

# **WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE**

## **MINUTES**

### ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 26th MAY 2023***

#### ***RHYDYWYN VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE***

1. Chair opened the meeting and welcomed 15 attendees and accepted 2 apologies.

2. Minutes of previous AGM 20th May 2022

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 and Secretary's report

Thankfully 2022 was a year when Walkabout Flintshire was able to once again resume walks to the same level as pre Covid times. Sadly due to lack of numbers it was decided to discontinue the Monday evening Bagillt walk. We would like to especially thank John and Vicky Thomas for their support in leading these walks over the past years.

Positively, other weekly walks are still continuing in Mold (Monday and Tuesday), Flint, Halkyn, Caerwys, Holywell, Shotton, Penyffordd, Llanasa and Caerwys with additional special walks undertaken and also Nordic Walking in Greenfield. Regular summer only walks are held in Lixwm and Carmel.

In 2022 Walkabout Flintshire led 597 walks, with 7963 walkers taking part and we welcomed 141 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 special thank you to the most important members of Walkabout Flintshire, all the walk leaders and back up leaders who turn out in all weathers to ensure that walks take place allowing us all to enjoy shared physical activity as well as benefiting everyone's good mental health.

You may already be aware that Doctor's are prescribing walking as a well-being activity and social prescribing is becoming more widespread.

2023 is a special year for Walkabout Flintshire and by the time we are holding our AGM we will have already celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a walk in Wepre Park.

The Trustees want to give a special thanks to the volunteers who

- Administer our social media - FaceBook and Twitter accounts.
- Maintain and update the website
- Treasurer

- Minute Secretary
- Chair
- Secretary

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, so 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.

Special thanks to June for all of her help and assistance.

#### 4. Treasurer's report

Neville Howell presented accounts to 31st December 2022 showing a balance of £8798.82. Expenditure of £207.79 included Insurance and Website and Domain renewal.

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

Full accounts are shown below.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Arwel Roberts and seconded by Brian Bennett.

These were voted on and passed.

#### 5. Retirement of Trustees

Gill Harrison has retired as a Trustee, but will still be a walk-leader and offered her help in any way she can.

#### 6. Election of Trustees

.June Brady had approached all walk-leaders for nominations regarding their interest in becoming Trustees. No nominees came forward. She had approached all current Trustees and those listed below all agreed to continue in their role.

Dave Mackie - Chairman

Stan Jones

Arwel Roberts

Neville Howell - Treasurer

Joyce Howell

Elizabeth Bolton

Carole Worger

Peter Kime

June Brady - Secretary

Michael Fildes

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

The chair thanked all Trustees.

7. Invite interested New Trustee to attend next Trustee Meeting to learn about role .

Sam Knowles introduced herself as a prospective new Trustee. She started walking in 2012 and has led a walk on occasions. She walks throughout the week on various Walkabout Flintshire locations.

She was invited to attend the next Trustee meeting in November.

8. Open session.

Sam Knowles asked again, as she did at the AGM 2022, about T-shirts for walk-leaders, as there are funds available for them.

Neville Howell replied that costings had been looked into previously and the Trustees had decided against purchasing them. The Trustees felt that tabards were easily recognizable by the public and walkers alike. Tabards are issued to all walk-leaders.

Brian Bennett asked about the Insurance, and where could he obtain a copy. He was advised that there was a copy on the web-site. Neville explained that it was for walk-leaders only and covered them for Public Liability only.

Gareth Parry stated that Stephen Powell had ceased to be a Mold Tuesday afternoon walk-leader after many years. He asked the Trustees to send him a thank you for all his years of service.

Gareth also said nobody wants to help as walk-leader but they are happy to be back-up.

Peter Kime asked about investing our money in a Savings Account, as discussed at the last Trustee Meeting. This is being explored by Neville, who will report back at the next Trustee Meeting in November.

9. Closing remarks

Dave Mackie thanked everyone for attending and for all their efforts in 2022. 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 2022

	Year Ending 31st Dec 2022	Year Ending 31st Dec 2021
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
All sources	£0.00	£0.00
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Total	£0.00	£0.00
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<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Secretary's Expenses	-£12.64	-£36.40
Double Click Copying	-£22.00	£0.00
Zurich Insurance	-£113.09	-£113.09
AGM Refreshments	-£63.00	£0.00
AGM Stationery	-£18.99	£0.00
Wepre Park Room Hire	-£51.50	£0.00
Cards for Walk Leaders	-£2.49	£0.00
Daniel Owen Centre Room Hire	-£14.50	-£19.50
Website & Domain renewal, via Mike Fildes, 5 years	-£94.70	£0.00
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Total	-£392.91	-£168.99
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Surplus Receipts over Payments	-£392.91	-£168.99
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Total	-£392.91	-£168.99
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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities - as**

**at-**

31st Dec  
2022

31st Dec  
2021

Lloyds Current Account

£8,798.82

£9,191.73

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Total

£8,798.82

£9,191.73

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**Funds**

Balance b/f

£9,191.73

£9,360.72

Surplus Income over Expenditure

-£392.91

-£168.99

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Balance c/f

£8,798.82

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