

## Wellington Walkers are Welcome

Annual General Meeting held on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 3.05 pm at Priory Bungalow

### Draft Minutes

Present June Amos, Betty Bleloch , Toni Carver, Eve Clevenger, Bob Coalbran, Jean Escott, Brian Herring, Sheila Jones, Pam Hill, Dorothy Roberts, Malcolm Skelton, Anne Sumner, Iris Warnock, Pauline Wilson, Naomi Wrighton

1. Apologies for Absence: Lorraine Dixon, Alan Hill, Anthony Lowe, Graham Madeley, Kevin Nicholls
2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM  
Accepted as a true record. (Proposer Bob, seconder Iris, all in favour )
3. Matters Arising  
None that are not mentioned in the reports.
4. Chair's Report  
See separate report, this summarised the past year, via the various committee roles. The year had seen the continuation of the core activities and the addition of support for Get Telford Walking . She thank the committee for all they do, in particular Kevin, who had been our treasurer since the beginning in 2010 but is now resigning.
5. Treasurer's Report  
See separate accounts and independent examination (available on request from the secretary, not on the website as it contains contact information). End of year balance £1299.55 ( a slight increase over 2018). The accounts were adopted. We noted that, in the absence of unforeseen eventualities, we would again not apply for any grants from Wellington Town Council in the coming year.
6. Secretary's Report  
See separate report, this also focussed on the year's activities. The membership had increased considerably to 102 (77 of whom declare they are from Wellington or near Wellington). Besides Wellington focussed activities we had attended the Wales and Borders regional event and the national get together. The report also again included another plea for a publicity secretary.
7. Footpath secretary's report.  
See separate report. Dorothy said how pleased she was that the signs are up at the station, which has taken many years. The report listed the organisations with whom we have links and summarised progress on the new , expanded, version of the Wellington and the Wrekin Forest Walks Map as well as other projects .

8. Path Maintenance Group Organiser's Report

See separate report. This highlighted that since the last AGM, we have worked on a total of 26 sessions, comprising an estimated 261 person-hours, spread over 21 sites. This year the winter months had seen an emphasis on litter picking.

9. Election of Officers and Management Committee

The following were proposed en bloc by Bob Coalbran and seconded by Anne Sumner with no one against:

Chair: Eve Clevenger

Secretary: Naomi Wrighton

Treasurer: Sheila Jones

Footpath secretary: Bob Coalbran

Footpath Maintenance Group Organiser: Malcolm Skelton

New post of Publicity Secretary: Jean Escott

Committee members (including 2 co-optees) : June Amos, Toni Carver, Brian

Herring, Pam Hill

( In addition, the Town Council Rep. is Dorothy Roberts )

10. AOB

Eve welcomed the return of Betty, who had been unwell at the previous AGM.

Betty thanked the meeting for the flowers sent after a collection at the 2018 AGM.

Action: People to take programmes and posters for the 2019 Walking Festival.

Action: Naomi to circulate the A4 poster.

Naomi mentioned the possibility of a group holiday in Bulgaria , see the latest email.

Thanks were recorded to Bob and Jennie for hospitality, the committee for cakes and again to Kevin for his work over the years.

After the meeting:

The attendees refilled their cups and were taken on a tour of the garden , the stands of bamboo were a great delight. The attendees thanked Bob and Jennie for their hospitality and said how much they had enjoyed the garden tour.