

**Annual General Meeting of the Dales Way Association**  
**held at 3:15pm on Saturday 26th April 2025 in the Octagon Room, Grassington Devonshire**  
**Institute.**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Members: Judith Smith (Ilkley) Ros Langdon (Sunbury on Thames), Julia Jardine (Ellesmere Shropshire), Elaine Gibson (Cottingham)

**Committee members:** Colin Speakman (Burley-in-Wharfedale) Chris Grogan (Saltaire), Gordon Tasker (Yeadon), Kath Doyle (Yeadon)

**Welcome and Introduction:**

Colin welcomed those attending the meeting and said it was disappointing we had not had better attendance, particularly for our guest speaker Peter Katic from the National Trust who had given us an informative and fascinating insight into NT's work in Upper Wharfedale.

**Action:** Gordon to provide Peter with some waymarks for the new riverside stretch of path.

**Apologies for Absence:** Tony Grogan, Cath Williams, Ryk Downes, Eileen King, Terry Coombes, Linda Skelton, Rowan Brockhurst.

**Ratification of the report of the 2024 AGM held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

This was accepted as an accurate report.

Proposed Chris Grogan. Seconded -Elaine Gibson. Unanimous.

There were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Annual Report.** See AGM Reports below. Colin added that there had been a good reaction from Leeds Ramblers to the work Ryk has been doing on the Leeds Link of the Dales Way. He offered special thanks to Cath Williams for the work she has completed in Westmorland & Furness and asked Chris to send Tony our warm thanks for everything he does for the Dales Way.

**Footpath Reports.** See AGM Reports below. Gordon, Chris (on behalf of Tony Grogan) Kath (on behalf of Cath Williams) presented the Footpath Reports. Kath updated Cath's report to add that work had begun at Black Moss Tarn to replace the bridge over the stream, two signposts and a kissing gate and handposts to a stone step stile.

**Treasurer's Report.** See AGM Reports below. Gordon presented the Treasurer's Report.

Colin recommended the re-appointment of our accountants Streets Spenser Wilson, Chartered Accountants. Proposed Gordon Tasker -Seconded: Ros Langdon. Unanimous.

**Membership Secretary's Report.** Chris presented the Membership Report. See AGM Reports below.

**Website Report.** Chris presented the report on behalf of Tony Grogan. See AGM Reports below.

**Accommodation Providers' Report.** Kath presented the Accommodation Providers' Report. See AGM reports below.

Judith Smith proposed and Ros Langdon seconded all Committee reports and Election of Officers and Committee. Unanimous.

**DWA Committee** therefore is:

**Chair**– Colin Speakman

**Footpaths Officers:**

Start to Bolton Bridge – Gordon Tasker & Kath Doyle

YDNPA- Tony and Chris Grogan

Cumbria and Westmorland and Furness - Cath Williams

**Treasurer** - Gordon Tasker

**Secretary** – Chris Grogan

**Web Administrator**- Tony Grogan

**Newsletter/Minutes Secretary** -Kath Doyle

**Accommodation Provider Liaison** – Kath Doyle

**Archivist** -Gordon Tasker

**Committee Member**- Ryk Downes

### **Any other Business**

Date of the next AGM is yet to be agreed. A wide-ranging discussion took place regarding how and where we might hold the 2026 AGM following the low attendance this year. This is to be added to the agenda for the next DWA Committee meeting- date tbc.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 16:50 pm