Walkabout Flintshire

Trustees Meeting Rhydymwyn Country Park 2nd May 2025

Present.

Dave Mackie (Chair) June Brady (Secretary) Nev Howell (Treasurer)

Joyce Howell Carole Worger San Knowles

Peter Kime (Minutes)

Apologies.

Buddug Neale Michael Fildes Eleanor Marleyfield

Mike Belairs

1. Remembering Stan Jones.

The trustees stood in silence in honour of Stan Jones who had died recently then shared their memories of one of the founding members of Walkabout.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising.

June confirmed that she had contacted all walk leaders and that the weekly programme had been updated and posted on the website.

Mike Belairs had provided written details of costs and suppliers (obtained from the Hawarden group) to June. There followed a discussion on the merits and demerits of providing Walkabout branded tee/polos shirts at nil cost to all walk leaders. It was agreed to defer a decision until Mike Belairs was able to present his ideas and further details on costings.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Neville presented the latest figures and these were accepted by the meeting.

5. Trustees Update.

Neville and Joyce Howell confirmed that they would be stepping down at the next AGM. This meant that there would be three vacancies for trustees which the secretary would publicise before the next AGM (16th May 2025).

San agreed to accept nomination for the Treasurer post with Peter helping manage the spreadsheet inputs.

6. Website.

Peter reported that he had been obliged to upgrade the website in order to maintain the ownership of the Walkabout Flintshire domain name. The annual charge would be £45.78 ongoing. However, he would now be able to see the number of visitors etc via the new "analytics" feature. He concluded that there was a healthy interest in the website with daily visits in the order of 10 visits and 30 pages accessed.

7. Walking Statistics.

June reported that for year ending March 2025 the figures were;

498 walks with 7374 walkers and 73 new walkers. The return for the first quarter followed this trend at 120 walks with 2155 walkers and 21 new walkers joining.

8 Rhydymywn Site Stakeholder Representation.

Neville said that as he would be stepping down from Walkabout, we needed a new representative on this forum. Peter agreed to attend the next meeting on the 20th May 2025 and June would take this on in the future.

9. Walk Leader Walk.

June suggested that this could take place in September and be in the early evening to accommodate those who work during the day.

10. Next Meetings.

The next meeting would be on the 16th of May 2025 at Wepre Park starting at 14.00 hours. The next Trustees meetings were confirmed as November 2025 and May 2026.