

Walkabout Flintshire.

Minutes of Meeting Number 8  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2016.  
Rhydymwyn.

Present.

Dave Mackie Chair	Peter Kime Secretary
Sandy MacLeod Treasurer	Arwel Roberts
Gill Harrison	Stan Jones
Joyce Howell	Liz Bolton
Neville Howell	

Apologies.

Dave Waller      Carole Worger

Minutes of meeting number 7.

The previous minutes were accepted as true record subject to 2 notes;

- Cash in hand was £32.80p rather than £52.80p as stated
- Action to John Mackie should have read Dave Mackie on first item

Charitable Status and Constitution.

The Chairman apologised as he had not progressed this topic due to lack of time. **He agreed to make this a priority and conclude as soon as possible.**

Finance.

Sandy gave an update of the financial position;

- cheque account      £1643.75p
- savings account      £10004.48
- cash in hand      £32.80p

A large sum had been moved from the current account to the savings account as directed by the last open meeting.

Other expenditure included purchasing the banners and hire of the church hall.

Walkabout website and Facebook.

Peter reported that he had set up a Facebook account known as @walkaboutflintshire2015 but this had had to be created as "group" on his personal account. It was receiving plenty of "likes".

The website continued to be popular with over 200 visits in the last month. It was decided to check that our links to other groups had **reciprocal links back to our site. Action: Peter.**

All agreed that we should continue to use both resources to keep in touch with walkers.

### Tabards.

Sandy reported that he had obtained prices from Forresters in Mold in order to compare prices which were;

- £2.95p each unprinted
- £4.95p each with printed logo etc

He reported that this price would drop to £4.50p if we order more than 100 items.

It was agreed that we should supply updated hi-viz vests to all active walkers leaders and that walk leaders could also hold a quantity of spares for casual back-up leaders.

Peter agreed to visit the supplier and buy a vest in all adult sizing and bring them to the next open meeting to check out the quality of their product.

### Headwear.

Neville had found where Denbigh had sourced their hats but had left the information at home – apologies.

It was agreed that hats should be free to leaders but at cost to walkers. Peter would check what was on offer from Forresters and at what price.

However, it was decided that this purchase should be “parked” for the time being.

### Promotion of WaF.

Peter distributed a list of social events in and around the county at which (he thought) we could have a stand. This list also included visiting libraries and surgeries across the county.

There was some discussion about the value of having tables at events because these had proved unproductive in the past. **It was agreed to drop this type of initiative.**

However, there was some enthusiasm for promoting the health aspect of walking and it was agreed that;

- **Dave Mackie should canvass help** at the next meeting of the Community Health Council when the person from Betsi Cadwallader board responsible for GP surgeries would be present
- **Peter to write out to all GP surgeries** (via their practice manager) to see if we could promote WaF and health walking locally.

Other ideas of the use of the pop-up banner could be;

- On show at the start of council meetings
- In Flintshire Connect offices
- Libraries (note: before the meeting, Peter had completed an enquiry form on the FCC website requesting this.)
- Dave Mackie to talk to the officers from Old Peoples' Services at FCC

Sandy asked about an article being published in "Inside Flintshire" magazine. Peter said that he had written the item and it had been published in the latest Deeside edition of the magazine. I was agreed that **Peter ask the editor** to republish in the more widely distributed editions.

#### AOB.

It was agreed that the Holywell Nordic walking leader be given £100 so that he could buy suitable (adjustable) poles. **Action: Sandy.**

Gill asked that we have "Recognising Volunteers Contribution" (sponsored via FLVC) on the agenda of the open meeting; agreed.

It was great sadness that we received a letter of resignation from Sandy who would be giving up his Treasurer post as soon as a replacement could be found. This vacancy would be put to the next open meeting.

Peter told the meeting that he had spoken to Fran Parry recently and learnt that she had been unwell and had also decided to stand down from walk leading. Fran had been a stalwart of Walkabout from the start and had been involved in the walk leader training and especially the Heart Start scheme. Peter would write a letter of thanks.

#### Next committee meeting.

**There was no date agreed and this would be sorted out after the next open meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> September.**