, all of 3,544 miles.

Update on Digital Platform from Richard May. Ongoing communication and development with the preferred supplier. Digital platform means website and app for access by all LDWA members. Cost is big so it has to be right from the off. Subject experts including Robert will volunteer to attend workshops run by the developer and more testers will be recruited later to make sure we get exactly what we need.

10. Feedback from Local Groups Meeting held on 14.04.26: Robert attended. Several Local Groups expressed the confusion and the onerous task of following the Guidelines

produced relating to Social Walks. The Guidelines have been reviewed with the following recommendations:

- No change to the social walks register
- Amend the current guidelines and safety checklist
- Include the amendments required by the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 2025
- Test out the guidelines register checklist with new and experienced walk leaders
- Circulate amendments to a consultative group of LDWA members
- Update the Social Walks Policy at the next LDWA Annual policy review

The Food and Allergy Hygiene Training was discussed as each of the 2026 100 checkpoints will have at least 1 person who is fully trained after attending the course. The on line training costs £12.00 and is paid for by the NEC. From our Group, Christine and Dave professed an interest. Christine will send out an email asking if any other members might be interested as well.

11. Local groups email accounts: (Robert) We as a group have 4 @ldwa.org.uk accounts attributed to Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & Walks Secretary. NEC has decided that only 3 should be in place with Microsoft basic business Acct plus Teams meeting. The 4 account holders didn't like the idea of losing 1 out of 4. Alternatives were stay with 4 and no Teams or 3 and add Teams. The position was left as status quo. Christine will contact NEC to let them know our decision.
12. Provision of ICE tags to NY Members: (Christine) Our secretary explained that West Yorks had provided ICE tags to all their members who wished to purchase one. On one side, 2 names and 2 phone numbers and on the reverse, medical info and name at a cost of £5.50 each. The more that are bought, the less the cost! It was decided that all Walk Leaders should get one from the group for free and everyone else could buy via a pro forma that will be on the group website. Christine will send out a bulk email to all members with a date to reply by.
13. Lost LDP's & the Bilsdale Circuit. It was suggested by Lynn that the group could walk it to access it's condition and up to date route description before we decide to commit to taking it over.
14. Kilburn Kanter 07.11.2026: (Roger) slow burner as not on Sientries until mid June. All venues booked, Tylas farm on board, Sutton Bank notified, Registered with Strider, Raynet notified and Marshals walk booked for 31.10.26. There are enough badges for this year.
15. Hunnypot 100 - NY Check point Halstead Pavilion, Station road TN14 7DH at 83 miles. Opens Sunday 0700 and closes Monday 0100. Hot & cold food and drinks provided. A very small hall so planning to take extra tentage as storage and supporters may have to stay outside if it is too busy. Roger had suggested a menu change but was rejected by the Hosts.

Afoot in 2 Dales - Haverdale House - Volunteers - Jill King, Albert & Eva Bowes, Carol Stather, Vince & Pat Thwaites, David & Bob Firth

Bainbridge - Volunteers - Roger & Caroline Wandless, Steve Hall, Jan Barker, Robert Cope, Dave Jacques and ? Hazel Holey

16. Any Other Business - to wish Steve and Jan all the best on the Marshal's 100
17. Date of next meeting 24.08.26 at 7.30 via zoom. Robert to arrange.

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