

Walkabout Flintshire

Minutes of an Open Meeting 7.00 pm 10th January 2017.

St. Mary's Church Hall, King Street, Mold.

1. Present.

There were 13 people at the meeting and 5 apologies.

1a. the meeting opened with a presentation by the Alzheimer's Society and Dementia Friends which highlighted the problems surrounding dementia. It also helped to dispel some myths about dementia during an interactive session.

Useful contacts are;

Care Line: 0300 222 5855

Discussion forum at: forum.alzheimers.org.uk/forum.php

Friends: dementiafriends.org.uk

2. Minutes of 13th September 2016 meeting.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Finance Report.

In the absence of the treasurer the Secretary reported the following balances;

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

The Chairman commented that there is a current vacancy for a Treasurer and asked for any volunteers. The committee recommended Neville Howell and this was agreed unanimously.

4. Charitable Status.

The chairman stated that our case for Charitable Status had been accepted and proposed a vote of thanks to Neville Howell and John Gray (of FLVC). Accepted.

5. WaF Promotion.

- The Secretary reported that he had had 6 responses to his 32 letters to surgeries and that he and Gill Harrison had visited 2 surgeries with limited impact/interest. However, they had been invited to a management meeting in Holywell and would be taking up that offer when the date is known; **ongoing**.
- Regarding the library service, he said that he been in contact with the library service and Sandy Mac Cleod had agreed to lead on this topic: **ongoing**.

- It was suggested that FLVC could be used as a gateway when people approach them to seek volunteer work; Secretary to follow up. Peter said that we had now registered on the FLVC for vacancies, had created a job description and would **follow up with FLVC**.
- A question was raised about hi-viz vests and when they would be available. There followed a discussion about branding, colours and sizing. It was agreed that we would buy 100+ from Forrester's in Mold and the secretary would arrange purchase and distribution. Update: 100 ordered and distributed and spares held by Dave Waller; **close action**.
- It was also agreed that we needed an Asset Register and that the Secretary would set up and maintain one. Secretary reported that he had done this; **close action**.
- Tesco's in Mold had agreed to allow a stand for WaF in their entrance and suggested that the best day be a Wednesday. Michael Fildes would get a list of dates and hand these over to the Secretary to progress. **Update: Michael would be in Tesco's on Wednesday 11th January and would let us know how it went.**

6. Open Session.

- The balance of our funds was of concern to one member and it was observed that (as a charity) we need to be seen spending rather than saving money. The Chairman agreed but said that we also needed to be prudent.
- A question was asked about our insurance cover and its renewal. The Secretary replied that our funding for insurance may stop after March 2017 but he had submitted a proposal form to see how much it would cost from our funds. It was said that Neville Howell was setting up insurance for the Dee Valley charity and he may have an idea of costs.
- The state of the website was raised. It was pointed out that stuff was out of date or difficult to find eg the details of the walk on the 12th was not to be seen on the "news and events" page. (Sec's note: it is published on both the Out-of-town walks and Special walks pages). It was agreed to pass on the feedback to the website owner to see what improvements could be made.
- Gill Harrison reminded the meeting that a note regarding walk leader training had been sent out to all leaders with email addresses

7. AOB.

- The Secretary reported that Fran Parry, a long standing supporter of WaF, had resigned from leading. It was agreed that we send her a bouquet of flowers as a thank you; Secretary to action. Update: bouquet and letter sent: **close action**
- It was also said that Eunice Moore (Parkfield walk Mold) had been ill. It was agreed to send her a get well card from WaF. Card sent: **close action**.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Date of next Open Meeting would be the AGM on the 10th March 2017 at 2.0 pm in Rhydymwyn.