**LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION - BEDS BUCKS NORTHANTS GROUP
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017 7.45PM**

**AT 4 BALFE MEWS, OLD FARM PARK, MILTON KEYNES, MK7 8QR**

The meeting commenced at 7.50 pm.

**Present:** Gill Bunker (Newsletter/Website), Roy Carter, Norman Corrin (Chairman),
Peter Engledow, Mary Knight (Social Walks), Peter Simon (Secretary/Local Groups Rep),
Alan Leadbetter, Ian Sage (Treasurer)

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|  |  | **ACTION** |
| **1.** | **Apologies:** Dave Findel-Hawkins (Membership) |  |
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| **2.** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting (15th June 2017) and Matters Arising:** |  |
|  | 1. Norman took spare Striders to Castlebar – they all went quickly.
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|  | 1. Receipts for buffs have now been finalised.
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|  | 1. Peter E said the forms required to implement the BBN account changes are with the Bank. Ian will contact the Bank to chase.
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|  | 1. Peter E has set up a BBN Twitter account. To be mentioned in Newsletter.
 | ***PE/GB*** |
|  | Other matters arising to be dealt with later in the meeting. |  |
|  | The Minutes were accepted as a true record. Prop: Mary Knight. Agreed by all. |  |
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| **3.** | **Reports:** |  |
|  | **(a)** | **Chairman**: **Norman Corrin** |  |
|  |  | Thanks to Peter for hosting the meeting.I’ve done the following.New Members/ Enquiries from Public: Dave has notified me of 7 new LDWA members who live within our group’s catchment area. I’ve contacted them all. |  |
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|  | **(b)** | **Secretary: Peter Simon** |  |
|  |  | Twelve surplus copies of Strider received again. I'm still unclear what we should do with them long term. Perhaps this can be discussed further at the meeting. I shall bring along the copies.Received and responded to e-mails.Almost no phone enquiries.Spam filters and unsubscribing seem to be working.Weekly news updates sent to subscriber members except for weeks during which there has been no news to report. |  |
|  |  | Peter said there was rarely a week without a news item to circulate. |  |
|  |  | It was agreed that when he receives them Peter will give spare Striders to committee members to hand out at events, outdoor shops, etc. This means that the Striders will go to varying places and events. | ***PS/All*** |
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| **(c)** | **Treasurer: Ian Sage** |  |
|  | Significant activity since last meeting: 1. Sportident Entries £1127
2. Sales of BBN Buffs £ 30
3. From Here to There surplus £ 25
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|  | Ian said this was the quietest time of the year.  |  |
|  | The BBN financial year ends on 30th September so the Year to Date Statement (p3) is almost as the final accounts will be issued. |  |
|  | They include the £100 “damage deposit” cheque for Cosgrove Village Hall which should be returned after the AGM. |  |
|  | The Sportident entries are mainly for the Shillington Shuffle, but also include some from Pick & Mix and From Here to There. |  |
|  | Ian will ask Phil Friede to check the accounts. | ***IS*** |
|  | Peter E will contact Phil in due course. |  |
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| **(d)** | **Membership Secretary: Dave Findel-Hawkins** |  |
|  | As reported in my last update we have switched to using the LDWA website for our membership list. This is working well for sending emails to members.However, providing a membership total is now quite tricky. Some Family memberships have been split into individual number, as is now allowed, so it’s no longer as simple as adding individuals to two times number of families. There is also a problem where one member of a family pays the administration fee but they don’t have individual membership numbers. We also still have a few non Primary members who have paid the BBN administration fee but not changed their LDWA profile to be Associate members of BBN so cannot be added to our Core Members list. They are no longer getting BBN emails.The number of entries on our Core Members list is currently 156. I think this is the best statistic to take forward, as otherwise the calculation is far too complicated to be sure that it’s correct.We have one new member since the last meeting. |  |
|  | Peter said he is sending out 125 bulk emails and queried the discrepancy in the numbers of members. It was agreed this was probably because family members only wanted one email and there were several members who had elected not to receive BBN emails. |  |

