

MINUTES: 30.09.24

The Meeting began at 1935 with greetings from the Chair, Dave.

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

1. Apologies for absence: No apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (22.07.24) were approved by Christine & Robert.
3. Matters arising: dealt with as items on the Agenda
4. Chair's Report: (Dave) A big thank you to all who helped to make the Group's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday a success.
5. Treasurer's Report: (Roger) with the KK full, the final payment from SIentries will be due next week. Already received £1026.00 and paid out £432.00.
  - 5.1 Rental for the lock up has been paid but Irregulars still owe their share.
  - 5.2 Old Nat West account closed with funds now into new online account at £1491.14 with £34.17 cash in hand
  - 5.3 The 50<sup>th</sup> party cost £193.00 plus £321 on buffs
  - 5.4 Regarding the differential payment of entry fees between members and non-members, Roger felt that we have done this for 5 years now and would like to propose we stop this now. Christine seconded the motion.
6. Secretary's Report: (Christine)
  - 6.1 Christine reported on the Local Groups Zoom meeting, the replacement for the annual weekend, the first one being 3 weeks ago. Approx. 30 representatives showed their faces. Main topic was the social walks policy from NEC. The aim was to help walk leaders understand good practice and avoid red tape. Their recommendations with Insurance satisfied were:

Walk Leaders to check the route before hand and complete a safety planning form, with the emphasis on safety.

Leaders should also complete a register with name, LDWA number and name and contact number for non-members.

Introduce a voluntary list of walk leaders and their contacts.

The Local Groups officer will finalise documents and filter to the groups when available. Next zoom meeting will be on 12.11.24

The other topic was the decision by the NEC to distribute a £500 payment from central funding to all helping Groups on a 100. Previously the hosting group would have used any surplus to be divided up to the groups.

Update on IT - some of the issues will be outsourced to professionals.

7. Walk Secretary's Report: (Lynn)
  - 7.1 There have been regular walks with numbers initially at 13/14 but recently down to 4/5
  - 7.2 Lynn needs more walks from mid November through to March so please contact her if interested in leading.
8. Martyn Greaves legacy: Christine has the application form. We just need ideas. Ideas mentioned, stile replacement to a kissing gate, waymarking. Walkers to look for locations and discuss at the next meeting. Once we have a location, then authorities can be approached for costing and consent. Possible link with C2C?
9. Kilburn Kanter: (Roger)
  - 9.1 195 entries so list closed with no waiting list
  - 9.2 HQ confirmed access from Friday night to Saturday evening
  - 9.3 Location of Sutton Bank reverted to original location
  - 9.4 All certificates and badges ready
  - 9.5 No CP at Southwood Lodge and no self clip
  - 9.6 Dave on Car parking requested canes and tape to block off some of the areas very close to properties in Kilburn. Possibly could do with more help with car parking to keep the locals happy!
  - 9.7 Steve wants more coke at Hawnbry
  - 9.8 Jill doesn't want marmite or grated cheese for sandwiches at Boltby, just egg mayo, tuna mayo and jam plus large bags of ready salted crisps not little bags.
  - 9.9 Food at HQ - bacon butties, fishfinger sandwiches, much easier than meat pies
  - 9.10 Caroline to make crumbles
  - 9.11 Saucer near the kitchen area for donations to Scarborough & Ryedale Mountain Rescue team.
  - 9.12 Plastic covers needed on the KK marshals walk
  - 9.13 Gluten free competitors to flag their needs
10. Flower of Suffolk 100 & other challenge events
  - 10.1 Sutton Hoo confirmed for 2025 100 in a marquee. Hot drinks to be provided but not sure if heated by gas, electric or a generator. Now have enough marshals to help.
  - 10.2 Assisting on the Roundhay 50 and Afoot in 2 Dales (19.07.25)
11. Feedback from Jill on C2C meeting:

### **Coast to Coast path Stakeholders' Meeting**

16.09.24 at Grassington

Since the last meeting in September 2023, The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has increased its' staff to bring in a C2C Project manager plus several other members of staff to deal with the diverse issues that are having to be dealt with. It does leave the Park Rangers free to get their hands dirty on the many construction jobs needed.

Alan Hulme. Head of Park management welcomed 18 people representing the Ramblers, LDWA, Landowners, British Horse Society, Cycling UK, Local Access forum, YDNPA Rangers and Natural England.

The focus of the meeting was always to deal with:

- The section of the C2C route through the Park Authority, to convey their thinking & proposals for the PROW creations and necessary diversions along the route.
- To outline the legal processes & expectations

It is worth noting that that by the end of 2024 11,000 walkers are expected to have been involved with the C2C and the number to rise next year.

Along the route, Rangers are engaged in active repair/ restoration work starting with White Mossy hill right the way through to just before Richmond. 6 authorities are involved over the whole C2C, Cumberland, Westmoreland & Furness, LDNPA, YDNPA, North Yorkshire CC & NYMNPA.

Overall, there is at least 15% of the proposed C2C not on public Rights of Way with quite significant sections in the Yorkshire Dales. Hence the extra personnel. Legally some routes need to be secured for the public to follow and locations where new rights of Way need to be created with an aim of achieving the highest possible level of public status i.e. BOAT or BW.

Gone will be the 3 choices of route off Nine Standards Rigg with the red route, the definitive route. There are many sections of route where waymarking needs to be addressed hopefully done sympathetically. Each waymark will have from left to right - the Acorn, Coast to Coast path, information ending with a heavy black outline at the arrow end to help the visually impaired. Waymarking will be done in both directions with March 2026 as the deadline for the grand opening.

Further investigations are ongoing with accommodation, accessibility and nature recovery. The 3 National Parks intend to conduct face to face surveys of users with regard to waymarking, facilities etc.

There is no doubt that this project is a huge undertaking, mainly as there is this one chance to get the route correct legally, to increase the signage, the accessibility and to make it the best long distance path in the world.

12. Christmas walk/meal:15.12.24 Robert to lead walk.

12.1 Meal arrangements eat at 2.00 booked about 22 at the George at Easingwold.

12.2 Website message will ask members to contact Caroline.

13. Any Other Business: no business

14. Date of the next meeting: 06.01.25 with main item discussed to be 2025 AGM. Venues for a group meeting were mentioned with Harmby now booked for Sunday 23.02.25.

15. Meeting closed at 2122

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