



# Wiltshire LDWA AGM Minutes

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 @ 1400hrs

The Seven Stars, Bradford Road, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 2LQ

| Agenda Item |  | Actions / Notes  |
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| 1.          | Welcome  | <b>Lesley Bellis</b> welcomed everyone and thanked the venue and its staff for hosting us.   |
| 2.          | Apologies for absence                                | <b>Richard Hotchkiss</b>   |
| 3.          | Acceptance of last year's AGM minutes                | Accepted – Proposed by <b>Lesley Bellis</b> and seconded by <b>Paul Hopkins</b>  |
| 4.          | Matters arising                                      | None   |
| 5.          | Brief overview of the group's activities during 2018 | <b>Lesley Bellis</b> began by congratulating those members who completed the Cinque Ports 100 in Kent in May. She also thanked those members who had travelled down to Hythe to help at the checkpoint. Lesley then thanked the committee for their efforts over the year, not least our outgoing Treasurer, <b>Carol Holmes</b> , for managing the purse strings over the last four years. Special mentions were made to kissing gate 'supremo' <b>Graham Instrell</b> for his work, to <b>Andy Todd</b> for organising the <b>Wiltshire 50</b> group walk, and to <b>Bea Therin</b> for guiding us along the Cotswold Way. |
| 6.          | Treasurer's report                                   | Accepted – Proposed by <b>Alan Voyce</b> and seconded by <b>Jon Bateman</b>  |
| 7.          | Secretary's report                                   | See attached   |
| 8.          | Walks Secretary's report                             | <b>Andy Todd</b> reported the group have had a comprehensive schedule of walks throughout the year, all of which is down to the support of the members who volunteer to lead them. He reminded those present to continue to volunteer to lead throughout 2019  |
| 9.          | Election of Officers                                 |  |
|             | a. Treasurer   | <b>Richard Hotchkiss</b> was appointed – Proposed by <b>Steve Peers</b> and seconded by <b>Graham Instrell</b>   |
|             | b. Walks Secretary                                   | <b>Andy Todd</b> was reappointed – Proposed by <b>Sheena Findlay</b> and seconded by <b>Clare Staff</b>  |
| 10.         | Motions  | No motions were received   |

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| 11. | <b>AOB</b>                |   |
|     | a. Shropshire Hills       | <b>Adrian Crocker's</b> proposed weekend away to the Shropshire Hills next October was accepted. See attached.                        |
|     | b. Wiltshire 50           | The committee were asked to explore the options for hosting a Wiltshire 50 challenge event  |
|     | c. Mid Wilts Way          | <b>John Walker's</b> proposed walk along the Mid-Wilts Way was also accepted. See attached  |
|     | d. Attracting new members | <b>Graham Instrell</b> invited walk leaders to consider offering shorter walk options in order to attract more members. See attached  |
|     | e. Proposed LDWA logo     | <b>Lesley Bellis</b> offered to write to the LDWA Chair on behalf of those group members who are unhappy with the choice of new logos |
| 12. | Date of next meeting      | Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019  |
| 13. | Close                     | The meeting ended at 1630hrs  |

Clive Frankham  
Secretary

Lesley Bellis  
Chair

## 6. Treasurer's report

| <b>Income and expenditure 1/12/17 to 30/11/18</b>   | <b>Debits</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Balance</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|   |                |                |                |
| PDA total receipts                                  |                | £2,974.01      |                |
| Sale of polo shirts                                 |                | £284.68        |                |
| Donation R. Nelstrop, Cotswold Way                  |                | £30.00         |                |
| Donation Wye Forest 50                              |                | £128.00        |                |
| Ceilidh ticket sales                                |                | £245.68        |                |
| October 50 entries                                  |                | £251.96        |                |
| Selworthy trip receipts                             |                | £4,800.00      |                |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| Balance of Xmas meal subsidy 2017                   | £76.00         |                |                |
| Flowers to member 2017                              | £40.00         |                |                |
| PDA total expenses                                  | £876.09        |                |                |
| Purchase of banners                                 | £96.00         |                |                |
| Purchase of polo shirts                             | £598.50        |                |                |
| Minibus Kennet and Avon canal walk                  | £140.00        |                |                |
| Minibuses and certificates Cotswold Way             | £523.00        |                |                |
| Travel expenses Kent 100 supporters                 | £260.00        |                |                |
| Travel expenses Wye Forest 50 supporters            | £128.80        |                |                |
| Avebury Social Club hire deposit for 2019           | £40.00         |                |                |
| Kissing gate (inc plaque but not installation yet)  | £642.96        |                |                |
| Ceilidh expenses (band/hall/cake)                   | £470.25        |                |                |
| October 50 expenses (Hall £40/Food £85)             | £125.00        |                |                |
| Secretary expenses national meeting                 | £40.00         |                |                |
| Selworthy expenses (hotel/coach/tea and cakes/tips) | £4,800.00      |                |                |
| Committee gifts AGM 2018                            | £61.36         |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
|   | £8,917.96      | £8,714.33      |                |
|   |                |                | -£203.63       |
| <i>Committed expenses not paid yet</i>              |                |                |                |
| <i>Installation of kissing gate</i>                 | £200.00        |                |                |
| <i>Kissing gate celebration</i>                     | £60.00         |                |                |
| <i>Xmas meal subsidy AGM 2018</i>                   | £425.00        |                |                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£685.00</b> |                |                |