**LDWA BEDS/BUCKS/NORTHANTS GROUP**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

**1st October 2016 - 30th September 2017**

**2017**

**2016**

**INCOME**

**£**

**£**

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

**108.00**

**118.00**

MERCHANDISE

**246.50**

**50.50**

INTEREST

**0.52**

**1.82**

MISCELLANEOUS

**157.78**

**30.00**

RED ROSE 100 CONTRIBUTION

**0.00**

**250.00**

DORSET 100 CONTRIBUTION

**0.00**

**300.00**

SUNDON SAUNTER 2015

**0.00**

**1401.00**

PICK N MIX 2016

**0.00**

**909.08**

HERE TO THERE 2016

**0.00**

**1020.64**

GREENSAND RIDGE WALK 2016

**0.00**

**755.00**

STEPPINGLEY STEP 2016

**1431.66**

**454.20**

CHILTERN KANTER 2017

**1575.14**

**17.40**

HERE TO THERE 2017

**841.00**

**0.00**

SHILLINGTON SHUFFLE 2017

**873.18**

**0.00**

PICK N MIX 2018

**97.60**

**0.00**

**5331.38**

**5307.64**

**2017**

**2016**

EXPENDITURE

**£**

**£**

PRINTING & POSTAGE

**258.01**

**337.00**

MERCHANDISE

**333.27**

**202.74**

EQUIPMENT

**30.00**

**111.37**

DONATIONS

**170.00**

**200.00**

AGM

**162.00**

**265.00**

CHRISTMAS WALK

**0.00**

**45.78**

MISCELLANEOUS

**951.98**

**640.47**

RED ROSE 100 CONTRIBUTIONS

**0.00**

**237.50**

DORSET 100 CONTRIBUTIONS

**0.00**

**306.00**

SUNDON SAUNTER 2015

**0.00**

**1146.01**

PICK N MIX 2016

**0.00**

**470.44**

HERE TO THERE 2016

**0.00**

**806.51**

GREENSAND RIDGE WALK 2016

**0.00**

**874.01**

STEPPINGLEY STEP 2016

**1292.99**

**0.00**

CHILTERN KANTER 2017

**1005.69**

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HERE TO THERE 2017

**815.42**

**0.00**

**5019.36**

**5642.83**

INCOME

**5331.38**

EXPENDITURE

**5019.36**

SURPLUS(LOSS)

**312.02**

01/10/16 (start of year)

**6836.02**

**BALANCE 10/06/17**

**7148.04**

**REPRESENTED BY**

**NatWest Current Account**

**1876.65**

NatWest Business Reserve Account

**4007.12**

**5883.77**

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|  | **(e)** | **Social Walks – Weekend/Thursday: Mary Knight** |  |
|  |  | January to April programme complete and sent to Gill Bunker.* 18 walks in total including the Pick and Mix
* 9 w/e, 8 Thursday,1 Challenge

Preference for weekends continues to be that walk leaders choose Sunday. Good information continues to be provided for number of walkers on walks, thank you to everyone who supplies this information.I will continue to put available dates for walk programme in newsletter, 6th October deadline noted. |  |
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|  | **(f)** | **Merchandising/Equipment:** |  |
|  |  | **Equipment: Lynn Yorston (non-committee)** |  |
|  |  | I don’t think anything has changed since my last report but if anyone knows different, please let me know.Just an observation – it would be good if those who keep the equipment could have about three weeks’ notice of the gear being required. It is all kept in attics and we need time to assemble and pack the goodies ready for collection. **The collection, cleaning and prompt return of all equipment is the responsibility of the event organiser.** |  |
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|  |  | **Merchandising: Norman Corrin** |  |
|  |  | **Buffs:** I’ve ordered 50 new BBN Buffs in a darker shade of claret. I’ll let you know when they arrive. |  |
|  |  | Norman said the approx cost is £257. It was agreed that the buffs be sold for £5 each as previously.Mary suggested, and it was agreed, that a buff be given to each new walk leader as an incentive. | ***NC/MK*** |
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|  |  | **Group branded merchandise** I put an article in the summer newsletter about group branded merchandise from Peco such as Fleeces and Beanies. Peco are the company who manufacture the Tech Tee Shirts. |  |
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|  |  | **Feather/Crest Flag** I’ve received a quote and sample which I’ve circulated and also attached along with my report. Would we prefer a black or white pole pocket on the flag? Crest or Feather?I was given a price for the base which would need to be water filled but can’t find the email. I think it was something like £21. I’ll ask again Are you happy for me to order one for use at SS? I prefer the Crest flag |  |

