

WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 24th MAY 2024

RHYDYWYN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE

1. Chair opened the meeting and welcomed 27 attendees and accepted 5 apologies.

2. Minutes of previous AGM 26th May 2023

The minutes were accepted as accurate. Proposed by Mike Fildes and seconded by Carol Worger.

The Minutes were taken to a vote and passed unanimously.

3. Chair's report

WELCOME

As you will know the aim of Walkabout Flintshire is to provide free volunteer led walks and Nordic walking in a variety of locations throughout the county.

Last year walks were held in Mold on Monday's and Tuesday's , Flint, Halkyn, Caerwys, Holywell, Shotton, Penyffordd, Llanasa and Caerwys with additional special walks and out of town walks undertaken and Nordic Walking in Greenfield.

536 walks were undertaken, with 7633 walkers taking part and we welcomed 78 new walkers.

Walkabout Flintshire also held special out of town walks, including walks around Chester, Sychdyn, Gwernymynydd, Hope and Caergwrle, Greenfield Valley and the monthly Mold out of town walks. The out of town walks have proved very popular.

We would like to say a very special thank you to the most important members of Walkabout Flintshire, these are all the walk leaders and back up leaders who turn out in all weathers to ensure that walks take place. This gives us all an opportunity to enjoy shared physical activity as well as benefiting everyone's good mental health. Having a chat, meeting old and new friends all contributes to our good physical and mental wellbeing. Many walks end with a visit to a pub or café to socialise after the walk as well. You may already be aware that Doctor's are prescribing walking as a well-being activity and social prescribing is becoming more widespread.

2023 was also a very special year for Walkabout Flintshire as we celebrated its 20th Anniversary. This was celebrated with a special walk in Wepre Park, Connahs Quay. An excellent turn out of current and past walkers ensured that everyone had a fantastic time. Walkers were able to enjoy a choice of two graded walks followed by a picnic at the Visitor's Centre.

One walk went to Ewloe Castle and shorter walk around Wepre Park. 75 to 80 walkers took part and even local people expressed surprise at how nice this park is, as some had never visited it before. There was also a display of Walkabout Flintshire memorabilia in the Visitors Centre for everyone to enjoy.

In 2023 we also had a special event to celebrate and thank our wonderful walk leaders. A walk was arranged to visit the ground of Hawarden Castle woods followed by refreshments at the Gladstone Library. It was a fantastic opportunity for all our walk leaders to get together.

The Trustees would like to give a special thanks to the following who help to ensure the smooth running of our Charity

Jenny Hindmarsh who administers our social media accounts, FaceBook and Twitter

Peter Kime who maintains and updates the new look website which includes the walk programme on the home page

Neville Howell who is our Treasurer

Ellie Woodward our Minute Secretary

Dave Mckee our Chair

June Brady our Secretary

Gill Harrison an original founding Trustee resigned this year, and the Trustee's would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to Walkabout Flintshire. We have not lost her altogether as she continues to be a walk leader at Halkyn and Shotton.

We also welcomed San Knowles as a new Trustee, San is already well known to many of us as she has been walking with Walkabout for a number of years in Halkyn and beyond.

This year the Trustees made a decision to reduce the number of Trustee meetings from 4 to 2 a year, so now they are being held in May and November. If you know of anyone who maybe interested in helping shape the future of Walkabout Flintshire please ask them to get in touch. Our aim is to continue growing our Charity but for this we need new and 'younger' people coming forward who are willing to take ownership of our existing walks in the future and develop new walking groups.

I would like to thank you all for coming today, and hope that in 12 months time I am able to give you positive news moving forward.

4. Treasurer's report

Neville Howell presented accounts to 31st December 2023 showing a balance of £8519.07. Expenditure of £279.75 included Insurance.

The accounts were examined by San Knowles.

Monies had been transferred to a new deposit account at Lloyds providing interest income.

The chair thanked the treasurer for ensuring the accounts were kept accurately..

Full accounts are shown below.

These were voted on and passed.

Chair thanked Neville on behalf of all attending and said that Treasurers are hard to find for charities, a role to be avoided!!

5. Retirement of Trustees

Arwel Roberts has retired after serving for many years as a Trustee and walk-leader.

June Brady gave thanks on behalf of Walkabout Flintshire and presented Arwel with a card and gift.

Neville thanked Arwel on behalf of all the Mold walkers.

6. Election of Trustees

June had approached all current Trustees and those listed below agreed to continue in their role.

Dave Mackie - Chairman
Stan Jones
Neville Howell - Treasurer
Joyce Howell
Elizabeth Bolton
Carole Worger
Peter Kime
June Brady - Secretary
Michael Fildes
Buddug Neale
San Knowles

Jenny Hindmarsh and Eleanor Woodward from the Administration team will continue in their roles

7. New Trustees.

- . June Brady had approached all walk-leaders for nominations regarding their interest in becoming Trustees. No nominees came forward.
- . She requested that anyone who maybe interested in the future to come and attend the next Trustee Meeting to learn about the role. Trustee meetings are held in May and November and advertised on the web-site.

8. Open session.

Walkabout Flintshire information has been printed on business type cards. These were available to take away from the meeting. They can be placed on notice-boards etc and handed to anyone expressing interest about the walks. Walk-leaders can obtain cards from June.

9. Closing remarks

Dave Mackie thanked everyone for attending and for all their efforts in 2023. He said the social aspects are as important as exercise in our walks.
He closed the meeting at 14.30.

Walkabout Flintshire

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CIO No. 1170740

Receipts and Payments as at 31st December 2023

	Year Ending 31st Dec 2023	Year Ending 31st Dec 2022
Receipts		
All sources	£0.00	£0.00
Dormant Savings Account	£0.03	
Interest on Savings Account	£43.19	
Donation fro Harry & Lin	£10.00	
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Total	£53.22	£0.00
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Payments		
Secretary's Expenses	£0.00	-£12.64
Double Click Copying	-£9.90	-£22.00
Zurich Insurance	-£113.09	-£113.09
AGM Refreshments	-£12.32	-£63.00
AGM Stationery	£0.00	-£18.99
Wepre Park Room Hire	£0.00	-£51.50
Cards for Walk Leaders	-£1.49	-£2.49
Daniel Owen Centre Room Hire	£0.00	-£14.50
Website & Domain renewal, via Mike Fildes, 5 years	£0.00	-£94.70
Anniversary, 20th	-£23.34	£0.00
Gift for Retiring Trustee	-£16.59	£0.00
Flowers for Meetings Secretary (co-opted)	-£10.00	£0.00
Walk Leaders Event	-£146.24	£0.00
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Total	-£332.97	-£392.91
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Surplus Receipts over Payments	-£279.75	-£392.91
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Total	-£279.75	-£392.91
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities - as at-

	31st Dec 2023	31st Dec 2022
Lloyds Current Account	£975.85	£8,798.82
Lloyds Savings Accoiunt	£7,543.22	£0.00
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Total	£8,519.07	£8,798.82
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Funds		
Balance b/f	£8,798.82	£9,191.73
Surplus Income over Expenditure	-£279.75	-£392.91
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Balance c/f	£8,519.07	£8,798.82
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Commitments

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Total Commitments £0.00

AVAILABLE FUNDS £8,519.07

