

Wellington Walkers are Welcome

Annual General Meeting held on July 1st 2018 at 3.30 pm at 1 Wrekin Course

Draft Minutes

Present June Amos, Toni Carver, Eve Clevenger, Bob Coalbran, Stan Grant, Graham Hacking, Shelley Reid, Malcolm Skelton, Anne Sumner, Iris Warnock, Pauline Wilson, Naomi Wrighton

1. Apologies for Absence: Betty Bleloch, Pam Hill, Anthony Lowe, Julie Mackinnon, Kevin Nicholls
2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM
Accepted as a true record. (Proposer Bob, seconder Malcolm, 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, which had seen the creation of the Telford T50 50 mile trail in conjunction with Telford and East Shropshire Ramblers and others, looked forward to the 2018 festival and thanked the committee.
From the floor Anne proposed and Stan seconded a vote of thanks to the committee for all they do.
5. Treasurer's Report
See separate accounts and independent examination. End of year balance £1240. The accounts were adopted. We noted that we would not apply for any grants from Wellington Town Council in the coming year. (Later note: we neglected to appoint an independent examiner. Phil Morris-Jones has kindly fulfilled this function every year, but thinks he may be no longer considered independent.)
6. Secretary's Report
See separate report, this also focussed on the year's activities, including the visit of Kate Ashbrook, the national patron of WaW, to launch the Telford T50 50 Mile Trail which 3 of the committee had worked hard on.
It also again included another plea for a publicity secretary.
7. Footpath secretary's report.
See separate report. This listed the organisations with whom we have links and summarised progress on the Shropshire Way and other projects . In particular Bob mentioned the Wellington Friends of the Shropshire Way , now expanded to the Telford Friends of the Shropshire Way, which was his brain child.

8. Path Maintenance Group Organiser's Report

See separate report. This highlighted that since the last AGM, we have worked on a total of 36 sessions, comprising an estimated 330 person-hours, spread over 23 sites. The brush cutter, bought just before the 2017 AGM, has been very effective.

9. Election of Officers and Management Committee

As the existing officers and committee were all willing to stand again and no other volunteers were forthcoming, 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: Kevin Nicholls

Footpath secretary: Bob Coalbran

Footpath Maintenance Group Organiser: Malcolm Skelton

Committee members: June Amos, Toni Carver, Pam Hill

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

We are still without a publicity secretary, the committee can co-opt up to 2 members.)

10. AOB

Mainly because of the T50 the festival brochures were later this year but should be available for Lions' Day on Wheels (Sunday 8th July), so we would need a big push to distribute them. Iris said she would help at Lions Day on wheels.

Malcolm said that in all the T50 publicity he had not seen Naomi's name and wanted it noted that she had been the instigator of, and had done a lot of work for, the project.

After the meeting:

The attendees thanked Eve for her hospitality and said how much they had enjoyed the walk and being in, and exploring, the garden.

Iris suggested we should send flowers to Betty as she was now back in Wellington, a collection was taken and Naomi organised the flowers which were collected and delivered by Pam on the Tuesday.