

WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE MINUTES

TRUSTEE MEETING FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024 AT RHYDYMVN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE,

1. Dave Mackie chaired the meeting and welcomed Secretary June Brady, Michael Fildes, Arwel Roberts, Carole Worger, Peter Kime, San Knowles, Neville Howell, Joyce Howell, Buddug Neale, Elizabeth Bolton and Minutes Secretary Eleanor Woodward.
Apologies received from Stan Jones at home but not well enough to attend.

2. Minutes of the previous trustee meeting 3rd November 2023
The minutes were accepted as accurate and approved by show of hands.

3. Matters arising.

Item 8 T-shirts for walk-leaders.

June had applied for a grant to cover the cost. However as this was not for a new initiative we did not fit the criteria for the grant.

4. Treasurers report

Neville Howell presented two sets of accounts one set for AGM and charity commission year ending 31st December 2023 balance £8519.07 and the second set for Trustees account ending 3rd May 2024 balance £8528.87. It was suggested that the accounts were independently examined. San Knowles offered to do this as she has the relevant experience. The reports were passed by an unanimous vote.

5. Trustees update.

No one has shown interest in becoming a Trustee. With Arwel Roberts retiring at the next AGM another signature is required for the bank account. Liz Bolton volunteered to be the new signatory.

6. Marketing materials.

June had spoken to Jennie regarding replacing the banner. Jennie said she did not want the flag type. June is waiting for Jennie to make other suggestions.

(The long banner had got water damage and the pull-up one had broken)

The question was asked what events has Jennie got coming up, she takes our banner as part of her Health and Safety work to promote Walkabout Flintshire.

Peter Kime suggested having some business cards printed with minimum details including logo, web-site and social media.

This was seconded by San Knowles.

At June's discretion re numbers (500 suggested) she will email Trustees to advise the cost and hopefully if it is agreed we will have them for the AGM.

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

2023 536 walks 7633 walkers 78 new walkers 40 active walk-leaders 1 walk-leader retired

2024 January to March 114 walks 1730 walkers 22 new walkers

Walk grading needs updating re stiles, hills etc

Risk assessments are done by walk-leaders, but dynamic risk assessment is often necessary on the day due to changing weather conditions.

June to do new walk grading.

A way to promote a new walk in Buckley and enable us to obtain a grant was suggested.
Dave Mackie to approach Buckley Town Council re promoting walks in Buckley.
There are two out of town walks planned from Flint and Mold to promote a walk in Buckley and maybe encourage a new or existing walk-leader to take it on.

Liz Bolton suggested a walk for people with disabilities.
This has been done before but not recently.

September walk-leaders event
Greenfield Valley Heritage Park was suggested.
June to check if the cafe would be available on a Sunday.

8. AGM 2pm 24th May 2024 at Rhydymwyn Valley meeting room followed by a 60 minute site walk led by Neville.

9. Date of next meetings.
Trustee November 2024 and May 2025, AGM May 2025

Meeting ended 15.15