

Ramblers Association – Furness Group

Minutes of meeting held at Stan Laurel Pub, Ulverston 14.11.2011

Present: George Cubiss, Margaret Gibson, John Lawson, Phil Walker, Barry Jones, Tricia Casey.

Apologies: Alan Smith, Don Bland. Barbara Crellin

The minutes of last meeting will be approved at next meeting.

Matters Arising: There were none.

Agenda:

Footpath Surveillance

Phil was concerned that we had heard about two of our members who have responded directly to Area regarding opportunities for doing practical footpath work, without the knowledge of any of the committee. These opportunities may have been highlighted in the Area News or on the website. One of these was for a role as a lengthsman for the south end of the Cumbria Way; and the other was to undertake LDNP Ease of Use Training. Phil felt that this has caused a failure of communication between our Group and Area level. This has resulted (in the latter case) in the details of the course not reaching Paul Heels (the individual in question).

It was agreed that Phil would ask Peter Jones and Dennis Pook to copy us with any similar communications arising in the future to try to ensure that we are always aware of the involvement of other members.

Phil also suggested that we could do some footpath surveys in the Millom area to encourage Millom and Copeland Council to use the money they have been given, to repair footpaths. George will phone Tony Cummings to discuss this.

Windmills

George received a call from a concerned member of the public regarding a footpath near the proposed Lindal Cote windmill turbine. He has made a formal objection to this proposal to the Town Hall Planning Department.

Walks.

Phil has suggested that we have a ‘pool of walks’ that could be slotted into the programme to cover any gaps that might arise. It was decided that we would compile a list of walks and submit them to the Programme Secretary. The Programme Secretary reminded members that they need to vet the draft programmes and raise any issues with her before they go to press.

It was decided that we would consider putting a couple of linear walks into the summer programme and making them bus assisted walks. It is hoped that these could be publicised and would perhaps encourage people to join our regular walks, having met the group. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Christmas Dinner

Margaret will send a cheque to the Royal Oak to cover the deposit and will get it back when we all attend the venue. There will be a musical quiz as well.

Next meeting:

Stan Laurel Pub – 20th Feb 2012. 7.30pm.

