

**WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2026**

RHYDYMWYN VALLEY CENTRE MEETING ROOM

1. Chair opened the meeting and welcomed 18 attendees and accepted 7 apologies.
2. Guest Speaker, Stuart Jones, Footpaths, Access and Natural Environment Officer from Flintshire County Council spoke about his role and was followed by a Questions & Answers session.
3. Minutes of previous AGM 16th May 2025 The minutes were accepted as accurate. Proposed by Carol Worger and seconded by Peter Kime. The Minutes were taken to a vote and passed unanimously.

4. Chair Report

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 486 walks with 8260 walkers attending and we welcomed 79 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. 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 volunteers who ensure the smooth running of our Charity (listed)

Our aim as always to offer a range of walks throughout Flintshire, however as in previous years we have unfortunately due to health issues and the loss of a walk leader we no longer have programmed walks in Holywell, but friends walks still continue.

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 purchase yellow polo tops for walk leaders. 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.

The Trustee's hold two meeting annually to discuss the running of the organisation and this year a walk leader expressed an interest in becoming a Trustee. We very much welcome their 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.

5. Treasurer's Report

Carole Worger presented the Annual Accounts with copies available for attendees

Opening Balance Current Account Jan 2025 £640.74

Opening Balance Savings Account Jan 2025 £7633.07

Interest £ 60.71

Annual Expenditure £376.23

Balance at 31 December 2025 £7693.78

The Chair thanked Sandra and Carole for the clear presentation of the accounts.

6. Retirement of Trustees

None during this period

7. Elections of Trustees/Co-Opted Trustees

June has approached all current Trustees and they have agreed to continue in their roles

Jenny Hindmarsh and Eleanor Woodward have agreed to continue in their administration roles.

8. Invite interested New Trustees

No nominations have come forward

9. Open Session

A general question and answer session followed covering expenditure and marketing/promotions of the walks.

10. Closing Remarks

Dave Mackie thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to another year of good physical activity.

He closed the meeting at 15.15