



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGNORTH AND DISTRICT WALKING CLUB ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY.**

**PRESENT:**

Marion Law (Chair), Hilary Davies, Tim Day, Clive Dyson, Kate Dyson, Anne Furlong, Jo Henderson.

Bob Bosson, John Bourne, Keith Chandler, Vic Chandler, Dot Cox, Tim Davies, Pam Day, Keith Fradgley, Ann Hawkins, Kate Jones, Mary Loach, Jane Pierce, Jonathan Pierce, Tammy Ratoff, Eileen Reynolds, Ina Roberts, Gill Steed, Ann Wheeler.

**APOLOGIES:**

Peter Cloherty, Bob Coughlan, John Goodworth, Ron Vaughan.

**1. MINUTES OF 2017 AGM**

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

**2. MATTERS ARISING:**

There were none not otherwise on the agenda.

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Marion Law's report was circulated with the agenda. She thanked the Committee, the Walk Leaders and club members in making her two years as chairman such a success.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT - 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

Jo Henderson's report was circulated with the agenda.

She reported that the Club had 53 members which was 5 more than the previous year and that the balance on the Club's account was £564.52.

The accounts had been reviewed by the Independent Examiner.

It was recommended that membership subscription be maintained at £10 and this was agreed.

Jo was retiring as Treasurer after the AGM after 10 years' service. She was presented with a gift as a mark of thanks for all the work she had done for the Club in this role.

## **5. PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hilary Davies's report was circulated with the agenda

She reported on a successful year of walks with another increase in the average turnout. It was pleasing to note that we had 18 different leaders during the year. The only downside this year was that five walks had to be postponed because of inclement weather

## **6. THE RAMBLERS - SHROPSHIRE AREA REPORT**

Kate Dyson's report was circulated with the agenda.

She reported on a wide range of issues. In particular she emphasised that walk leaders must not use railway crossings that have been formally closed as this is illegal.

## **7. AMENDMENT OF CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

The Secretary reported that the Committee had undertaken a review and a report was submitted setting out their proposals.

The Revised Club Constitution and Rules was approved and a copy is available on the website.

## **8. PROPOSALS for, and the ELECTION of, COMMITTEE MEMBERS and OFFICERS and RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION DELEGATE**

**Chair:** Clive Dyson was proposed to fill this position.

**Vice-Chair:** Dave Jones was proposed to fill this position.

**Secretary:** Marion Law was proposed to fill this position.

**Treasurer:** Tim Day was proposed to fill this position.

**Programme Secretary:** Hilary Davies agreed to stand again.

**Ordinary member:** Anne Furlong and Kate Dyson agreed to stand again. Mary Loach was proposed as a new member.

**R.A. Delegate:** Kate Dyson agreed to stand again.

All the above proposals were approved.

*It was agreed that the Committee should consider whether at future AGMs this item would be better placed at the end of the Agenda.*

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER.**

Keith Fradgley was re-appointed as Independent Examiner.

## **10. SHORT BREAKS FOR 2019 AND 2020**

The main discussion was in relation to a possible holiday in Scotland in 2020. There was general consensus that this was a good idea. It was agreed to recirculate Clive's paper to seek further views

## **11. CLUB MEAL**

It was agreed that a Club Lunch (replacement of Holly Ramble) should be held in March (date to be confirmed) at the Pheasant at Neenton following a short morning walk.

## **12. BRIDGNORTH AND DISTRICT RIGHTS OF WAY (P3) ASSOCIATION**

Clive Dyson 's report was circulated with the agenda. He reported on the progress that had been made. He also thanked our Club for our £100 donation.

## **13. CLUB DONATION.**

It was agreed to donate £50 to the Bridgnorth and District Rights of Way Association.

There were no proposals for a further donation but it was agreed that £50 be set aside to be paid if an appropriate suitable cause was identified during the year.

## **14. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS / ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Club. It was agreed that an event should be held to celebrate this. The idea of an evening ceilidh with food and drink was supported potentially at the Castle Hall Bridgnorth. Former members would be invited. Kate Dyson agreed to take this idea further and report back to the Committee.

Marion Law requested that members comment on a major planning application at Astbury Hall near Bridgnorth.

Thanks go to Ina Roberts for providing the refreshments. We all appreciated them.

Following the refreshments Hilary Davies presented a "slide show" of recent club holidays. – this was enjoyed by all present.