

WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE MINUTES

TRUSTEE MEETING FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2023 AT RHYDYMVN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE,

1. Dave Mackie chaired the meeting and welcomed Secretary June Brady, Michael Fildes, Arwel Roberts, Carole Worger, Peter Kime, Stan Jones, San Knowles and Minutes Secretary Eleanor Woodward.

Apologies received from Neville Howell, Joyce Howell, Buddug Neale and Elizabeth Bolton

2. Minutes of the previous trustee meeting 12th May 2023

The minutes were accepted as accurate, proposer Peter Kime and seconded by Dave Mackie.

3. No Matters arising.

4. Treasurers report

Neville Howell had circulated a copy of his report which showed a balance of £8495.15 in two Lloyd's accounts. He proposed that we stay with these two accounts. An unanimous vote agreed to this proposal.

5. Trustees update.

San Knowles was welcomed as a new Trustee. Arwel Roberts will retire at the next AGM.

Eleanor Woodward and Jennie Hindmarsh were both co-opted to their administrative roles.

6. Web-site update.

Peter Kime in agreement with Michael Fildes has redesigned the web-site to give it a fresher and newer look. Darren Nisbett, Peter's son-in-law looked at how it could be improved. Peter did the new web-site and circulated three test pages to the Trustees in August/September 2023. The feedback was positive.

A general tidy up of the site was undertaken.

The new site is up and running with the Walking programme being more prominent.

June said the Query page was OK.

The size of files to be uploaded including photographs is limited.

Copies of photographs on Facebook are uploaded where appropriate.

Trustees thanked Darren.

Peter Kime is now responsible for updating the web-site.

7. Update on current walks, programme and stats

All current walks are taking place with the exception of Carmel summer walk and Northop.

San Knowles does a moderate 90 minute walk from Queen's Head, Mold on Tuesday at 2pm.

Also the Lixwm April to September Friday pm walk may be moving to the Blue Bell Inn at Halkyn.

Cards and flowers were sent to Gill Harrison as a retiring Trustee.

Stephen Powell is no longer a walk-leader in Mold.

Bob Mossop was badly injured by cattle on a walk with friends, but is now back to walking with Walkabout Flintshire.

Stan Jones is having an operation and is hoping to return to walking.

The September event for walk-leaders was a success and enjoyed by all.

Michael Fildes proposed an annual event for walk-leaders to take place in September 2024, voted on and carried by all present.

Stats for quarter ending September 2023 , 147 walks, 2092 walkers and 10 new walkers.

Chairman thanked June for her report.

8. Marketing material request.

Jennie Hindmarsh requested a new advertising banner as the current one broke at an event she attended and is unsafe. June to liaise with Jennie on type of replacement. A flag type was suggested. San Knowles had received a request for lanyards and T-shirts for walk-leaders. Dave Mackie explained that the cost was excessive when looked at in the past. Also he explained how we receive no funding from any source and our finances have to last for the foreseeable future.

9. Date of next meetings.

Trustee May 2024 , AGM May 2024

Meeting ended 15.00