

MINUTES of the committee meeting Wed 10 Oct 2018

1. Welcome and apologies

PJ, MC, SW

It was explained that MC and SW had decided to stand down from committee.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

KP confirmed he has arranged a **farewell and thankyou drink** for his team of JMHT volunteers plus committee. This will be on Thursday 25 October 7.30pm at the Babbacombe and St Marychurch Conservative Club. Committee agreed refreshments could be provided and CB approved the spend.

BP confirmed the date for **the SWCP walk as a fundraiser** as Saturday 20 October 2018, Beacon Quay Torquay, 10.00am for a 10.30am start.

ACTION POINT: TS to contact George Coles to see if a representative of the SWCP Trust could come to the AGM to collect the cheque.

3. Matters arising

- **Deer Park**

BP has been in touch with Ros Mills regarding Deer Park Lane and a meeting has been promised for October. Further discussion around the funding of the cuts followed: at £90 a cut and at least 2, probably 3 cuts per year needed, BW pointed out how the cumulative costs would mount up over the years. BP and KP both stressed the importance of getting a resolution on this issue and BP was given approval to go ahead with the negotiation.

ACTION POINT: BP to proceed with the meeting and move things forward to a plan.

- **Clapper Bridge**

BP has been in communication with Andrew Chadwick, Chairman of Totnes about the proposed joint project. Previously a sum of £4,000 was approved but it was pointed out that the phrase 'joint financing' was a wider term and there was concern that costs could escalate. KP informed committee that Totnes have named a Project Officer and BW will confer with him.

Shortly after this discussion, JF drew attention to the fact that conditional planning permission was granted 11/9/18 and the conditions seemed to be 'not too onerous'.

ACTION POINT: BW to contact the Project Officer to examine more closely the strength of the estimates.

4. AGM 2018

- **Survey**

BW ran through the presentation he had prepared for the AGM on the results of his survey completed 2018. This prompted much debate but the committee primarily discussed how to encourage interaction with members at the AGM. Initial thoughts were given to how the results have been and will be incorporated into planning future walks and social events and it was felt that BW had done an excellent job of tapping into members' views.

The question of how regularly to repeat the survey was addressed. BW pointed out that it was not an onerous exercise and could be repeated quite simply annually. Several of the findings have already steered planning and BW is already working up a plan for a mini break to test the water. TS felt that it might be best to defer any plans to continue the Coleridge Way project with the Cotswold Way until we see how the mini break works and the strength of its appeal.

The survey will be the main focus of the AGM this year.

ACTION POINT: BW to work up an offer for a minibreak for autumn 2019, probably in Cornwall.

- **Committee appointments**

The constitution was consulted to check to see if nominations were needed in advance of the AGM. While there is no such stipulation, the advantage of having this knowledge in advance was clear.

ACTION POINT: TS to edit the flash banner on the website to announce the AGM and to add a note encouraging nominations prior to the AGM while reassuring that nominations will also be acceptable on the night.

ACTION POINT: TS and EE to run through the procedure for committee appointments at the AGM by meeting prior to the event.

- **Shape of the meeting and agenda**

Introduction by BP with an outline of Achievements over the last 12 months. This will include the financial Report with CB taking questions.

BW to present the SURVEY 2018

BP to present Future Objectives: these were discussed and shaped by committee as follows:

Progress the Deer Park Lane issue to resolution for a secure future

Progress the Clapper Bridge project in partnership with Totnes Ramblers

Completion of the first 'Fly Holiday' in Greece May 2019

Maintain the level of membership (DW to supply figures)

Increase the number of walk leaders

Continue to monitor and maintain the JMHT and improve its representation on the website

Continue planning to incorporate as far as possible the findings of Survey 2018

Repeat the Survey in 2019 (membership constantly evolving)

Complete the Coleridge Way with one more day trip and a June weekend

ACTION POINTS: CB to arrange the printing of 35 copies of the finances
TS to arrange provision of agendas

5. Holiday 2019

CB had circulated a paper updating the details for the Holiday in Greece and had nothing more to add to this.

EE outlined the steps he has taken towards the Holiday in the Lake District 2020. Concern had been expressed about the length of the coach journey this will entail, in the light of the survey findings but as the destination 2020 had already been mentioned and there was already some enthusiasm, it was not deemed advisable to change our plans.

6. AOB

CB had sent information off to the Independent Examiner, George Coles. He highlighted 3 items:

The size of the reserve, around £900: he suggested we make a donation to the JMHT legacy towards the funding of the Clapper Bridge, something of which, it was felt, John Musgrave would have approved.

Last year CB sent him a copy of the minutes but this year she directed him to our website. These summary minutes did not show the amounts for the Clapper bridge or Dartmoor Way. Therefore, CB sent him a copy of the Cttee's version of the minutes.

GC thought that it would be advantageous to include last year's figures in the return to CO. It will be a good way of seeing differences and stop silly queries from CO. This has now been done.

TS Pointed out the fact that she will need to rebuild the group database. DW helpfully handed over the latest list she had compiled from Central. Some form of data capture will be available at the AGM

ACTION POINT: TS to take the necessary steps.

VR informed the committee that she has collected £141.50 for the Children in Need- the Big Ramble. BP will include this as an achievement and VR will send off to the charity.

TS reminded committee that we usually thank the outgoing members of committee with a carvery meal at The Hare and Hounds.

ACTION POINT: TS to arrange a reservation later in November and inform all concerned.

(i) Date of next meeting

Wed 16 Jan 2019 in the Morning Room at The Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton 6.30 for 7pm

ITEMS for next meeting:

BW to bring a proposal for a 4-5 day minitrip around £200

Holiday 2020