

Walkabout Flintshire

Minutes of an Open Meeting 2pm on 3rd May 2019

Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve

1. Present

17 people attended the meeting and 4 apologies had been received

Chair Dave MacKie did not attend, therefore the Secretary chaired the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting 8th February 2019 were presented and the following changes made.

Item 3 point 5 – LVC should read LWC, point 6 – Enabling Nature grant not given

3. Matters arising

Item 6 – No pictures have been received for the web-site. They may have been put on Facebook. Facebook is still restricted to members, not open to all.

Item 7 – It was agreed not to print any further coloured trifold programmes at the moment. But funding for bilingual programmes to be pursued by Secretary. In the interim the single sheet programme produced by Jenny Hindmarsh could be printed for interested people who do not have access to the Internet. The accuracy of the walk programme was discussed. The website programme along with the single sheet version will contain the most up to date information. Updating is on-going and the most current version is on our website, however it is noted that it still contains some errors

The North Wales Tweets person to be invited to attend the 1st November meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Item 4 – Treasurer's report for Charity Commission has been amended. The reporting period is now annually January – December.

Neville presented his report up to 30th April 2019 showing available funds of £9683.89

5. Review of AGM format

Various suggestions were made to organize better access to the meeting room so encouraging more walkers to attend the AGM. Committee Members and Trustees could wear name badges and introduce themselves and explain their roles to the attendees. The walk before the AGM this year proved very popular, but it was felt that a number of smaller groups would make the visit more manageable. If the weather on the day was very poor an alternative could be to show the war-time video. Also a change of venue to another part of Flintshire could be a consideration.

6. GDPR draft policy had been circulated with the agenda. A vote was taken to accept the document with June Brady named as the Responsible Person. Proposed by Peter Kime and seconded by Vicky Thomas. The result was 12 for with 5 abstentions. The document will be put on the web-site. Peter Kime had rung the Information Commissions Office(ICO) for advice re the data which can be kept by individuals i.e. Trustees and Walk Leaders concerning Walkabout Flintshire walkers. The advice was Keep It Simple. Also ICO stressed the individuals quoted above should complete the Self Test questionnaire on their web-site to check for legality of the proposed records kept. .

7. Guidelines for conduct of walks had also been circulated with the agenda. The guidelines were based on the Walk Leader Training manual produced by LWC. They were accepted with minor alterations, and they will be put on the web-site as agreed at the February meeting. The Attendance sheet/Walk Register is already in use and the Walkers details/New Walker Enrolment is being used by some walks in accordance with GDPR policy.

8. Open session. It was agreed that the Secretary should approach both the Countryside Events Flintshire and Out and About Denbighshire publishers to request an entry for Walkabout Flintshire for the 2020 editions.

Peter Kime reported that Penyffordd walks were going ok.

Trustees felt it would be beneficial to meet prior to the quarterly meetings to discuss specific agenda items and to elect officers. It was suggested that a meeting of Trustees be held 2 weeks prior to main meeting if necessary. Trustees to contact with Secretary with agenda item/s for these meetings. Secretary asked about cyclical appointments for officers. Neville Howell replied that at present the Governing documents do not allow this to occur, and maybe it is a matter for Trustees to discuss in the future.

9. There being no other business the meeting closed at 15.36.

The next meetings will be held on

Friday 2nd August 2019

Friday 1st November 2019

Friday 7th February 2020 AGM

All meetings times and places to be advised