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|  | The proposed flag is 3 to 4 metres high. It was agreed that Norman would order one flag to try out. Crest flag agreed with black pole pocket. With the updated quotation the price will be £252 + £54 VAT. |  |
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|  | **BBN Mugs**: Norman will get a quote for the mugs and it can then be decided how to sell/distribute them. |  |
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| **(g)** | **Website: Gill Bunker** |  |
|  | * Continue to add photos and keep BBN website updated with details/results of BBN challenge walks, new walks programme, news items, etc.
* New January to April 2018 walks programme input for LDWA website and Strider. Terry Brown has kindly offered to take on the input in future, and she came over to Milton Keynes and we input the programme together. I just need to get Adam Dawson (LDWA Website/Internet) to give her permission to access the LDWA Local Groups Admin Website.
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| **(h)** | **Newsletter: Gill Bunker** |  |
|  | * Included item in last issue reminding members to keep contact details up-to-date on LDWA website, particularly email addresses for Peter’s updates.
* I wasn’t able to get the Newsletter printed in time to hand out at FT&B.
* The deadline for the Autumn issue is Friday 6th October.
* Five items received to date (no nagging needed, very pleasing), and it will include the new January to April 2018 walks programme.
* Needed from committee members (nagging possibly needed):Chairman’s Chatter, New Members, Anything else?
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|  | To be included: Chairman’s Chatter (NC), item re Castlebar (NC), New Members (DFH); Item re Twitter (PE), Future Walk dates (MK) | ***GB*** |
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| **(i)** | **Local Group Representative: Peter Simon** |  |
|  | Next meeting 2nd weekend in November 2017 at YHA Hawes (Wensleydale). Julie Cribb has formally notified me and I have replied to say I'm going. I have heard nothing since. From the experience of other Committee members, is this normal? Or should I be taking a more active role in following this up?2018 meeting in Chatham, Kent? |  |
|  | Peter S will contact Julie Cribb re the weekend. | ***PS*** |
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| **(j)** | **Other Committee Members: Roy Carter** |  |
|  | Roy said the BWF had proved very successful and circulated a lovely photo of walkers enjoying the linear Kingfisher Way walk on 10th September. There had been 30 people which had meant two minibus trips and a delayed start. Roy had fed back to the organiser that better control of numbers was needed for linear walks with minibus to ensure a big enough bus on the day. |  |
|  | Roy had printed off his own publicity from the LDWA website this time, and it was agreed to get LDWA publicity as supplied for challenge walks for the BWF next year. Norman had distributed business cards.Gill said there had been a few new FB member requests on the following days and guessed they were from people on the BWF walk. |  |
|  | Roy said all walks had been well attended, but the “interest” and “distance” walks had proved particularly popular. Would BBN be interested in putting on more than one “distance walk” for 2018, or a Thursday walk?The dates or 2018 are 8th to 16th September. | ***All*** |
|  | Ian confirmed that BBN had given £70 to the BWF this year.Agreed we could look into putting on a walk for the MK Walking Festival. |  |
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| **4.** | **Insurance Issues – Incident Reports** No incidents to report. |  |
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| **5.** | **LDWA** |  |
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|  | **(a)** | **Publicity** |  |
|  |  | Publicity via spare Striders and Walking Festivals had already been discussed. |  |
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|  | **(b)** | **Facebook** – **Daniel Jamin (Non-Committee)** |  |
|  |  | FB has a survey/questionnaire feature and I wondered whether it would be nice at some point to seek feedback from members (only) about what they thought about the page, how useful it is and why and what other info they would like to see.I will dig in a little more about the various aspects of FB and see what else can be done with the page; some things may be private and some public.What seems to work well is the next walk event and I like the idea of liking this to your webpage too. The post-walk traces are also great. They provide an account of what we did but they also help with the planning of future walks which might be on variants of previous ones or to avoid doing the same paths too often. And the photos are such a treat. I am doing my best to resist the temptation to change the page cover photo every time!I sense those who look at our FB page are happy with the way it is going and the members who don't are probably quite clear that they don't want to be on FB.However, anybody can see our page now irrespective of whether they have a FB account or not. |  |
|  |  | The committee agreed Daniel was doing a fantastic job with the BBN FB page. |  |
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|  | **(c)** | **Local Groups Meeting 10th-12th November 2017** Already discussed |  |
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| **6.** | **LDWA 100s** |  |
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|  | **(a)** | **2018 100 – Cinque Ports - Norman Corrin** |  |
|  |  | Dave did email the NYM 100 checkpoint marshals to see if anyone is willing to help on the penultimate checkpoint. I don’t know if anyone came forward. |  |
|  |  | BBN do not have a CP. If any BBN member want to help individually they should contact Neal O’Rourke. DFH and Merrian are manning the last CP. |  |
|  | **(b)** | **2019 100 – Northumbria - Hadrian’s Hundred:**  No information yet. |  |
|  | **(c)** | **2020 100 - Y 100 Sir Fynwy:** No information yet. |  |
|  | **(d)** | **2021 100 - Trans Pennine:** No information yet. |  |
