

WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 28th MAY 2021 AT DANIEL OWEN CENTRE, MOLD

1. Chair opened the meeting and welcomed 12 attendees and accepted 6 apologies.

2. Minutes of previous AGM 21st February 2020

The minutes were accepted as accurate. Proposed by Gill Harrison and seconded by Elizabeth Bolton.

3. Chair and Secretary's report

The last opportunity that the Board of Trustees and members had to meet was at the A.G.M. held on Friday 21st February 2020 in the Rhydymwyn Valley Visitors Centre. Although we were aware that Covid-19 had been identified outside the U.K. we had no idea at that time the impact it was going to have on the country and on our Charities operation.

By mid March it had become clear that all aspects of normal daily life was about to change. The number of walkers declined as uncertainty made people avoid meeting others. Subsequently the Government announced a full lockdown and all walks were suspended until further notice. At that time most considered that this would perhaps last a month or so.

The Walkabout Flintshire secretary consulting the Zurich Insurance Company and Ramblers Wales and produced Guidelines for conducting safe lead walks during the Covid pandemic when walk were to be permitted. However, the overriding guidance has been to adhere to the UK and/or Welsh Government rules relating to outdoor gatherings,

All walk leaders were emailed a copy of the Guidelines and also posted on the Walkabout Flintshire website.

During 2020 Trustee and Walk Leader/member meetings were due to be held in April, August and November however these could not be held because of social distancing measures and the number of people meeting together.

All communication between Trustees have been either via email or telephone.

Communication with walkers has been via our Social Media platforms, website and email.

General enquiries from people interested in walking came via the website contact page and social media.

In April a Walk Leader training day had been arranged for 6 prospective new Walk Leaders. This did not go ahead because of lockdown.

As restrictions were lifted a limited numbers of walks restarted in August but it was clear at this point that some popular walks were unable to recommence due to issues such as the risk of underlying illness and age of walkleaders some who were shielding. Walk number size restriction to a maximum of 30 walkers, 2 metre rule and collecting contact trace information are now part of the Walk Leaders role.

The following walks recommenced –

Monday – Mold

Tuesday – Mold

Wednesday – Flint & Caerwys

Thursday - Mold

Friday – Shotton

Saturday – Halkyn & Penyffordd

Another two week Firebreak came into force at the end of October which meant walks were again suspended.

As the year came to an end another Lockdown came into force, with currently no indication when this will be lifted.

During these unprecedented times it has been even more noticeable how important walking is to peoples physical and mental health by being outdoors, and how our walkers have supported one another.

2020 Statistics

260 Walks

3873 Walkers

38 New Walkers

4. Treasurer's report

Neville Howell presented accounts to 31st December 2020 showing a balance of £9360.72.

Expenditure of £273.15. The chair thanked the treasurer for ensuring the accounts were kept accurately and they were verified by Richard Rowley, Accountant.

Full accounts are shown below.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Michael Fildes and seconded by Carole Worger.

5. Election of Trustees

June Brady had approached all walk-leaders for nominations regarding their interest in becoming Trustees. No nominees came forward. She had approached all current Trustees and all agreed to continue in their role.

Dave Mackie - Chairman

Stan Jones

Arwell Roberts

Neville Howell - Treasurer

Joyce Howell

Elizabeth Bolton

Carole Worger

Gill Harrison

Peter Kime

June Brady - Secretary

Michael Fildes

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Jenny Hindmarsh and Eleanor Woodward from the Administration team will continue in their roles

Neville stated the officers had been elected per Constitution at the last Trustee meeting 21st May 2021, and remain the same as 2020.

6. Open session.

June Brady explained that this meeting could not be held at Rhydymwyn Visitor Centre as DEFRA were not allowing more than six persons at a meeting.

Bob Mossop asked about walk-leader training. Neville Howell said he had names for persons wishing to do walk-leader training but needed more attendees to make it viable to do a structured

walk-leader training day.

At the last Trustee meeting various options had been discussed regarding the organisation of a less formal approach to training, see Trustee minutes on web-site.

June Brady and Neville Howell are doing a 'job description' for people who could assist at walks. This job description is to be sent to current walk-leaders for comment.

Dave MacKie said that training and numbers of such assistants must satisfy the conditions in our insurance policy.

Neville asked about social media contacts as he had received photographs from a walker.

Jenny Hindmarsh closely monitors and approves contacts on both Facebook and Twitter.

It was noted that the Walkabout Flintshire Facebook account operates as a closed one.

7. Closing remarks

Dave MacKie thanked everyone for attending and for all their efforts in 2020. He said the social aspects are as important as exercise in our walks, which have been greatly missed during the Covid restrictions

He closed the meeting at 14.22.

Walkabout Flintshire

(WaFI)

CIO No. 1170740

Receipts and Payments

as at 31st December 2020

	As at 31st Dec 2020	Year Ending 31st Dec. 2019
Receipts		
All sources	£0.00	£0.00
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Total	£0.00	£0.00
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Payments		
Secretary's Expenses	-£40.48	-£84.65
FLVC Membership	£0.00	-£15.00
Double Click A5 Flyer Silk paper	-£47.50	£0.00
Meeting Secretary Postage	£0.00	-£2.32
Meeting Secretary Printing	£0.00	-£4.99
Zurich Insurance via Peter Kime	-£113.09	-£113.09
AGM Expenses	-£24.50	£0.00
Birthday Card John Thomas, 80	-£1.79	£0.00
Present Stan Jones, 90	-£45.79	£0.00
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Total	-£273.15	-£220.05
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Surplus Receipts over Payments	-£273.15	-£220.05
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Total	-£273.15	-£220.05
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities - as at-

	31st Dec. 2020	31st Dec. 2019
Lloyds Current Account	£9,360.72	£9,633.87
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Total	£9,360.72	£9,633.87
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Funds		
Balance b/f	£9,633.87	£9,853.92
Surplus Income over Expenditure	-£273.15	-£220.05
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Balance c/f	£9,360.72	£9,633.87
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Commitments		
Secretary's Expenses	£0.00	-£28.56
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	£0.00	-£28.56
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AVAILABLE FUNDS	£9,360.72	£9,605.31
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