Bingley Walkers are Welcome

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 1st April 2026 Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Brown Cow

Present:	**Apologies:**
Christine McCabe – CM ✓ Maureen Carney – MC ✓ Sue Dennis – SD ✓ Susan Hart – SH ✓ Cedric Farineau – CF ✓ John Kata – JK ✓ David Hanson – DH ✓ Jenny Hinsley – JH ✓ Michael McCabe – MM ✓	Sarah Njeri – SN

Agenda Item		**Actions**
1, 2	**Welcome, Apologies:** SN – accepted.	
3	**Minutes of Last Meeting - 19.11.25 & 15.10.25** Proposed to accept the minutes of both meetings - JK, seconded SD.	
4	**Matters Arising:** SN – may need a strong back up option for her walk at the Festival after a leg injury. Can cover back up from her group. But may need a walk leader replacement.	
5	**Festival of Walking 2026:** Specsavers sponsoring the event with water etc. again. Walk 1: JK lead, CF back up Walk 2: SD lead, Freda Back Up – possibly Angie also Walk 3: SN (TBC) lead, SN Team to back up (TBC) and possibly Tracey. Walk 4: DH lead, SD back up Walk 5: Heather Weatherhead lead, JH back up Tracey would be happy to go on the 3rd Walk so can back up.	SD to ask Angie if she can also back up. CM to discuss with SN back ups and walking the route with CF during April.

	If no other options, CF will lead the 3rd Walk and JK will lead the 1st Walk as they have adequate back up. Dogs on walks – the countryside information has changed and owners can get an unlimited fine if a domestic animal is bothering livestock or wildlife – Dogs must be on a controlled lead at all times and this will need to be emphasised on all walks.	
5	**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at beginning of 2026 - £1496.30 Expenses: Subs - £110.00 Insurance £56.00 Festival Printing - £278.00 Website - £52.47 Current Balance - £999.83	
6	**Correspondence:** Welcome Way queries: NOTE: The Welcome Way leaflet could be re-printed, (CofC Legacy could fund some of this), Ilkley now have WaW status and Ilkley Bid would like to be involved and would cover some of the cost. An extension into Ilkley has been developed. There would need to be some inclusion of nature reserves. However, Otley/Burley/Baildon are sceptical. Agreed that JK & CF represent us and respond ahead of a planned meeting to support the new route and re-print. Email from Ros Dawson thanking DH and WaW for support with the memorial walk for Edwina Simpson.	JK/CF to draft email to send to meeting.
7	**Events:** Town Square Stall – 25th April – agreed not to have a stall as the market is very small at the moment. 6th & 7th June - Bingley Creates 2026: We agreed to run the Heritage Walk on both days if there are enough leads and back-ups. Damart will have the Bingley History Society Archive open – suggested that on one of the days, the walk stops by Damart for a break. Saturday - start at square at 10am, Sunday - start at 10am. Alternate route for this would be: Start at Town Square, Myrtle Park, along riverside walk to Station, Five Rise Locks, Prince of Wales Park, then at Damart, walkers can either walk with the lead (half an hour break) to the Town Square or remain and depart from Damart.	

	Leads: CF, DH to confirm both days. SD confirm will lead on either day. Back up: JH both days, Tracey or Gail may back up. MC may be able to back up on Sat – will confirm. JK & CF leading a walk at the Otley Walking Festival in July.	To confirm. CM to ask.
5	**Walks:** Agreed to develop a post for social media/website to call out for walk leaders and back-ups. Agreed to look into if we can deliver our own walk leader training. 12th April: CF lead - taking in the new resurfaced path at Treacle Cock Alley and to Dowley Gap, using rarely used paths and possibly Gilstead Cragg. 10th May: JK lead 14th June: SD lead 12th July: CF lead	CF to develop posts. JK to enquire with Baildon WaW
6	**Website:** Thanks to CF for the addition to the website about the new path at Treacle Cock Alley Local events happening – a page added for these. Agreed to create a basic poster with a QR code link to the website - print 12 and put in the notice boards etc. for the events.	CF to look at designing a poster.
7	**AOB:** Bingley Town Council - annual general meeting. Agreed to give a presentation/report regarding the grant (town signs). Reprinting Bingley Loop: Agreed not to re-print as we have only a couple left and if the Welcome Way is re-printed it is not necessary. Checking walk routes – ongoing.	
9	**Date of Next Meeting:** 22nd July or 29th July (TBC)	