

WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 20th MAY 2022

WEPRE PARK VISITORS CENTRE CH5 4HL

1. Chair opened the meeting and welcomed 26 attendees and accepted 4 apologies.

2. Minutes of previous AGM 28th May 2021

The minutes were accepted as accurate. Proposed by Gill Harrison and seconded by Elizabeth Bolton.

3. The Minutes were taken to a vote and passed unanimously.

4. Chair and Secretary's report

As 2021 started Walkabout Flintshire were following Welsh Government Covid guidelines and therefore no walks were undertaken in the first quarter (Jan to Mar). It wasn't until week commencing 26th April that restrictions were lifted and again we could walk as organised groups. Walks began in Mold (Monday and Tuesday), Flint, Halkyn, Caerwys, Holywell, Shotton, Penyffordd, Llanasa and Caerwys with additional special walks undertaken. Our Trustees were able to meet and an Annual General Meeting was held on 20th May.

As a number of walk leaders retired during 2020 we have been actively seeking replacement Walk leaders to restart the walks in Buckley and Talacre but unfortunately nobody came forward. The walks in Flint on Monday, Mold Parkfields and Mostyn no longer take place. The only evening walks have been in Halkyn, but others may restart in 2022.

In order to try to recruit new walk leaders it was decided by the Trustees to introduce an opportunity for walkers to become back-up walk leaders without having to undertake a formal training session. This has resulted in 5 back-up walk leaders being included on the insurance policy list.

As 2021 came to an end the Welsh Government announced that activities outdoors were limited to 50 and indoor limited to groups of 6.

In 2021 Walkabout Flintshire led 327 walks, with 4782 walkers taking part and we welcomed 71 new walkers. Walkabout Flintshire also held 6 special out of town walks.

The Trustees want to give a special thanks to the following -

Jenny Hindmarsh who continues to administer our social media - FaceBook and Twitter accounts.

Mike Fildes who maintains and updates the website

Neville Howell continues as Treasurer

Ellie Woodward for her role as Minute Secretary

Cllr Dave Mackie as Chair

June Brady as Secretary

And finally and most importantly to all the walk leaders and back up leaders who turn out in all weathers and who have again had to adhere to the challenges of changing guidelines.

Looking forward 2023 is a special year for Walkabout Flintshire as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, we hope to plan an event to bring us all together.

5. Treasurer's report

Neville Howell presented accounts to 31st December 2021 showing a balance of £9191.73.

Expenditure of £168.99 included Secretary's expenses, Insurance and room hire.

Neville pointed out the fees for The Daniel Owen Centre meetings as the free room at DEFRA, Rhydymyn was not available due to Covid.

Brian Bennet asked if it was a legal necessity to have insurance.

Neville replied that yes it was necessary to be insured to cover walk leaders.

Dave Mackie said insurance is needed in all walks of life e.g. old folks clubs etc.

Walk leaders must be covered to give them peace of mind in the event of an incident on a walk.

Dave Mackie asked for the members present to agree with a vote that insurance was needed.

This was passed.

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

Full accounts are shown below.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Eleanor Woodward and seconded by Michael Fildes.

These were voted on and passed.

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 all agreed to continue in their role.

Dave Mackie - Chairman

Stan Jones

Arwell Roberts

Neville Howell - Treasurer

Joyce Howell

Elizabeth Bolton

Carole Worger

Gill Harrison

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 officers had been elected per Constitution at the last Trustee meeting 6th May 2022.

June was asked how many Trustees are needed according to the Constitution, she replied it was a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12.

7. Open session.

Sandra Knowles asked about new tabards with a logo for walk leaders.

June replied that we have tabards Large and Extra large only.

It had been decided at the last Trustee meeting that new walk leaders would be asked to buy their own plain tabard and claim a refund from Walkabout Flintshire if these sizes do not suit.

This is a far more cost-effective way of supplying them , as printing small numbers with the logo on them is very expensive..

Kath Hegarty asked about name tags for walk leaders, this will be discussed by the Trustees.

She was unhappy that there were no Buckley walks. June replied that no-one is prepared to take on the walks since Dave Waller and Sandy Macloud had finished.

Stan Jones asked why walk leaders could not mix-and-match on different walks and not just lead on their regular walks.

Dave Mackie emphasised that walk-assistants were the way forward. Several walks already had recruited walk-assistants and these people were included on the insurance.

Vicky Thomas asked about the 20th Anniversary celebrations for 2023.

She asked about producing a badge for those attending the occasion.

She suggested one that could be sewn on to clothing.

This will be looked at by the Trustees.

She also pointed out that Halkyn would celebrate its 20th year Anniversary in 2024.

The Trustees have already been discussing arrangements for 2023 which will include inviting any original walk-leaders.

Stan Jones mentioned Zen who now does Nordic walks in Denbighshire.

7. Closing remarks

Dave Mackie thanked everyone for attending and for all their efforts in 2021. He said the social aspects are as important as exercise in our walks, which had been greatly missed during the Covid restrictions

He closed the meeting at 15.29.

Walkabout Flintshire

(WaFI)

CIO No. 1170740

Receipts and Payments as at 6th May 2022

31/12/21

	Year Ending 31st Dec 2021	Year Ending 31st Dec 2020
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Receipts

All sources	£0.00	£0.00
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Total	£0.00	£0.00
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Payments

Secretary's Expenses	-£36.40	-£40.48
Double Click A5 Flyer Silk paper	£0.00	-£47.50
Zurich Insurance via Peter Kime	-£113.09	-£113.09
AGM Expenses	£0.00	-£24.50
Birthday Card John Thomas, 80	£0.00	-£1.79
Present Stan Jones, 90	£0.00	-£45.79
Daniel Owen Centre Room Hire x 2 x 1.5 hr at £6.50 per hr	-£19.50	£0.00
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Total	-£168.99	-£273.15
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Surplus Receipts over Payments	-£168.99	-£273.15
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Total	-£168.99	-£273.15
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities - as at-

	31st Dec 2021	31st Dec. 2020
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Lloyds Current Account	£9,191.73	£9,360.72
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Total	£9,191.73	£9,360.72
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Funds

Balance b/f	£9,360.72	£9,633.87
Surplus Income over Expenditure	-£168.99	-£273.15
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Balance c/f	£9,191.73	£9,360.72
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