

Walkabout Flintshire

Minutes of an Open Meeting 2.30 pm March 10th 2017.

Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.

1. Present.

There were 16 people at the meeting and 8 apologies.

2. Minutes of 10th January 2017.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Finance Report.

The treasurer reported the following balances;

Scottish Widows account	£10014.31p
Cheque account	£797.28p
Cash	£32.80p
Total	£10844.39p

The signatories of the cheque account were confirmed as Peter Kime, Carole Worger and Dave Waller. It was agreed to put the petty cash into the cheque account.

A question was asked about what were proposed to do with such a large amount of money. The Chairman explained that we needed to make a better informed decision once we had more information on our ongoing expenditures.

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 were 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)**
- Library service: Sandy Mac Cleod had not had time to pursue **this but would continue to lead on this.**
- Large retail outlets: Michael Fildes and Ellie Woodward had held three events in Tesco's at Mold and felt that they had been worthwhile with one new walker as result. Mike and Ellie said that they had produced a poster which they would **send to the secretary so that it could be used at other retail outlets.**
- County Fairs: the Secretary had dropped the idea because there had been insufficient support to staff a stand, However, he had applied for a stand at the Mold Food and drink Fair in September 2017.
- 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.

5. Other matters arising

- The secretary confirmed that our insurance cover would continue to March 2018 but after that was not clear. He said that sending in quarterly returns was a condition of continued insurance cover by the LWC policy. It was agreed to invite Victoria Baldwin (Let's Walk Cymru) to our next meeting to discuss this and other possible developments. **Action secretary.**
- The state of the website was raised. The secretary reported that since our last meeting, he had been over the website and had taken out "old" material and now included any special walks on the "News" tab. **It was agreed that Peter and Hazel meet to review the content and image of our website.**
- Stan reported that Fran parry had been delighted with her flowers. It was also noted that Trish Mossop was unwell and it was agreed to send her some flowers. **Secretary to action.**

6. Open session.

- Feed-back from the Mold Tesco promotion was that people with dogs would like to join in. It was agreed after much discussion to propose the following guidelines and circulate this to leaders for comment.
 - a. **Dogs to be under the control of owners at all times**
 - b. **Dogs to be well behaved**
 - c. **Dogs to be kept of a short lead at all times**
 - d. **Dog walkers to walk toward the rear of walkers to avoid upsetting those who do not like dogs**
 - e. **The final decision lays with the walk leader who may decide if the walk is suitable or not, for dogs**
- 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.#**
- Sandy suggested that we might benefit from the Costco local recognition initiative advertised on Dee 106.3 FM local radio. **Secretary to investigate.**
- 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.**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Date of next Open Meeting would be in June 2017 with date and time to be subject to Victoria Baldwin's availability.

(Victoria has responded and the 13th and 14th of June would be suitable)