| <b>Cash Account 1/12/17 to 30/11/18</b> | <b>Debits</b> | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Balance</b> |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|   |               |                |                |
| Opening balance 1/12/17                 |               |                | £3,843.21      |
|   |               |                |                |
| Balance of Xmas meal subsidy 2017       | £76.00        |                |                |
| Flowers to member 2017                  | £40.00        |                |                |
| PDA total receipts                      |               | £2,974.01      |                |
| PDA total expenses                      | £876.09       |                |                |
| Purchase of banners                     | £96.00        |                |                |
| Purchase of polo shirts                 | £598.50       |                |                |

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| Sale of polo shirts                            |                  | £284.68          |           |
| Minibus Kennet and Avon canal walk             | £140.00          |                  |           |
| Minibuses Cotswold Way                         | £523.00          |                  |           |
| Donation from Cotswold Way walkers             |                  | £30.00           |           |
| Supporter travel expenses Kent 100             | £260.00          |                  |           |
| Wye Forest 50 supporter expenses               | £128.80          |                  |           |
| Donation from Wye Forest 50 committee          |                  | £128.00          |           |
| Avebury Social Club deposit PDA 2109           | £40.00           |                  |           |
| Kissing gate (inc plaque but not installation) | £642.96          |                  |           |
| Ceilidh expenses (hall/band/cake)              | £470.25          |                  |           |
| Ceilidh ticket sales                           |                  | £245.68          |           |
| October 50 expenses (Hall £40/Food £85)        | £125.00          |                  |           |
| October 50 entries                             |                  | £251.96          |           |
| Secretary expenses to attend national meeting  | £40.00           |                  |           |
| Selworthy trip expenses                        | £4,800.00        |                  |           |
| Selworthy trip receipts                        |                  | £4,800.00        |           |
| Committee gifts AGM 2018                       | £61.36           |                  |           |
|  |                  |                  |           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                  | <b>£8,917.96</b> | <b>£8,714.33</b> |           |
| Closing balance 30/11/18                       |                  |                  | £3,639.58 |

| <b>PDA 2018</b>                |     |                  |         |  |                  |
|--------------------------------|-----|------------------|---------|--|------------------|
|                                |     |                  |         |  |                  |
| <b>Income</b>                  |     |                  |         |  |                  |
| Postal entries member          | 3   | £27.00           |         |  |                  |
| Postal entries non member      | 11  | £143.00          |         |  |                  |
| Total postal entries           | 14  | <b>£170.00</b>   |         |  |                  |
|                                |     |                  |         |  |                  |
| SI entries member              | 178 | £1,602.00        |         |  |                  |
| SI entries non member          | 115 | £1,495.00        |         |  |                  |
| Total SI entries               |     | £3,097.00        |         |  |                  |
| Refunds via SI                 |     | -£44.00          |         |  |                  |
| Total SI Income                |     | £3,053.00        |         |  |                  |
| SI charge inc VAT              |     | £285.99          |         |  |                  |
| Net receipts from SI           |     | <b>£2,767.01</b> |         |  |                  |
| On the day entry               |     | £13.00           |         |  |                  |
|                                |     |                  |         |  |                  |
| Total receipts from entries    |     | <b>£2,950.01</b> |         |  |                  |
|                                |     |                  |         |  |                  |
| Sale of badges                 |     | £24.00           |         |  |                  |
| <b>Total income</b>            |     |                  |         |  | <b>£2,974.01</b> |
|                                |     |                  |         |  |                  |
| <b>Expenditure</b>             |     |                  |         |  |                  |
| Food (checkpoints and kitchen) |     |                  | £508.38 |  |                  |
| Kitchen equipment              |     |                  | £9.00   |  |                  |
| Stationery                     |     |                  | £13.37  |  |                  |
| SIM cards                      |     |                  | £18.75  |  |                  |
| Avebury Social Club Hire       |     |                  | £100.00 |  |                  |

