

Walkabout Flintshire

Minutes of an Open Meeting 2.00 pm on 18th May 2018.

Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.

1. Present.

There were 8 people (plus guest speaker Cerys Thomas) at the meeting and 7 apologies had been received. The minutes of February 2018 were accepted.

2. Matters arising.

- Talacre parking had not been progressed but the Chairman offered to continue investigating. **After some discussion it was recognised that no satisfactory conclusion could be made and it was decided to review the situation once the new FCC parking charges had come into force. Discharge.**
- FCC Nordic walking funding was still being looked into; ongoing. **No satisfactory explanation could be obtained so it was decided to close this item. Discharged. (Sec's note: if more poles were to be needed, a grant would be applied for to pay for them)**
- **The secretary confirmed that he had applied for a stall on the Mold Food and Drink Fair for September 2018. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meetings and to seek a volunteer to lead; item to be included on the next meeting's agenda ongoing.**

3. Finance Report.

The secretary reported in the absence of the treasurer.

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| Payments: 15 th anniversary light refreshments - | £372.50p |
| Balance | - £10248.82p |

4. Celebrating our 15th "birthday". Stan reported that the event had been a great success with nearly 130 walkers taking part. It had been widely reported in the local press. Stan was thanked for his hard work in organising the celebration.

5. Cerys Thomas (Director of Resources for Change) was introduced to the meeting. She explained that she was working with FCC to look at the 10 year plan for public footpaths in the county. Issues being reviewed included signage, joining up footpaths, users, infringements and Rights of way. Cerys asked for issues and concerns from those present which she recorded.

She asked if Walkabout could complete an online questionnaire. It was agreed that this would be distributed via the secretary, once he had received the link from Cerys.

6. First Aid Training. Two accident reports had been recorded by Gill and Stan. One was very severe with a walker with heart problems and needing an ambulance to attend. The other was of a walker who had badly gashed a leg. It was agreed to raise this with LWC to clarify the current policy on giving first aid. **Action: secretary.**

7. The secretary reported that he had posted out copies of the Walkabout weekly programme to 30 **GP's surgeries** throughout Flintshire. He had received further contact with one surgery and he was working on a simplified posted to be projected onto the waiting room TV screens.

8. **Data Security under GDPR.** The secretary reported that there was no need for us to register with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) but we were still bound by the legislation. He still had a number (14) outstanding walk leader replies to his email. He was also concerned about the need to collect and store the Health Questionnaire. He was asked to raise this with LWC at the June meeting.

9. Issues for Let's Walk Cymru.
 - Health form completion and storage
 - First Aid Training.

Action: secretary

The secretary read a report from Neville regarding the last LWC meeting. Points were;

- no one else from North Wales was present
- one South Wales organisation had introduced a £10 annual charge and membership had then dropped by 25%
- A new co-ordinator had been appointed for North Wales who had been in touch with us and was hoping to meet asap
- the Welsh Govt. guests had cancelled as they had to attend a meeting in Cardiff

10. Open session/AOB. There were no issues raised.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

**Date of next Open Meeting would be Friday 10th August 2018 at 2.00 pm in room 30 (VC room)
Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve.**

(Sec's note: Trustees meeting would follow on from that meeting, in the same room)