

Minutes of the committee meeting 11 April 2018

Present: Bernard Parker (BP); Val Rose (VR); Celia Broom (CB); Dorothy Webley (DW); Eric Evans (EE); Keith Probert (KP); Bob Ward (BW)); Paddy Jewry (PJ); Steve Wise (SMW); Julian Fisher (JF); Tessa Smith (TS)

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies: MC

The Chairman welcomed Alasdair A and Mike O'D from Walking for Health Brixham as visitors. They outlined their involvement with Walking for Health, explaining how they propose developing the initiative and justifying their hopes for support from SDR.

It was agreed to support this cause by way of spreading the word – several flyers were distributed – and consideration would be given to occasionally attending their walks. The Webmaster explored the feasibility of links on the SDR website. Members would be assured of a warm welcome on any of the walks and the details given as Mondays, 10.00am start from Gillard Rd Brixham.

ACTION POINTS: All to publicise where possible. JF to include a reference to Walking for Health Brixham on the website.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Re: the AGM 2018. The Chairman had discovered there is no PA system at The Redcliffe. SW reported it is not easy to hire a PA system and advocated better management of the Q and A session. SMW aired his thoughts about engaging with the audience. BP reiterated his wish to secure wider audience participation. This point was taken up further under AOB.

Re: The Templer Way . The Footpath Officer will call Les' daughter to remind her of the event, in the hope she will attend at some point. He may defer to David M who is a good friend to Linda.

ACTION POINT: A reminder of the date and event to be given.

KP updated committee on the correspondence with Nicky Bailey about improvements. TS congratulated BP and KP on their persistence with matters such as Deer Park and Churston Cross.

The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Data Protection – the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

BP opened this item by referring to the guidance notes sent out by Central Office. He also pointed out that the onus falls mainly on the Membership Secretary and the Walks Coordinator.

Rather than have lengthy discussions round the table it was felt that a working party should be set up to action plan the new regulations to ensure we are compliant. This will consist of the Membership Secretary, The Walks Coordinator, and SW. TS will approach MC to see if she would also assist.

JF alluded to the new regulations relating to the use of photographs and read out relevant guidance. TS agreed to add an unsubscribe section to group emails as an interim measure, pending advice from the working party.

ACTION POINTS: The working party to report back with recommendations at next meeting. TS to add an unsubscribe message to the group email.

4. JMHT national website

JF explained his work on uploading information about the John Musgrave Heritage Trail (JMHT) on to the SDR page of the Area website. He felt it needed more work and images to bring it up to a good standard.

BW offered to update a pdf on the JMHT and liaise with JF on this.

ACTION POINT: BW to work on the pdf and send to JF

5. Walks programme

EE explained the way the compilation of the walks program has evolved. He understands that a large proportion of the membership like to have a paper format. The process is time consuming, in fact JF has worked out how many keystrokes it takes to complete. It would take a significant investment to reduce this workload and stream line the process, reducing both the time it takes as well as the margin for error. One change enacted has in fact reduced in some measure the laboriousness of the job for not too high an investment. JF withdrew his request for further investment to effect wider changes, hoping smaller changes may help and he will continue to work with EE.

6. Holidays 2019 and 2020

Holiday 2019:

Some 32 members have now expressed their interest in the proposed Greece trip. TS outlined some of the reasons for the few negative responses. CB's contact has offered to both prepare a flyer as well as take on collection of the monies and booking of flights, reducing the work left to our own committee considerably.

There was a unanimous vote to proceed with this plan.

Various matters were aired: deposits, flight scheduling and timetables. BP advised against car share to the airport though BW pointed out the cost savings.

ACTION POINTS: CB will give the go ahead to Evia Adventure Tours. The flyer to be posted on to the SDR website. TS to give the wording for a news item and announcement.

Holiday 2020

EE outlined his research for a trip to the Lake District. He has explored various permutations of the travel arrangements. It was agreed an 8 day holiday was preferable. KP raised the issue of whether we had to fill the coach for Shearings. DW reminded committee that we had filled a coach for Falmouth and for the Gower and it worked very well.

TS suggested a trawl for expressions of interest as had been done for Greece. This was in case the long coach journey was a deterrent as it was felt this had been a factor in the Isle of Man holiday which had failed to attract sufficient numbers. BP shared his experience of costings with EE.

7. AOB

- **Totnes and the Clapper Bridge**

KP traced the history of this project which was a key matter for use of the John Musgrave legacy but failed to come to fruition despite the sterling efforts of the committee at that time. The JMHT subcommittee had discussed the matter of co-funding the project with Totnes Ramblers. KP emphasized that from the outset, this had been something SDR wanted to be associated with.

The committee agreed in principle to consider involvement.

ACTION POINT: BP to draft a letter to Andrew C expressing a readiness to discuss the project.

- **Update on JMHT**

KP has re-established contact with Nicky Bailey though regrets the fact that we are not really fully apprised of the developments in this project.

BP drew attention to a response he had had from Ros Mills who claims the scheme is being 're-evaluated' She is to arrange a date to meet with BP.

KP thanked both BP and his son for their work on cutting the grass at Deer Park

- **AGM 2018**

BW suggested a questionnaire to be circulated prior to the AGM 2018 and distributed a sample he had prepared. A discussion ensued as to what should be included: just walking matters or social as well?

It was agreed to road test the edited format on committee

BP distributed some notes about conducting the AGM.

SW suggested ways to engage with the audience.

TS suggested a number of 'case studies' as a way of telling a story to lend some colour to the AGM.

ACTION POINTS: BW to formulate a revised questionnaire for the July meeting

TS and BP to outline a framework for the AGM for the July meeting.

- EE asked if any members had been to the Grove recently and reported some tree planting there.

8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18 July The Redcliffe Hotel