

Walkabout Flintshire

Minutes of an Open Meeting 2.30pm on 19th February 2018.

Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.

1. Present.

There were 17 people at the meeting and 3 apologies had been received.

2. Minutes of 24th November 2017.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising.

- Talacre parking had not been progressed but the Chairman offered to continue investigating; **ongoing.**
- FCC Nordic walking funding was still being looked into; **ongoing**
- The secretary confirmed that the website renewal had been completed and this would take us to December 2023 at a cost of approximately £80 for those 5 years. **Closed.**

4. Finance Report.

The treasurer reported that all the accounts had been consolidated and the current balance was £10621.32p. Receipts had totalled £411.90p and payments totalled £634.97p

5. WaF Promotion

- **Mold Food and Drink Festival:** The secretary reported that the application forms for 2018 were not yet available on the Food Fair website. He would apply as soon as they were; **ongoing.** It was also suggested that our stand may be better sited near the Cittislow stand.

Other ideas included;

- Joint ventures with other organisations
- Celebrating our 15th “birthday”. It was agreed to organise a “mass walk” in the Flint/Connahs Quay area. Stan Jones (assisted by Michael Fildes) would organise the event whilst Eleanor Woodward agreed to do the publicity. Date would be the 2nd week in April. **The Chairman agreed to find out about parking charges in Flint. The secretary would circulate all leaders to ask for help.**
- Continue with the libraries initiative
- Continuing Tesco and other supermarket venues
- Social Proscribing: it was reported that we had been asked to appoint a single point of contact. It was felt that this was not our responsibility and that the health community should do this.

6. The future of Let's Walk Cymru (LWC)

The secretary reported that he had been to a meeting on the 6th December 2017 in the Elan Valley. Points of interest included;

- All present had received a grant except Walkabout. The secretary had written subsequently and asked for clarification on the criteria for such applications but had not yet received a definitive reply or explanation.
- They were launching a programme of training walk leaders across Wales
- LWC continued to meet with the Welsh government officers.
- LWC were looking to update their image and would be re-launching with a new logo etc.
- Insurance cover would now be extended to March 2018.
- Membership options for WaF were not viable as each did not include insurance cover.

- The legislation for data/personal details recording is changing. LWC will advise and then the secretary will assess if any changes need to be carried out..

7. Open session/AOB.

- Michael Fildes highlighted the problem of Himalayan balsam and that we may be asked to provide volunteers for balsam bashing in the Rhydymwyn Country Park
- The secretary reported that Gwladys Harrison had stepped down as a walk leader. He had written a letter of thanks to her.
- The secretary reported that he had submitted our report to The Charities Commission in November 2017 and had received no queries.
- Dave Waller gave details of a social night being organised by Flintshire Explorers. It is to be held on 22nd June in the Ewloe Social Club. Tickets are to cost £15.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

**Date of next Open Meeting would be 18th May 2018 at 2.00 pm in room 30 (VC room)
Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.**

(Sec's note: trustees meeting would follow on from that meeting, in the same room)