

WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE MINUTES

TRUSTEE MEETING FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT RHYDYMVN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE,

1. In the absence of Dave Mackie Neville Howell chaired the meeting and welcomed Secretary June Brady, Michael Fildes, Joyce Howell, Arwel Roberts, Carole Worger, Buddug Neale, Stan Jones, Gill Harrison, Elizabeth Bolton, Peter Kime and Minutes Secretary Eleanor Woodward.

2. Minutes of the previous trustee meeting 6th May 2022

The minutes were accepted as accurate, proposer Peter Kime and seconded by Michael Fildes. At this point Dave Mackie arrived.

3. Matters arising.

Eleanor Woodward and Jenny Hindmarsh were co-opted to the Committee proposer Gill Harrison and seconded by Dave Mackie.

4. Treasurers report

Neville Howell presented the Treasurer's report to 4th November 2022. The balance is £8893.52. Neville pointed out that there was no increase in Zurich insurance costs. In addition he pointed out the charges made by Wepre Park for AGM expenses 2022.

The report was accepted as accurate, proposed by Dave Mackie and seconded by Arwel Roberts.

5. Update on current walks and programme.

June gave the figures for the quarter ending September 2022.

169 walks, 2027 walkers and 19 new walkers.

The walks lost from the programme were Mostyn, Buckley, Talacre and Flint(Monday).

Alterations to the programme have been made on both the web-site and social-media.

These are no Bagillt pm walk in 2023 and a time change for Caerwys walk.

June Brady had received a request from Vicky Thomas for printed programmes.

Peter Kime said that it was not cost-effective to print them as they were soon outdated.

But a printed copy would be given to anyone requesting one.

Stan Jones thinks that social-media is the future and that Jenny Hindmarsh does a very good job.

June said that the web-site is attracting new walkers as well as word of mouth.

Getting assistant walk leaders was still a problem.

After discussion it was decided that June would approach the Social Prescribing team at FLVC and resend flyers to doctors' surgeries for patient information.

The purpose of these is to promote Walkabout Flintshire and attract new walkers

6. Walkabout Flintshire 20th anniversary 2023

At this point Dave Mackie took over as chair.

It was proposed to celebrate with a walk on 21st April 2023, the venue to be Wepre Park.

Refreshments will be available at Wepre Park cafe at walkers own cost, but BRING A PICNIC is suggested as an alternative.

June Brady and Gill Harrison are going to lead the walks assisted by other walk leaders as needed.

Eleanor Woodward to keep a list of attendees.

Badges for this occasion had been looked into.

The cheapest quote for a minimum of 500 badges was £340, it was decided not to go ahead and purchase them.

It was suggested inviting Caroline Thomas and Mark Isherwood to maybe launch or join our walk. Ex walk-leaders and those contacts who helped us in the early days are to be invited .

June to be emailed with names and contact details.

Stephanie Fernley was mentioned by Buddug as a person to contact about the early history of Walkabout Flintshire.

Buddug is getting together photographs taken in the early years.

The event to be advertised beforehand, it was suggested to approach Deeside.com, local Connections magazines and local press.

On the day it would be advantageous to have a local press reporter and photographer.

An open invitation to all is to appear on the web-site.

Also to ask Hawarden community walks and Walkabout Wrexham via their chair to advise their walkers of the event.

The warden at Wepre Park will be approached to give a short pre-walk talk about the history of the Park.

7. 20 at 20 for celebrating walk leaders.

A walk just for Walk Leaders to meet and mingle (possibly out of county) inviting guest walk leader e.g. Duncan

A quiz night,

Ask Hawarden castle if they'd allow us a "real" tour round – they do have guides that do this.

The above three were selected from a list of 20 ideas put forward by Jenny.

This list to be sent to all persons on the walk leader list to enable them to choose which they would like to participate in.

The most popular one will be adopted for a date in 2023.

8. Date of next meeting.

May 2023 tba.

Note AGM date is also May 2023 tba.

Chair wished all Trustees a nice Christmas.

Meeting ended 15.35