

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th September 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); Audrey Brown (Vice-President).

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies received Mike Coates & Gwynneth Lyndley-Jones (retiring).

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2018 were approved as a correct record.

Item 2. The Secretary reported that Geoff Brambles was now making steady progress with the Building Stones of Kendal leaflet. His researches had uncovered more information than he had anticipated.

Item 3. The Chairman reported that it had not proved possible to arrange for a display stand at the Landscape Trust event on 10/11 September 2018.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

a. Cumbria GeoConservation Group (CGC): The Society's website now includes links to the CGCs website. CA has been invited to the official opening of the Brown Howe Quarry site.

b. Geological Map: Dennis Pook had handed back the 1890 edition of sheet 49 map, which had been the raffle prize at the December 2017 meeting. It was agreed to attempt to sell it as it was thought that these old maps had some value. **ACTION CA/BK**

c. Kendal Museum: Sylvia Woodhead, and Anne Thompson, on behalf of Cumbria GeoConservation Group, had attended a meeting with the curator at Kendal Museum. Kendal College has responsibility for the Museum and wants to use the upper floor for its own requirements. This could result in the displacement of the collections displayed there, including the fossil collection, the Hamer collection of fossils and minerals and the Bill Shaw mineral collection. The committee discussed what the Society could do about this unwelcome situation and suggestions were made. It was decided to publicise the collection to members. Items in the collection had been digitally photographed and could be viewed at www.kendalmuseum.digital. **ACTION CA/BK**

d. 50th Anniversary: CA reminded committee members that the Society would reach its 50th anniversary in 2023, and we should consider how we could celebrate this. **ACTION ALL**

e. Visitors Fees: CA suggested that visitors' fees should be raised to £3 but the majority were not in favour (and it would have to be approved at an AGM).

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

a. Abbot Hall Social Club: The Secretary informed the committee that another booking for the Betty Limb room had been made on Wednesday evenings. He had received two notices about rules for use of the hall (these are attached to these minutes). A new sound system had been installed.

b. GDPR: BK reported that 80 GDPR consent forms had now been returned. Just 12 members have not responded (some of whom are no longer active or have not provided new contact details). However, we will continue to pursue getting GDPR consent forms signed. **ACTION BK**

c. Projector: The Secretary said that the Society's projector had been purchased in 2010 and, though it was still working, its performance had deteriorated. A new one would cost £300 to £350. It was agreed to continue using the old one but to purchase a new one if and when it failed. BE agreed to research the most suitable model. **ACTION BE**

d. Re-launch of Adam Sedgwick biography: The secretary reported that he had attended this event in May. Two talks had been given, one by Colin Speakman, the author, and after lunch there was a field trip along the Sedgwick trail.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer said that he had nothing new to report.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Chair reported that Gwynneth Lyndley-Jones had resigned from the Committee due to other commitments. This meant that the Society now required three ordinary members as well as replacements for the Secretary and the Field Secretary. No-one CA had contacted so far wished to put their names forward. It was agreed to continue to approach people and to appeal for volunteers in the next issue of the Newsletter. **ACTION CABK**

7. TUTORIALS

It was agreed to continue with the programme of tutorials, on Tuesday afternoons in the week following the lecture, as follows:

Oct 23 rd – Rocks in a box	Audrey Brown
Nov 27 th – Geological Maps (1)	AB
Jan 22 nd – Minerals	Bernard Skillerne de Bristowe
Feb 26 th - The Rock Cycle	AB
Mar 26 th – Geological Maps (2)	Clive Boulter

These would be advertised in the next WGS Newsletter, and at lectures, and via email a few days before the workshop. **ACTION CABK**

8. FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT

a. In Mike Coates absence the Chair congratulated him on organising a popular fieldtrip programme. Attendance had generally been good at field trips, with 40 members attending one or more field trip (three members had attended all the trips), as follows:

April (Cross Fell Inlier) – 14 (plus 1 visitor & leader)

May (Mull) – 17 (plus 1 visitor & leader)

June (Jacob's Join) – 20 (17 on walk after meal)

June (Craven Fault) – 19 (including leader)

July (Eskdale) – 11 (plus 1 visitor & leader)

August (Keer Slag) – 19 (including 2 leaders)

September (Force Crag Mine) – 8 (plus 1 visitor & 3 NT leaders)

The September fieldtrip was the least well attended, possibly because the description of the route (provided by NT staff) made it sound harder than it was.

b. With Mike Coates vacating the position at the next AGM various suggestions were put forward for trips in 2019/20. The possibility of a foreign trip was mentioned but it was thought that there would probably not be enough support.

c. The following write-ups were agreed: -

September: Brian Kettle

October: Audrey Brown

November: Bernard Skillerne de Bristowe

December: Brian Kettle

January: Chris Anderson

9. WINTER LECTURE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Winter Lectures Secretary reported that all arrangements for the upcoming winter programme were now in place and that the programme for the following winter (2019/20) was now almost complete. He also announced that he would like to retire after that.

10. PROCEEDINGS

The Editor reported that he had received only two write-ups for the next issue of the Proceedings. He had sold eight copies of this year's issue at the recent Landscape Trust event. The 'advertisements' in this year's edition were mentioned and it was agreed that these would be of interest to members and quite acceptable. Small items to fill the inevitable spaces at the end of reports would also be welcomed.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There was no other business.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Abbot Hall Social Centre, 4.00pm, 22nd January 2019.