



**Bingley Walkers are Welcome**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 Time: 10.30am**  
**Venue: Shipley Golf Club**

<p><b>Present:</b>          Christine McCabe - CM          Sue Dennis - SD          Maureen Carney – MC          Susan Hart - SH          Jenny Hinsley – JH          Cedric Farineau – CF          Arthur Baxter – AB          Christine Baxter - CB          Linda Howell - LH</p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b>          John Kata          Heather Weatherhead          David Hanson          Sarah Njeri          Andrea Ellis - AE</p>
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Agenda Item		Actions
1	<b>Apologies and Welcome:</b>	
2	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b> Proposed to accept as a true record by CF Seconded by LH All agreed.	
3	<b>Matters Arising:</b> Rombalds Walk – this large project may have been shelved for the time being Remembrance Sunday - SD laid a wreath on behalf of WAW Bingley Meeting Venue – Cf checked Chip & Ern - not suitable Stickers have been ordered by SD. Only 2 venues now selling leaflets which is more manageable.	
	<b>Treasurer’s Report: SD</b>  End of 2023 balance - £637.98. Start of 2023 - £599.50 Now reliant on donations 2023 expenditure: £25.00 for Remembrance Day wreath 2024 - paid annual subscription and additional insurance to Zurich as it didn’t cover walking activities. Now costing £150.00 a year. Possibility of a combined insurance policy with other groups to share cost.	SD to contact BTC regarding a grant and to look into Shipley Community Fund.

	<p>£461.00 in bank. Costs pending are cost of Walking Festival leaflets and website renewal</p> <p>WaW signage on town signs “Walkers are Welcome Town” – all agreed to apply to BTC and Susan Fricker to ask BMDC to source a sign and BTC should provide a grant for these.</p>	<p>CM to send photographs and proposal to Phillipa Gibbons at BTC and Cllr Fricker</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Baildon WaW:</b> suggested a meeting with other groups to work alongside Bradford Countryside Services on collaborated guided walks.</p> <p><b>Annual Return:</b> Completed and sent – thanks to SD for all the work put into this.</p> <p><b>Grants Briefing:</b> SN attended a meeting set up by Leeds Community Funding. Creative Communities Fund (Bradford 2025) was a possible source of funding. Thanks to Sarah for attending this on our behalf.</p> <p><b>Chair of National WaW</b> - email regarding setting up a small working party to look at what the economic benefits are of having a walking group in the town/area. Agreed to take part.</p> <p><b>Keighley Gate/Ilkley Moor Road Access Change:</b> BMDC have now prohibited vehicles using the Keighley Road passage to Ilkley Moor.</p> <p><b>Bradford 2025:</b> CM attended meetings and mentioned the Blue Plaque Walk and Walking Festival – received well.</p> <p><b>Heritage/History Trail:</b> CM and SH attended meeting. Marcus Rattray is looking at events for 2025. The Alfred Sharp Memorial Fund still has some funds available for educational purposes. Possible to have both trails. Si Cunningham (Bradford Civic Society) could assist with the Blue Plaque areas. Suggested that we should pick 10 -12 plaque locations, plan a walk around these and invite Si Cunningham to visit and discuss.</p> <p><b>National AGM 2025:</b> Previously discussed. CM and SD attended a joint meeting with Otley, Baildon and Burley-In-Wharfedale. Explained that we would only consider this if it was a collaboration between 3 or four of the groups. Possible that smaller committees could be set up to organise sections. CM contacted Ann Sandell - representatives from all groups will meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and make a joint decision. All agreed that we are happy to go ahead if the other groups are on board.</p>	<p>CF, SD, CM interested CM to confirm we agree to take part</p>

5	<p><b>Events:</b></p> <p><b>Canal Festival (23<sup>rd</sup> March):</b> Bingley Music Town to run a “Pied Piper” music “walk” from Train Station to 5 Rise Locks. Agreed that WaW will lead the walks. LH – part of day, JH, SH, CF, MC available to support. Suggested that the community groups have a “group stall” rather than individual ones. If this occurs, volunteers can rotate.</p> <p><b>Market Stall 6<sup>th</sup> April:</b> agreed to man the stall. MC to help set up and do 10am – 12pm. JH also to help.</p>	<p>MC to arrange a table from BGS with CM CF to add to website</p>
6	<p><b>Walking Festival – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024:</b></p> <p><b>Walks:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Black Girl’s Hiking Walk” – SN to lead. This would be open to all who wish to join.</li> <li>2. Long Walk: “The Puddle Walk” - JK and CF (10.5 miles)</li> <li>3. “Over &amp; Under the Bridges of Bingley” – SD (3 Miles)</li> <li>4. “The Changing St. Ives” - possibly Michael McCabe would lead, or SH may be available. Meet at St. Ives.</li> <li>5. SH has had no response so far from Mark Dovestone regarding the Bird Walk/Dawn Chorus Walk. This would be a limited number of participants and an early start.</li> </ol>	<p>Walk Leaders to send walk descriptions by 28<sup>th</sup> February to MC. Final descriptions to be sent to CF for website update.</p> <p>SH to continue trying to contact. CM to contact Friends of POWP to ask who did their Bird Walk.</p>
	<p><b>Walks:</b></p> <p><b>Monthly Walks:</b> February – Michael M March -SD April - CF May (National Walking Month) – possibly DH</p> <p>Agreed not to participate in Heritage Open Day this year.</p>	<p>CF to add National Walking Month to website</p>
	<p><b>Website:</b> CF: added the Canal Festival to Events Networking Event: Cf will make an events page based on the events – awaiting a diary list from Town Clerk at BTC.</p>	
	<p><b>AOB:</b> Flyer for market stall to give out – CM has put a draft together.</p> <p><b>Blue Plaques:</b> Ideas provided. Walk will need to be devised to take in all the blue</p>	<p>CM to email out for committee to add/check.</p> <p>Committee to review list and discuss at next meeting. CF to also send ideas via email.</p>

	<p>LH: Public footpath in West Morton has been diverted by the landowner without apparent permission.</p> <p>New path planned for Riverside Walk to Paddling Pool in Bottom Meadow of Myrtle Park.</p>	<p>LH to get details and committee will take forward with BMDC.</p> <p>CM to contact John Goode informally to get more information regarding if the path will link up with the path leading from the tennis courts.</p>
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 10.30am, Shipley Golf Club</p>	