

Walkabout Flintshire.

Minutes of Meeting Number 9
10th January 2017.
Mold

Present.

Dave Mackie Chair
Sandy MacLeod Treasurer
Gill Harrison
Carole Worger

Peter Kime Secretary
Arwel Roberts
Liz Bolton

Apologies.

Dave Waller; Neville Howell; Joyce Howell; Stan Jones

Minutes of meeting number 8.

The previous minutes were accepted as true record.

Charitable Status and Constitution.

The Chairman reported that due to great efforts by Neville and John Gray, the charitable status had been achieved.

Finance.

Sandy gave an update of the financial position referencing an email from Neville;

- cheque account £797.29p
- savings account £10014.31p
- cash in hand £32.80p

Treasurer vacancy.

Neville had volunteered to fill the Treasurer's post and it was decided to recommend this the open meeting (later this evening).

Walkabout website and Facebook.

It was decided to check that our links to other groups had reciprocal links back to our site. **Action: Peter.** Peter had checked all the links and had deleted or amended as appropriate; **close action.**

Tabards.

Peter reported that he had ordered and distributed all the new tabards. Dave Waller agreed to hold the spares. **Close action.**

Promotion of WaF.

Updates on this initiative were as follows:

- **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. Update: due to an oversight this would be done at the next meeting; **ongoing.**
- **Peter to write out to all GP surgeries** (via their practice manager) to see if we could promote WaF and health walking locally. **Update:** he had written to 32 surgeries and had replies from six. Mostly this was to show our logo on the TV screens in surgeries. However, Gill and Peter had done presentations at Buckley and Holywell with limited impact. They also had an invitation to present at Holywell's group meeting in the near future which could be more effective in getting our message across; **ongoing.**
- Peter had had contact with the county library service and it was agreed that Sandy liaise with Buckley library to assess the effectiveness of this. **Action: Peter to confirm contact details.**
- There had been a poor response for volunteers for the county fairs – only 8. This was too few to be viable. It was agreed to try to have a stand at the Mold Food Fair and see if this would be effective. **Action: Peter to complete application form.**

AOB.

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

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. **Update; Peter had done as agreed and also sent a bouquet as directed by the Open Meeting; close.**

Peter reported that Beryl Williams had completed 500 walks and it was agreed that Stan (via Arwel) should present the certificate and badge.

Peter reported that he had seen correspondence form LWC which suggested that funding may not be available to cover our insurance, after March 2017. Therefore he had completed a proposal form to get a quote on how much it would cost to pay for insurance out of our funds. **Action: Peter ongoing.**

Gill said that she knew of a lady who had been trained by Wrexham Walkabout and wished to become a Flintshire leader. **Action: Peter to check her qualifications and report back.**

Next committee meeting.

**The next meeting would be on 10th March 2017 at 14.00 hours in Rhydymwyn.
(subject to the room being free – Nev to organise please)**