



## **BRIDGNORTH & DISTRICT WALKING CLUB**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Bridgnorth & District Walking Club was held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Bridgnorth Library.**

**Present:** Clive Dyson, Pam Day, Hilary Davies, Caroline Haigh, Martin Howitt, Gill Steed, Anne Furlong, Kate Dyson, Eileen Reynolds, Ina Roberts, Marion Law, Dave Evans, John Bourne, Aly Sacre, Dot Cox, Ron Vaughan, Vicky Kokumo, Keith Fradgley, Keith Chandler, Vic Chandler, Louise Lee

**Apologies:** Mary Loach, Peter Dunkley, Jo Henderson, Ian Kidd, Shirley, Kidd, Bob Coughlan, Yvonne Stride, Peter Martin, Sue Yardley, Pat Talbott, Barbara Talbott, Robert Bosson

### **1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM, for approval**

Eileen Reynolds proposed the minutes of 2022 to be correct and Kate Dyson seconded this motion.

### **2. Matters arising, not otherwise on the agenda.**

There were no matters for discussion.

### **3. Chair's report, Clive Dyson.**

Clive's report had been circulated beforehand.

He paid special thanks to those involved in organising the short walks and Ron Vaughan also added his thanks and appreciation. Clive thanked Dave Evans for organising the longer walks that take place on Thursdays. Thanks also went to Kate Dyson for organising the Spring meal, Deb Leith for organising the upcoming Christmas meal and to those involved in organising the holidays. Clive ended his thanks by remembering Tim Day and all the hard work he undertook as Treasurer and previously as Secretary.

Eileen Reynolds praised Clive for the work he has done as Chair.

### **4. Treasurer's report, Martin Howitt**

Martin went through the accounts before Keith Fradgley proposed they were accepted. This was seconded by Dave Evans and the accounts were unanimously accepted.

Clive thanked Martin for stepping in and taking over the Treasurer's role.

### **5. Programme Secretary's report, Hilary Davies**

Hilary briefly went through her report that had already been shared with members. She expressed how there is a need for people to come forward to volunteer to lead walks as without them the walks cannot take place. Hilary paid special mention to the short walks and how successful they've been as well as the Thursday walks which provide an opportunity to those who want a longer walk.

Clive thanked the walk leaders and thanked Hilary for all her work in putting together the walk programme.

## **6. Holiday Report, Anne Furlong/Gill Steed/Kate Dyson**

Anne reported how successful the Glaramara holiday had been as detailed in her report. Clive thanked Anne for her work in organising the holidays over a number of years.

Kate commented on the success of the holiday in Scotland and how it was enjoyed by all. Clive thanked Kate for organising it.

Gill mentioned the holiday she is organising for 2024 in Wooler and made people aware that the walks will not be able to be recced beforehand.

## **7. Report on Short and Leisurely walks, Anne Furlong**

Anne reported how successful the short walks have been, not only for providing a walk but also for the socialness upon these occasions.

Clive once again thanked everyone involved in organising them.

## **8. Ramblers activities (Shropshire Area) - no report due to the position being vacant**

Clive mentioned that anyone is free to volunteer as a representative for the Club as there is currently no-one fulfilling this role. Vicky Kokumo volunteered to take on this role.

## **9. Proposals for, and Election of, Club officers and committee members.**

**Chair:** Pam Day (proposed by Clive Dyson, seconded by Gill Steed and unanimously agreed).

**Vice Chair:** Dave Evans was proposed by Kate Dyson as a member of the committee (there being a vacancy) and also as Vice Chair. Seconded by Martin Howitt and agreed by all the members.

**Secretary:** Gill Steed (proposed by Dot Cox, seconded by Kate Dyson and unanimously approved).

**Treasurer:** Martin Howitt (proposed by Clive Dyson, seconded by Dave Evans and unanimously carried).

**Programme Secretary:** Hilary Davies (proposed by Anne Furlong, seconded by Eileen Reynolds and approved by all).

**Ordinary Members:** Anne Furlong, Ali Sacre and Eileen Reynolds are all standing again. Clive Dyson proposed this motion, seconded by Dot Cox and then agreed by all.

The co-option of Vicky Kokumo onto the committee will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Clive Dyson then proposed Keith Fradgley as the independent examiner for the accounts for the coming year. Dot Cox seconded this and it was unanimously carried.

Dot Cox thanked Caroline for her time as Secretary. All the members present also expressed their appreciation.

Pam assumed the position of chair for the rest of the meeting.

## **10. Comments and suggestions from members.**

During the meeting Marion Law paid tribute to Clive for the success of the Club under his leadership and this was appreciated by all members.

Ron Vaughan also paid thanks to Hilary Davies for all her hard work on the walk programmes. This was re-iterated by Pam recognising Hilary's key role in the success of the club.

Hilary Davies commented about the possibility of publicising the shorter and longer walks on facebook to make the public aware of their existence.

#### **11. Any other business.**

Keith Fradgley made members aware that emails would be sent out in the near future to request payment of subscriptions. It was confirmed that this year's subscription is £15.

Pam declared the meeting closed.