|  |  | Ian noted that no money had been received from the NYM Hundred organisers following the event. |  |
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| **7.** | **BBN Challenge Events** |  |
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|  | **(a)** | **Pick & Mix 2018 – Lynn Yorston** |  |
|  |  | We have booked the Great Missenden C of E School for 4th March 2018All details have been included in Strider and our NewsletterWe will not have a designated marshals’ walk. Anyone helping on the day can ask us for the route descriptions they wish to complete and can do this at any time near the event. Most helpers do their duties at start and finish but then walk on the day. The choice is open but we only need a handful of people all day.  |  |
|  |  | Ian confirmed about £90 has been received in online entries. |  |
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|  | **(b)** | **From Here to There 2017 – Alan Leadbetter** |  |
|  |  | Alan said there has been 108 entries, with 12 non-starters. 95 had finished, including the Darlington family, with one retiree. He said the rape field had not been cleared in time for the event though it was cleared a few weeks later. |  |
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|  |  | **Hannington Hike – 15th July 2018** |  |
|  |  | Alan is now working on a new event for next year. Same venue at Wellingborough but new routes of 27, 18 and 14 miles. The long and medium routes go through Hannington. |  |
|  |  | Peter E volunteered to check the short route. | ***PE*** |
|  |  | Volunteers will be needed to walk out the other distances in due course. |  |
|  |  | The marshals’ walk will be on 17th June 2018. |  |
|  |  | Alan is planning a rectangular pin badge for the event, rather than a cloth badge. The prices are about the same. |  |
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|  | **(c)** | **Shillington Shuffle 2017 – Lynn Yorston** |  |
|  | **(i)** | All is looking good and help is abundantIf you are coming to the marshals walk on 29th October 2017 please let Dave Yorston know which route you will be doing so that he can bring your correct route description. We plan to be at Barton from 07.45 that morning for an 08.00 start. NOTE there will not be any support on the marshals walk so bring all you will need for the day. Please email to dave.yorston@btinternet.com |  |
|  |  | Ian said approx £873 entry fees had been received to date. |  |
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|  | **(e)** | **Wendover Gap Anytime Challenge - Lynn & Dave Yorston** |  |
|  |  | We have no new completions. |  |
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| **8.** | **Donations/Projects** |  |
|  | **(a)** | **John Nickerson memorial – Norman Corrin** |  |
|  |  | Roy has given me the details of Ed Woodstock who made the BBN Founders Memorial Bench for us. I’ve contacted him and will get more details about what he can offer.  |  |
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|  | **(b)** | **Dave Norris: Donation – Norman Corrin** |  |
|  |  | I’ve emailed the NSPCC and they’ve said it is possible to make an online donation. I can send this to Ian. There is also a section where we can write an online tribute message. So do you think that would be best done by Sylvie? |  |
|  |  | A donation of £100 was agreed. | *NC* |
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|  | **(c)** | Mary suggested a donation to the Three Peaks paths project – the laying, maintaining and extending of stone paths to help prevent erosion. It costs £25 per metre of reclaimed stone. |  |
|  |  | It was agreed that this was a worthwhile cause, but Ian suggested that following the AGM the new committee agrees a “Donations Budget” and then agree donations to be made. |  |
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|  |  | Round Corby Walk: Wayne Rowlett has not yet been reimbursed for his expenses, but he needs to provide receipts. |  |
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| **9.** | **Group Activities/Weekends/Social Events** |  |
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|  | **(a)** | **John Nickerson Memorial Walk** 15th October 2017 |  |
|  |  | Peter is collecting numbers of BBN walkers planning to attend as plans are being made to offer cakes and squash after the walk. Mary will take cake. | ***MK*** |
|  |  | Ian and Pat are doing a shorter walk. |  |
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|  | **(b)** | **Autumn Colours** 21st October 2017 |  |
|  |  | Gill said final numbers are not known yet, but a reminder to book had gone out on 26th September. A 16 seater minibus is booked. To save hiring a more expensive 33 sealer which we would not fill, Peter E said if necessary, as he lived close by, he could transport a few walkers from Caldecotte to the start of the walk. |  |
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|  | **(c)** | **AGM 26th November 2017 - Updates** |  |
|  |  | Cosgrove Village Hall and the Barley Mow p.h. have been booked. |  |
|  |  | The £10 subsidy for the AGM meal was agreed. Gill said the Barley Mow menu is not available yet and probably would not be in the Newsletter, but would be circulated via email/on the website. |  |
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| **10.** | **AOB** |  |
|  | **(a)** | **BBN AGM/Committee nomination deadlines** |  |
|  |  | The deadline for committee nominations is 29th October. Peter will include a note in his Update confirming the date and the vacancy for a Chairman. |  |
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|  | **(b)** | **Date of next committee meeting** |  |
|  |  | To be agreed following the AGM. |  |
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|  | **(c)** | **BBN holiday/weekends 2018/2019** |  |
|  |  | Roy is looking into dates for 2018. Possibly the third week of September.Dee is planning a weekend in 2019. |  |
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|  | **(d)** | **BBN Birthday Cards**: It was agreed to continue sending out cards. |  |
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| The meeting closed at 10.00 pm |  |