

**Annual General Meeting  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 20  
Agenda**

1. Apologies for Absence – please enter details on board circulating.
2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM.
3. Matters arising.
4. Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

5. Election of Honorary Officers:

The following is the updated list from last year's AGM -

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| President         | No nominations  |
| Vice Presidents   | Roger Brickell  |
| Chairman          | No nominations  |
| Vice Chairman     | Eric Crichton   |
| Secretary         | David Kelly     |
| Treasurer         | Carole Chandler |
| Footpaths         | Joe Howard      |
| Publicity         | Kevin Matthews  |
| Web Master        | Eric Crichton   |
| & Walks Programme |                 |

Note – Brian Dearnaley has stated that he no longer wishes to continue as Chairman of the Area.

6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor  
Allison Hunt audited the accounts last year.  
Alison is prepared to do the same again this year.
7. Consideration of Motions of which notice has been given in writing:  
None
8. Approval of Motion for Submission to General Council.  
None
9. Talk by Kate Ashbrook – Chair of the Board of Trustees
10. Any Other Business

There will be a talk by Pat Ascroft after the completion of the formal part of the AGM.

PTO – for an update on Coastal Access

## Coastal Access Update

This is subject to further delays, which the following example in the NW illustrates -

In Sep 2015 the Secretary of State approved the route of the Coastal Path from Whitehaven to Silecroft, which was going to be 55km long, which at the time was expected to open early 2017, with the works that are required being arranged by Cumbria CC. In reality good access already existed on the coast from St Bees to Whitehaven, so works were only needed from St Bees to Silecroft. The date then slipped to early Summer 2017, which then slipped to early Summer 2018, before slipping to Late Summer 2018 and then to Early 2019, before slipping further to Mid 2019 and then Late 2019. Then latest information is that the section will now open in Late 2020 (it slipped a year in a matter of a couple of months). This means that an initial estimated 18 month implementation period has now become at least 5 years. This slippage is not a good omen, for this was meant to be the first section of the Coastal Way in the NW to create new access. The official reason for the delay is problems with the contract with Cumbria CC and issues near BNFL Sellafield.

On a positive note the Coastal Way around Walney Island is scheduled to open in Mid Feb, so this will become the first section in the NW to create new access. The official route for this section will be 33km long.

Silecroft to Silverdale: 101km and

Silverdale to Cleveleys 82km –

The reports on the proposed route that we were first expecting in 2017, but have been delayed a few times and were published on the 8<sup>th</sup> Jan., are available at –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-in-the-north-west-of-england>

Comments need to be submitted at the beginning of March, so would appreciate early comments on the proposals.

Note - Allonby to Whitehaven is officially open, being 36km long, although Natural England have admitted that this was an easy section to do, which is the only section in the NW that is officially open. In reality it is possible to walk from Silloth to St Bees on the coast.

David Kelly  
Jan 20