

# **WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE**

## **MINUTES**

***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 16th MAY 2025***

***VISITORS CENTRE, WEPRE PARK, CONNAHS QUAY***

1. Chair opened the meeting and welcomed 12 attendees and accepted 2 apologies.
2. Minutes of previous AGM 24th May 2024  
The minutes were accepted as accurate. Proposed by Carol Worger and seconded by Joyce Howell.

The Minutes were taken to a vote and passed unanimously.

3. Chair's report

Before we start this meeting I would say that very sadly earlier this year we lost Stan Jones a founding Trustee of Walkabout Flintshire and walk leader for many years in Talacre. He was a passionate advocate of walking for good physical and mental well being. He will be missed by all who greatly by all who knew him.

A two minute silence was held in memory of Stan Jones, a founder member who passed away recently.

Welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Walkabout Flintshire. As a registered charity the Trustee's report our activities and financial position to the members and the Charity Commission. As you will know the aim of Walkabout Flintshire is to provide free volunteer led walks and Nordic walking in location throughout the county.

Firstly we are happy to say that last year we held 498 walks with 7374 walkers attending and we welcomed 73 new walkers. The number of walkers participating in the walks are very similar year on year.

All our walks are totally dependent on our dedicated team of walk leaders and back leaders and without them none of our walks could take place. Walkers can choose not to come along if the weather is bad but our leaders are always there for you. You may not be aware but some even arrange their holidays so as not to clash with their responsibilities. Every year we take this opportunity to say a very special thank you to the most important members of Walkabout Flintshire namely our walk leaders and back up walk leaders who ensure that the walk run smoothly. I am sure you will agree that the opportunity to enjoy shared physical activity, having a chat, making new friends is an excellent way to ensure good physical and mental well-being.

The Trustees would like to give a special thank you to the following who ensure the smooth running of our Charity –

Jenny Hindmarsh who administers our Facebook and X accounts

Peter Kime who maintains and updates the new look website which includes the popular Walks Programme

Neville Howell who has been our Treasurer since the formation of the Charity

Ellie Woodward our Minute Secretary

Dave McKee our Chair

June Brady our Secretary

Our aim as always to offer a range of walks throughout Flintshire, unfortunately we have been unable to find walk leaders to restart the Buckley and Talacre walks. If you know of anyone who is interested even if its only once a month, please have a word with one of the Trustees.

During the summer months additional extra special walks and out of town walks are held and these as in previous years have proven very popular.

The Trustee's have looked at various ways to promote our activities and it was agreed by the Trustee's to produce branded business cards for walk leaders so that if any one showed an interest in joining then they could pass on a card with our contact details. The walk programme has been updated to reflect changes in walk grades etc. We also have flyers and posters which can be provided on request.

In September a thank you walk for walk leaders was held Greenfield Valley followed by refreshments in the visitors centre. This will now be a bi- annual event.

The Trustee's hold two meeting annually to discuss the running of the organisation and this year Mike Belairs a walk leader at Penyffordd expressed an interest in becoming a Trustee. We very much welcome Mike's contribution to the committee. We now have vacancies on the committee so if you or any body you know who is interested in contributing to the sustainability of Walkabout Flintshire, please have a word with one of the Committee. As said previously in order to keep our Charity continuing we will be needing new and younger people coming forward to take ownership of our existing walks in the future and develop new groups.

Finally I would like to thank you for coming along today, and look forward to another 12 months of successful walking.

Thank you

#### 4. Treasurer's report

Neville Howell presented accounts to 31st December 2024 showing a balance of £8273.81.

The accounts were examined by San Knowles.

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

Neville pointed out that it costs £46 per annum to update the website.

Website costs are paid 5 yearly so do not appear on these accounts.

Full accounts are shown below.

These were voted on and passed.

#### 5. Retirement of Trustees

Neville and Joyce Howell retire today as founder Trustees.

Dave Mackie gave thanks on behalf of Walkabout Flintshire and presented them with gifts.

He said that he had known them for many years both as a neighbour and a friend.

Neville thanked everyone and said how he had enjoyed it all.

He then went on to explain the background to the current funds.

In 2010 he and Dave Mackie spoke with Flintshire County Council when the Government grant expired. They obtained a lump sum of £7000 from FCC and Friends of WAF donated £4500 which they had fund raised by holding events.

#### 6. Election of Trustees

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

Dave Mackie - Chairman

Elizabeth Bolton

Carole Worger

Peter Kime

June Brady - Secretary

Michael Fildes

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San Knowles - Treasurer as from the date of this meeting

Mike Belairs elected and welcomed as a Trustee

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.

No comments.

#### 9. Closing remarks

Dave Mackie thanked everyone for attending and for all their efforts in 2024. 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 2024****31/12/2024**

Year Ending 31st Dec 2024	Year Ending 31st Dec 2023
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**Receipts**

All sources		
Found in Dormant Savings Account		£0.03
Interest on Savings Account	£89.85	£43.19
Donation Harry & Lin		£10.00
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Total	£89.85	£53.22
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**Payments**

Secretary's Expenses	-£6.00	£0.00
Double Click Business Cards	-£69.00	£0.00
Double Click Copying	-£26.50	-£9.90
Anniversary Spend 15th /20th	£0.00	-£23.34
Zurich Insurance	-£113.09	-£113.09
Meeting Refreshments AGM/Trustees	-£18.52	-£12.32
Present Gill	£0.00	-£16.59
Flowers Ellie	£0.00	-£10.00
Cards for Walk Leaders	-£30.00	-£1.49
Walk Leaders Event	-£72.00	-£146.24
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Total	-£335.11	-£332.97
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Surplus Receipts over Payments	-£245.26	-£279.75
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Total	-£245.26	-£279.75
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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities - as at-**

3rd May 2024	31st Dec 2023
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Lloyds Current Account	£640.74	£975.85
Lloyds Savings Account	£7,633.07	£7,543.22
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Total	£8,273.81	£8,519.07
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**Funds**

Balance b/f	£8,519.07	£8,798.82
Surplus Income over Expenditure	-£245.26	-£279.75
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Balance c/f	£8,273.81	£8,519.07
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**Commitments**

None known	£0.00
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Total Commitments	£0.00
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AVAILABLE FUNDS	£8,273.81
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