

Walkabout Flintshire

Minutes of an Open Meeting 3.00 pm 29th August 2017.

Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.

1. Present.

There were 14 people at the meeting and 5 apologies.

2. Minutes of 13th June 2017.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Finance Report.

The treasurer reported the following balances;

Scottish Widows account	£ nil
Cheque account	£10595.94p
Cash	£ nil
Total	£10595.94p

Neville had actioned the change of address for the Scottish Widows account.

4. WaF Promotion.

It was felt that if we were to promote Walkabout we must focus on the most effective method. To date some ideas had been progressed and follow below.

- Surgeries: Gill Harrison reported that she and Peter Kime had visited Buckley and Holywell surgeries with limited interest. However, felt that the people we needed to have access to be the practitioners. It was stated that our information was being broadcast at the Pendre surgery in Mold. The Chairman agreed to discuss access to practitioners with the local health board and it was also suggested to contact Karen Chambers at FCC who is responsible for health promotion (Secretary to action) **Peter reported on behalf of Gill that she had been to a GP centre (cluster) meeting in July and would go to 2 more in September and would report back on how these went. Action: Gill**
- Library service: Sandy Macleod had not had time to pursue **however, Peter volunteered to take this over - ongoing.**
- The secretary confirmed that he had approached FLVC to help find new volunteer walk leaders. He had been referred to the Volunteers website where he had registered our "vacancies" and had also created a job description in order to register. **He reported that 3 people had been in touch and asked to go along to a walk or two to find out the practicalities of being a leader. Peter reported that 1 person had dropped out whilst 2 others would go on the training programme. Dave Waller confirmed that the date for the training would be on 25th November in Rhosesmor Village Hall. Close action.**
- **Mold Food and Drink festival. Peter confirmed that we had been given a table at the event and outlined what would happen over the 2 days. He would be drawing up a rota once he had clarified with the organisers, how many passes would be issued to us. He also confirmed that he had received the printing of the additional programmes, flyers and business cards as per an earlier meeting of the trustees. It was also agreed that promotional material for the Friends of the Dee Valley society could be put on our stand at the festival.**

5. Other matters arising

- Victoria from LWC had accepted an invitation to this meeting but had been taken ill. Secretary actioned to re-invite Victoria to our next meeting. **Peter reported that he had done this but she had declined due to there being a meeting in Llandrindod to discuss future funding. Close action.**
 - The changes to the website were discussed. Peter had consulted with DoubleClick who had suggested changes to the content and style of the site. He had also had feedback from Hazel. It was felt by the majority present that improvements had been made although one member thought not.
 - On Facebook, Peter reported that Jenny had taken over management of the page and had set up a new page which was now live. He said that the “old” page would be taken down after the food fair and all banners and documentation would be edited to remove @walkaboutflintshire2015. **The website already directed users to the new page.**
 - Peter said that the website contract was up for renewal in December and asked if Walkabout wanted to continue with it. **This was agreed.** He further said that he would be applying for funding from the Community Chest for money to pay the renewal fee. **Action ongoing secretary.**
 - **It was also agreed that the Chairman hold the access and password for the email and website accounts, in case of emergencies. Secretary to action.**
 - Stan Jones highlighted the problems of parking at Talacre now that charges had been imposed by FCC. **The Secretary to write to the Chief Executive of FCC to ask about extending the first rate of parking from 2 to 3 hours. Secretary had written and received a polite “sorry can’t help” response. Chair to pursue with FCC; ongoing.**
 - As Eunice was unwell, it was questioned who was leading the Mold Community Centre walk and whether this person would be insured. Nev agreed to investigate. Nev found that Ron Coles had stepped in but the walk was vulnerable due to cover. Peter to write out to all leaders asking for support and cover offers; ongoing. **Now resolved with Trish Mossop volunteering to cover. Close action.**
6. Open session/AOB.

6.1 The future of Let’s Walk Cymru (LWC) was debated in order that Peter had some guidance when attending an LWC meeting on 6th September. It was felt that apart from paying for our insurance, little benefit had been gained from LWC.

Recent correspondence from LWC to us had shed little light on the future funding for walking in Wales except to say that LWC funding would end at the end of September this year. It was agreed to write to the Welsh Government to raise our concerns and seek assurances over future support and funding. **Action: Secretary.**

6.2 The secretary passed on the sad news that Howard Green had passed away and that he had sent a condolence card to his widow from Walkabout. Those who had been at the funeral service noted that 50% of the collection would be donated to Walkabout.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

**Date of next Open Meeting would be 24th November 2017 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)