

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th May 2018 At the Abbot Hall Social Centre, Kendal

PRESENT: Christine Anderson, Chairman; Brian Kettle, Secretary; John Fairhurst, Treasurer; Ray Wilson, Winter Lectures Secretary; Vic Parsons, Editor; Bob Entwistle, Committee Member; Gwyneth Lindley-Jones, Committee member.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Audrey Brown & Mike Coates.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2018 were approved as a correct record. There was no further progress to report on the Building Stones of Kendal leaflet.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that the Landscape Trust was holding its annual Round the Villages event in Farleton in September and it was agreed that the Society should participate with display boards etc with a view to recruiting new members, selling Proceedings etc. It was agreed to offer membership until the end of 2019 for the usual annual subscription to those joining at this event.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that in recent months 8 new members had joined but 9 existing members had left. Some 74 GDPR consent form had been returned meaning that 20 were still outstanding. It was agreed to contact these by email where possible (CA, BK, JF). He also reported that the Abbot Hall SC committee had agreed to purchase a new sound system and issue further guidance concerning the arrangement of the hall when vacating the premises.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that changing the Society's cheque signatories was proceeding slowly but that CA was now a signatory at the Cumberland Society. There was discussion about the amount which should be budgeted for winter lectures but this had proved to vary considerably in the past. Some lecturers did not make any claim as they combined the trip with work-related business. It was agreed that it was pointless to allocate a fixed budget as it was impossible to forecast the final outcome.

6. TUTORIALS

The Chair reported that the three tutorials held to date had proved successful with 12, 12, and 14 people attending. This meant that the events had more that covered the costs involved. 22 different members and one visitor had attended. It was agreed to continue the programme in the autumn.

7. FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT

In Mike Coates absence the Chair reported that 14 people had attended the first field trip of the year and 19 would be going to Mull the following week. It had been suggested that a trip to Tenerife be considered and it was agreed to float this idea on the Mull trip and in the Newsletter to assess the likely demand.

8. WINTER LECTURE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Winter Lectures Secretary reported that he had arranged the majority of lectures for the 2019/20 season. It was noted that parking had been a problem at the March lecture and

that alternative places to park should be investigated. Attendance at the lectures had been as follows:-

October - 31

November - 33

December - 21

January - 28

February- 34

March - 40

As usual attendance at the Jacobs Join in December was the lowest and possible variations to the format were suggested.

9. DATA PROTECTION

The discussion of this subject under item 4 above was considered sufficient.

10. PROJECTOR AND LAPTOP

The Secretary said that he was attempting to improve the filing system on the Society's laptop. The projector was continuing to deteriorate and the Secretary was asked to investigate the possibility of hiring the U3A projector.

11. PROCEEDINGS

In the absence of the Editor discussion of this item was held over till the next meeting.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary reported that the President had been invited to attend the launch of a new biography of Adam Sedgwick. As he would be out of the country he had asked the Committee to nominate a replacement and the Secretary volunteered to represent the Society at this event.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the Abbot Hall SC on Wed 19th September 2018 at 7.30pm.