

Walkabout Flintshire

Minutes of an Open Meeting 2.00 pm on 10th August 2018.

Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.

1. Present.

There were 12 people at the meeting and 3 apologies had been received. The minutes of May 2018 were accepted.

2. Matters arising.

- **Ellie commented (item 7 May meeting) on the video screen in the Bradley's Practice and agreed to contact the practice manager in order to improve the display.**
- **Brian asked for an explanation of the 25% drop in numbers at South Wales walking schemes where a charge had been levied; Neville responded.**
- **Hazel suggested that this meeting could have been publicised via the ticker-tape feature on the website home page.**

3. Finance Report.

The treasurer distributed a copy of the latest balance sheet.

Balance	- £10172.06
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4. Report from Let's Walk Cymru (LWC) meeting.

The secretary gave an overview of the meeting held in Llandrindod Wells.

He reported on the two action points he had been asked to raise.

- He confirmed that LWC did not discourage administering first aid to injured walkers. As a consequence, the secretary had organised two First Aid training days for Walkabout people (via LWC co-ordinator) which had been well received. The secretary was asked to put out a message to all leaders to see if anyone else would be interested. **Action – secretary.**
- **The secretary said that he had downloaded an interactive app (to his smartphone) from the Red Cross website and found it useful. The link was <https://www.redcross.org.uk/first-aid/first-aid-apps> but it was also available via Google Play and the Apple Store.**
- He reported that the Health Questionnaire form was now redundant and had been replaced by a new registration form by LWC. This he had published on the website. It was agreed to have a number printed off and distributed to leaders. **Action secretary.**
- The secretary introduced a red Welsh Ambulance “Medical Information Card” which could be completed and carried by all walkers. This would detail health issues and would be useful to a paramedic in an emergency. It was agreed to ask the ambulance people to do a reprint and that we would offer to pay for the run. **Action secretary.**

5. Mold Food Fair.

The secretary requested that someone take on a lead role for this event in September (although not necessarily from the attendees). After some debate, it was agreed that if no-one stepped forward, the secretary would write to remove us from the festival. The cut off date would be the end of August. **Action secretary to rewrite out to all leaders asking for a volunteer.**

6. Secretary's Post.

There had been no response to the request for someone to take on the secretary's duties now that Peter Kime had resigned. The Chairman pointed out that Peter was continuing in post until a replacement could be found. It was agreed to split the post and have a minutes secretary and a main secretary to lessen the main load.

Action secretary to email all leaders to re-advertise the vacant position.

7. Open session/AOB.

- It was suggested that we organise an annual get together walk as the 15th anniversary walk had been such a success. **Brian Bennet agreed to organise** and that it would take place in April but there would be no refreshments.
- It was noted that Dave Waller had resigned as trustee. Tributes were paid to him for his long standing service to Walkabout and Friends of Walkabout.
- The treasurer commented that he would need to find more signatories for the bank account as both Dave and Peter were leaving the organisation..
- The meeting asked the secretary to invite the LWC co-ordinator to the next meeting. **Action secretary.**
- It was pointed out that there were to errors in the printed programme of walks. The Mold walks should read 60 to 90 minutes rather than 60 & 90 minutes. **Action secretary to correct for next print run.**
- A request was made that the programme header (first page) be in larger type as in earlier versions. **Secretary agreed to see how this could be done with this new software package.**
- The secretary has sent a "Get Well" card to Eileen Drew.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

**Date of next Open Meeting would be Friday 7th December 2018 at 2.00 pm in room 30 (VC room)
Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.**