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| Pewsey Scout hut hire    |  |  | £60.00 |  |                  |
| Floor covering           |  |  | £26.59 |  |                  |
| Review meeting meal      |  |  | £60.00 |  |                  |
| Donation Calstone Church |  |  | £30.00 |  |                  |
| Donation Pewsey Scouts   |  |  | £50.00 |  |                  |
| Total Expenditure        |  |  |        |  | <b>£876.09</b>   |
|                          |  |  |        |  |                  |
| <b>Profit</b>            |  |  |        |  | <b>£2,097.92</b> |

## 7. Secretary's report

The circulation of our monthly newsletter has been steadily increasing throughout the year, with the latest edition being sent to over 500 recipients for the first time. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to it.

I recently spent a weekend representing the group at the LDWA Local Groups' Weekend just outside Chatham in Kent. The weekend was thoroughly enjoyable throughout. There were workshops on both evenings to discuss matters such as the grading of walks, using social media, sharing places where groups shop, Strider content and rewarding members. There was a choice of walks on Saturday. Sunday morning was spent in a meeting, where the following were discussed:

- Date protection - Groups will need to appoint a data protection officer. This can be one of the existing committee members, probably the group secretary.
- Group chairs will assume the additional role of Safeguarding Officer. This addresses the need to protect any vulnerable individuals on our walks.
- Cost saving measures, including groups being expected to raise funds for important/essential projects that the LDWA has planned, including the urgent upgrade of the IT;
- Groups will be required by the LDWA's insurers, to complete a register of those taking part in their walks, which will need to be kept for 3 years;
- Groups will be invited to help carry out footpath repairs on long distance paths that are not national trails, as the latter already receive funding;
- We also discussed how the LDWA can help protect the environment. Options include the withdrawal of single use plastics from all our challenge events, and printing Strider on recyclable paper;
- The one-stop shop for organising 100s, which will be published shortly; and
- The new LDWA logo - You are invited to vote for one of the options shown in the latest edition of Strider magazine.

A lot of hard work is going into the running of the LDWA at a national level, with a lot of hard decisions being made to ensure the LDWA is ready for the next 50 years. I was impressed by what I heard, particularly the rationale for the choice of logos, and I look forward to attending next year.

Finally, throughout the weekend I was asked whether the Wiltshire 50 would become a regular event, and a qualifying event for the Hundred. There was strong support from the NEC members and the other group representatives, with neighbouring groups offering to run checkpoints.

### **11a. Shropshire Hills Weekend**

Following the success of the Exmoor weekend, it is proposed that the group goes to Shropshire next year. The details are as follows:

- Date: 18th - 21st October 2019
- Location: HF, Church Stretton, Shropshire
- Full Board: 3 x dinners, 3 x breakfasts and 2 x packed lunches
- Accommodation: Licenced bar. Ensuite rooms with tea/coffee-making facilities
- Walks: 3 days walking plus evening activities
- Cost: £240 per person (may be less depending on numbers of attendees)
- Deposit: £75 per person to be paid by 7th February 2019

### **11c. Mid Wilts Way**

As its name implies, this is a 68-mile long trek that goes right through the heart of our home county of Wiltshire. It starts at Ham (near the border with Berkshire) and heads west then south to end up at Mere, close to the Somerset border

It lends itself to 3 sections:

- Ham to Knap Hill car park (22 miles)
- Knap Hill to Steeple Ashton (22 miles)
- Steeple Ashton to Mere (24 miles)

The proposal is that group members walk it over three Sundays next summer, parking our cars at the day's destination and hiring a minibus to the start

### **11d. Attracting New Members**

It was proposed that to maximise the recruitment potential of any publicity, local & national, resulting from our gate donation in Mark's memory and as a longer-term recruitment ploy, the group should encourage walk leaders to include some full-length social walks with the option of shorter routes, e.g. a 20-mile walk with a 10-mile option. The objective is to encourage new walkers to join us then move up to our full-length walks. Also to cater better for our existing members who now find 20 miles too far. This is already planned by other local groups, including South Wales, Thames Valley and Heart of England to our knowledge and has been debated by the NEC. It can be achieved by walks split into loops or figure 8s or by running two separate walks from the same starting point. There is no suggestion of any fewer full-length walks or that all walks should have this option or of there being a directive on the subject. Opinions varied. It was therefore decided that, the point having been raised, individual walk leaders should be free as always to choose their own routes.