



## Arnside / Silverdale AONB Landscape Trust Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Cemetery Chapel, Arnside

Present: Fiona Allen Chairman (FA); Ray Anslow Treasurer (RA); Colin Peacock, vice chairman (FA); Adrian Walker (AW); Mike Warren Secretary (MW); Gary Marsh, Chairman, reserves subcommittee (GM); Bob Pickup, Volunteer Reserves Manager (BP); Peter Stevens (PS); Brenda Penn (BPenn).  
Part 1, Reports

1. Apologies for absence: Sheila May, Editor Keer to Kent (SM); Colin Patrick, Keer to Kent associate Editor (CPat); Lucy Barron (LB). Andrew Greenwood (AG); Peter Standing, Chairman, Events Committee (PSta). (Secretary's note: Andrew Greenwood sent apologies after being delayed by a mountain rescue call.)

2. Minutes of meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Accepted and signed as correct

Matter Arising:

Matters arising and actions:

There were no matters arising. All actions were complete, underway or are reported below.  
PS reported that Terry Keefe has no significant material for a second Keer to Kent compendium.

3. Keer to Kent Report:

This was received.

The additional item about use of the tramper at Leighton Moss was commended for its thoroughness – BP indicated some of the difficulties in its use in Trowbarrow which is nominally tramper friendly.

4. Events report:

This was received and AW commented on the huge growth in the events scheme in recent years since PS took up the reins. Many of this year's are already filling up and this raised the issue of those who are dependent of receipt of the paper copy of the schedule being disadvantaged if the email circular goes out before the release of the spring edition of Keer to Kent. It was agreed that this should be considered for future years. (Secretary's note: I have just realised that KtoK is released in the first week in March and the first events are in the teens of March, so a solution may not be straightforward – later events are not yet bookable.)

It was also recognised that some events are not accessible to less able bodied members – some of course by their very nature – and it was agreed that this was worthy of attention, although a solution may likewise not be straightforward. The suggestion of reserves visits was made – they are generally relatively accessible.  
Action, general consideration

5. **Membership Secretary's** report:

This was received with thanks

## 6. Reserves report:

This was received.

It was agreed that (although the budget is not fully spent) additional funds could be taken if necessary to complete this year's work.

It was reported that there is to be a Butterfly Conservation visit to Coldwell Parrock and other sites in connection with the Brown Hairstreak egg searches and that the Mourholme Society is visiting the Parrock's unusual Lime Kiln. Teddy Heights work is proceeding well and no further newsletter entry is needed.

## 7. Reports from other committees:

- (i) AONB Executive Committee – none in period
- (ii) Trowbarrow Advisory Group – none in period
- (iii) AONB Planning committee – FA reported on the Waterslack farm application for a sand paddock although this is not the scrubby area which the LT was interested in at the recent auction. BP suggested this should be environmentally assessed. Possible Action BP

## Part 2, Trustee reports and business

## 8. Declarations of Interest: None.

9. Chairman's Report: FA had been approached by a mental health practitioner and had agreed that visits to our sites might be therapeutically valuable for clients, although the lack of toilet facilities would be a barrier. She had researched compost toilets and suggested that one might be considered for Coldwell Parrock. BP suggested the building could be used and reduce the costs. A feasibility study will be done. Action BP FA

## 10. Treasurer's Report for period:

Received. With thanks. Proposals agreed.

## 11. Communications report:

It was agreed that a communications group be established to develop further the ideas floated in BPenn's paper. BPenn would lead it, and invite Ruth Ainsworth, Mike Redman and a representative from the Reserves subcommittee to join initially MW offered to be involved if necessary. PS and SM would be invited to join and comment of the thoughts once they had reached a stage on potentially having an impact on Events or Keer to Kent. Action BPenn et.al.

The suggestion of a leaflet explaining the Trust and its work would be followed up. The Events leaflet fulfils this role very well from March to mid-summer when it begins to become dated.

## 12. Business Plan report:

FA reported that actions agreed are almost complete and the (small scale) annual revision will soon be due.

## 13. Grant applications:

These were reported and commended for the thoroughness with which the LT's representatives examine applications.

**14. Correspondence and secretary's report:**

This was received.

It was agreed that the Trust should continue the previous informal policy of not allowing the insertion of any third party material into Keer to Kent, so the Red Squirrel Leaflet will not be inserted this time. A second article for Keer to Kent was to be encouraged to report progress. Action MW

The recent email announcement about the Holgates planning application was well received. It was agreed that the Landscape Trust would not formally set up a planning group but welcomed the suggestion from LB that a second representative be appointed to the AONB's planning committee. It was also agreed that if any trustee receives from a member notice of concern about a planning application, all trustees will be notified and, subject to unanimous agreement (essential if contact is by email), an email will be sent to members on the email list.

**15. Any Other Business :**

Dealt with under 14.

**16. Date and time of next meeting:** May 9th, 2017, in the cemetery chapel at 7.30pm. AGM, Heron theatre, June 2<sup>nd</sup> , August 8<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Signed as a correct record.....Chairman