

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 1ST NOVEMBER, 2017**

**Present**

Jerry Walker (Chairman), Frank Horner (Gen. Sec.), Lynn Watson (Treasurer), Julia McNelley (Membership Secretary), Jane Bekker, David Gibson-Brown, Charles Hacon, Liz Hudson, Beryl Leck, Peter Leck, John McNelly, Brian Smethurst, David Watson and Tim Wyles.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from John Ling

**2. Minutes of the meeting held 13th July, 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held 13th July, 2017, were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising**

Item 3 - First Aid Training - It was understood St Johns Ambulance was currently unable to provide group training. However, the British Red Cross could provide such training providing there was a space or 46 sq. metres available. Times of sessions were usually between 10.00 and 14.30 hours with a maximum of 15 people. It was agreed that Lyn should pursue this option with a view of training taking place January/February, 2018

Item 7(i) - The Chairman updated members to the fact the Walking Group had been included in the Norfolk Walking Festival information. He also updated members on the apparent walk setups at local Health Centres. David Gibson-Brown mentioned the group 'Geronimo' and the offer of assistance we could make to them if they so wished and were entitled to do.

Item 7(ii) - It was agreed that this item should be classified as 'Confidential' in the minutes appearing on the website.

**4. Finance Report**

The Treasurer informed members there was a balance of £1770. Lyn also mentioned she had been pursuing Persimmon Homes, Aviva and Tesco for possible contributions to our funds. It was felt unlikely Tesco would be of help. It was also mentioned Santander may be offering funds to charities and this would be followed if possible. A vote of thanks was given to Lyn for all the work she had undertaken on our behalf in attempting to secure additional funding.

It was confirmed the minutes of our meeting agreeing changes to bank signatories could be shown to our Bank for confirmation purposes.

## **5. Membership**

There were currently 85 paid up members. It was reported that some had decided not to renew their membership but a number of new walkers had joined.

It was also discussed if flyers should be made available for distributing to interested parties. It was agreed to raise this matter at the next meeting

## **6. Walks**

Jerry produced a draft questionnaire to be sent out to members relating to our walks to ascertain if members were happy or thought some changes might be preferred.

After discussion it was agreed the questionnaire should be made to cover more than just the walks and it was hoped to do this in the new year.

## **7. Radio Communications**

Peter Leck had been looking into this matter on our behalf. Prices varied greatly and after reading reviews he felt the following were our best options:-

Motorola T80 4 pack with two charges £141.00 or  
Motorola T60 2 pack with one charger £59.99

After discussion it was felt the T80 would suit our needs best and authorisation was given to purchase these machines.

## **8. Events**

(i) John and Julia offered to arrange for the Runham Village Hall to be available for us to hold the 'Mince Pie' walk in December. They would be happy to put on teas and coffees. All thanked them for agreeing to do this on our behalf and thought it would be nice to have this picnic inside.

(ii) It was agreed the raffle at the Christmas Lunch would include all paid members. A ticket with a name would be drawn with a ticket for the prize they had won. This would be fair to all members and would help to speed things along. Julia agreed to produce the tickets for the members.

(iii) A question was raised as to the possible willingness of members to undertake a beach cleaning session as a way of giving back to the borough. It was agreed this should be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

## **9. Any Other Business**

There were no other matters raised.

## **10. Date, time and place of next meeting**

It was confirmed the next meeting would be held Thursday 8th February, 2018, at 2.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Runham.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date 8th February, 2018