



MINUTES OF ACMB MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th JUNE 2016

1. Members present: Nigel Pullen, David Wilkinson, Mick Woods, Ray Salisbury, Tony Andrews, Kieron Ryan, Dorothy Ryan.
2. Apologies: Terry Bond.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
4. Matters arising: It transpired that the contents of the barn at Littledale were not insured, therefore no payment will be made by the insurer for the loss of equipment in the break in. Littledale top road drain is still ongoing, Tony to progress this item. The offer from explorers, who use Silverhelme as their HQ, of £100 per year was considered derisory. A more realistic figure was thought by Ray to be £500. Nigel to speak again to the DC. Inventories for both sites to be progressed by the wardens. Work on the fire alarms at Littledale to be carried out by Chubb's, with the emergency lighting batteries and tubes to be carried out in house. The new marquee is much more robust but is also heavier and requires a team to erect and dismantle. The District Executive declined to provide any help in its purchase.
5. Finance report. The CAF account balance is £33, 757.28 with a further £10,000 at the Nationwide and £35,000 at the Skipton. Expenditure to date for 2016 is £23,011.73. Income to date for 2016 is £26,158.86. This includes £7,122.92 for the mast. Tony reported on the state of the ongoing work for a new lease for the mast, the market rate being approx £4,950 per annum with a review every 3 years. In the light of the loss adjusters declining the claim for the theft of the activities equipment Ray has contacted Unity Insurance and arranged cover of £5,000 for the barn contents at Littledale. Also cover for the contents of the toilet block and workshop of £5,000. The water filtration house building for £10,000 and its contents for £7,000.
6. Silverhelme toilet block. Quotes are currently being obtained for the civil work, plumbing, and electrical work.
7. Health and Safety. Mick had a fall whilst working at Littledale, he is to report this to the DC. The bridge to the chapel at Littledale needs some repairs, this will be done when enough volunteers are at the site.
8. Silverhelme Report. The wardens hut replacement roof is almost finished and should be completed this week. The side of the Den is in very poor condition, BT has a scheme whereby their trainees carry out work in the community providing materials and labour,

they are to be approached to carry out this work on the Den. The grass cutter has had to be replaced with a new one. The phone line is down but should be back by the end of the week.

The floor in the lodge will need replacing in parts, materials that are over from the warden's hut roof will be used. Two portable toilets have been hired for this week-end as the site is very busy.

9. Littledale Report. The mower starter failed and has had to be replaced, a condition report on this was given which points out that the bearings and deck will last about 12 months. A new mower would cost in the order of £4,000. Problems with the showers at the week-end have resulted in new thermostatic valves being bought and will be fitted. The boarding at the archery range is finished, some netting still to be done and covering to be put on the scaffold poles. Two new seats for the chapel have been obtained, the 53rd are to install these. The drain covers on the drive are damaged, the drains are to be modified so that the covers will not now be needed. Dorothy and Kieron said that they had recently been in the lodge at Littledale and stated what a tremendous difference had been made with the decoration and other work carried out by Mick and that this should be recorded, all present agreed.

10. Bookings. 59 for Littledale with 7 having cancelled and 88 for Silverhelme with 6 being cancelled. We have 2 for Littledale and 2 for Silverhelme in 2017. The DC has suggested that we offer a 10% discount for those who make a repeat booking. This was rejected by all present.

11. A. O. B. Nigel reported on discussions he had with Terry Bond on efforts to encourage the return of red squirrels to the Silverdale area. This involves the trapping of the grey's and subsequent humane disposal. It was agreed to participate in this scheme which has been widely accepted in the Silverdale area. Terry will himself trap the greys on the Silverhelme site but only in term time.

12. Date of next meeting to be arranged when the quotes for the Silverhelme toilet block are available.