

WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE MINUTES

TRUSTEE MEETING FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT RHYDYMVN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE,

1. Dave Mackie chaired the meeting and welcomed Secretary June Brady, Michael Fildes, Carole Worger, Peter Kime, Buddug Neale, Elizabeth Bolton, Mike Belais and Minutes Secretary Eleanor Woodward.

Apologies received from Neville and Joyce Howell, San Knowles and Stan Jones who is in Marleyfield.

2. Welcome Mike Belais

Chair welcomed Mike as a new Trustee. Mike gave a brief background as to how he became interested in Walkabout Flintshire and became a walk leader in Mold.

3. Minutes of the previous trustee meeting 3rd May 2024

The minutes were accepted as accurate and approved by show of hands.

4. Matters arising.

June updated on item 6 Marketing materials. Jennie no longer does Health and Safety work so no need for a banner.

Business cards were printed and distributed at the AGM, a successful outcome.

June updated on item 7 Walk grading. She had contacted all walk leaders re walk grading and risk assessments and asked for feedback. Dave Mackie said he will approach Buckley Town Council again re promoting walks in Buckley.

5. Treasurers report

Neville Howell's submission is as follows due to illness.

The figure of £8,528.87 shown in the minutes of our May meeting was after an unpaid commitment of £22.50, so the actual total was £8,551.37 comprising £975.85 in the Current, Chequebook Account and £7,575.52 in the Savings Account.

The Savings Account has since earned interest of £51.70, giving a new balance of £7,627.22.

The Current Account has since paid out a total of £325.36, giving a new balance of £650.49.

Which jointly totals £8,277.71.

Expenditure was on Printing, Insurance, Secretarial and Refreshments for Walk-Leaders walk; full details later.

The 2023 Annual accounts were examined by fellow trustee Sandra Knowles on 14th May 2024.

This report was read out by chair who explained to Mike Belais that Walkabout Flintshire is a charity and the implications of such to our finances.

Mike Belais asked why T-shirts for walk leaders were not bought out of funds as they are in Hawarden walks. June explained why they were not provided as our funds are our total assets with no income.

Mike Belais will see how much Hawarden walks paid for their T-shirts.

Buddug said a company in Connahs Quay could put a logo on T-shirts minimum order 4 at a cost of £10 each.

June holds the stock of tabards. The tabards are L and XL only. If they require a different size Minutes of 6th May 2022 stated new walk leaders will be asked to buy their own and will be reimbursed.

Peter Kime suggested walk leaders to be charged for T-shirts, which met with a No from the other Trustees.

6. Trustees update.

As stated above Stan Jones is resident in Marleyfield but wishes to remain a Trustee.

Neville is out of hospital and recovering at home.

7. Update on current walks, leaders and September walk-leaders event.

2024 January to September 385 walks 5668 walkers 51 new walkers

September walk-leaders event

Greenfield Valley Heritage Park was the venue on a very wet Sunday. The turn-out was very low due to the weather and maybe Sunday was not a good choice.

5 yearly or annually were suggested Buddug suggested bi-annually which was agreed. A short discussion decided Wepre Park 2025 Friday afternoon for walk leaders and walkers.

Mold Tuesday pm slow walk.

Gareth Parry did this but is currently recovering from illness. Meanwhile a man has been doing the walk who does not wish to be part of Walkabout Flintshire. Therefore he is not covered by insurance. The walk to be removed from the programme ASAP. It is not known whether those who walk with him know that he is not a Walkabout Flintshire walk leader and that he is not covered by our insurance. June to contact this man with a disclaimer to protect Walkabout Flintshire and make walkers aware.

8. Special and extra walks on social media etc.

Peter Kime asked for details of extra walks so that he can advertise them on X, Facebook and our web-site. June to contact walk leaders re extra walk details and the walk leaders to forward them to Peter, if they want them advertised. June was concerned that non-regular walkers may not be equipped to complete the walks. Good details and grades for each walk will be needed to advertise them correctly.

9. AGM 2025 location ideas and suitable walk.

AGM 2025 May Wepre Park

10. Date of next meetings.

Trustee May 2025, AGM May 2025 , Trustee November 2025

Chair closed meeting 3.15pm.

Meeting ended 15.15

