**Minutes of the Snowdrop Valley 2019 Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 6.30pm in the Moorland Hall**

Present: Cllr Eric Norman (Chairman), Cllr John Anson, Roger Foxwell, Frank O’Neill, Jim Winzer, Amanda Hamley (Snowdrop Valley Coordinator) and Nic Kemp (Parish Clerk).

1. Public Question Time: None

2. Apologies for absence: Vicky Kirby.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising: Cllr Norman signed the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2019 as a true and accurate record.

4. Snowdrop Valley Coordinator’s Report: Miss Hamley reported – there were 2 complaints which have been responded to, and 2 accidents both passed to the Clerk who has followed up and has completed accident forms.
Further points:
• Buses running from hall – provides shelter for visitors, supports Snowdrop Café (main focus of event – local charities raising money), allows large trailer to be used in Market car park, more toilets
• Better marking of how to get from car park to village – possibly feather flags
• Better road signs in village
• Maps – can be updated into circular walks
• Buses expensive – looking in to different options
• Car park – could have it not manned when no buses and have better marked donation box. Can issue mobility passes by email with defined timeslot, and have cheque payment in advance or pay online
• Different staffing focus – each location, one staff morning, one afternoon, one 11-2.30 to cover busy times.
• Look at date for next year – adjust by one week as snowdrops are out earlier, and maybe buses run last 2 weeks

5. Clerk’s Financial Report: The Clerk apologised for omitting Declaration of Interests as agenda item.

Cllr Norman declared a pecuniary interest as owner of a local establishment
Mr Winzer declared a personal interest as a staff member

The Clerk circulated figures to date and the expected amounts still to pay. Cllr Norman passed on donations collected in Exmoor House. The Committee anticipates the scheme will essentially break even once all costs have been allocated.

6. Plan for going forwards: Suggestions include –
• Buses running from hall
• Photographic competition based in hall – visitors can drop entries in a box, needs to take into account printing costs as would need to provide printer
• Coffees – subsidise the coffees and teas in Snowdrop Café via the car park tickets
• Publicise which charity is running Snowdrop Café each day
• Have A-frame boards in car park for each establishment
• Invite each Snowdrop Café charity to have a representative on the committee
• Gain more feedback from staff about how far visitors come – one came from Netherlands this year
• Promote that they are “Natural” snowdrops, not cultivated
• Ask National Trust what their merchandise best sellers are

7. Items for Next Agenda: Buses running from hall; Photographic competition; Dates for 2020; Purchase of shed to store equipment; merchandise; further options on buses.

8. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st May 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25 pm