



Bingley Walkers are Welcome
Minutes of Meeting
Date: 15th October 2025 Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Chip & Ern

Present: Christine McCabe – CM ✓ Sue Dennis-SD Maureen Carney – MC ✓ Susan Hart – SH ✓ John Kata – JK ✓ David Hanson – DH ✓ Michael McCabe -MM		Apologies: Jenny Hinsley – JH Cedric Farineau Sarah Njeri – SN
Agenda Item	Actions	
1, 2	Welcome, Apologies: JH, SN, CF	
3	Minutes of Last Meeting - 16.7.25 Website - checking of walks – to be carried forward to the next meeting. Sd to check the number of Bingley Loop leaflets have been sold – carried to the next meeting.	
4	Matters Arising: The Walkers are Welcome signs are now up in the town.	
5	Treasurer’s Report: Balance £3055.81 Donation from Bingley Bubble for the festival publicity £1000 from Bradford on foot £400 from BTC for the WaW signage. Payments for National Get Together - 44 people registered for the event and 42 people attending the dinner. This will be used to pay for the Get Together costs, and any profit will be split between the WaW groups. Remaining balance after Get Together - approx. £1500 Will also need to pay for a technician for the lighting and sound and screen – agreed that all WaW groups who are joint	

	hosting should share the cost.	
6	<p>Correspondence: Otley Walking Festival – 27th June – 25th July 2026: Welcome Way will be included and it has been suggested that each WaW group will lead a walk for their own area (Bingley Loop). JK agreed this provisionally but will be done on 27th June or 4th July. SD, CF to back up if available.</p>	CM to check dates with Otley WaW
7	<p>Events:</p> <p>6th & 7th June - Bingley Creates 2026: Agreed not to move the Walking Festival, but agreed that we will lead the Heritage Walk that weekend. Agreed that we will do the walk on both days, subject to enough lead and back up.</p> <p>Carers Walk: Thanks to David, Susan, Jenny and Cedric for leading and taking part.</p> <p>Damart Stall - 28th March Town Square Stall – 25th April</p> <p>Ross Colbourne - Neighbourhood Warden – wants to start “Bench Walks” – aimed at the sheltered housing residents. Agreed to share and publicise on our social media.</p>	CM to confirm
8	<p>Celebration of Walking 2026: Monday 4th May 2026 CM contacted by a poet/fiction writer. Suggested that writing could be incorporated into one of the walks on the festival. Agreed to respond and suggest that she chooses one of our walks and leads her own writing walk, or she can come along on one of our walks and she can run a workshop at the end of the walk.</p>	CM to respond
4	<p>2025 National Get Together: Saturday: 1 table for registration - Susan Howell, MC Registration and coffee from 9.30am – 10am (to be set up from 9am) Morsbags to hand out at registration – CM and SH to prepare Coffee Break - SH and Andrea Ellis, SD to get all refreshments 10am – 11.30am - Heritage Walk – 37 attending. Agreed to set off 15 mins apart and go opposite ways – 1 lead, 1 back up for each group (DH, CF, Linda Howell + 1) 11.30am – 11.45am - Coffee (Otley WaW are providing and serving) 11.45am – AGM - 2 tables on stage for 8 people. 1.00pm – 2.00pm – Lunch for 40 (Agreed to invite Marcus Dearden to Lunch)</p>	CM to contact councillors inviting for drinks and MD to lunch

	<p>2.00pm – 3.00pm - Free Time or Riverside Walk (SD) 3.00pm – 3.30pm – Coffee Break 3.30pm – 4.15pm – Workshops 1, 2, 3 4.30pm – 5.15pm – Workshops 2, 3, 4 (Access For All will be in the main hall with the cinema screen. Mobile Phone Photography will be in the lounge and Diversifying the Countryside will be upstairs).</p> <p>6.30pm – 9.00pm – Dinner and entertainment for 45 people. Need capacity for 50/60 people to sit. Bingley Music Town attending to provide music throughout the meal starting at 7pm and 2 magicians attending from 6pm – 7pm. Jane Earnshaw - 15 min slot and Libertas Ensemble.</p> <p>Sunday: 9.00am – 9.30am - meet in Arts Centre for coffee (Burley WaW) 9.30am – 11.00am Walk 1 9.30am – 12.00pm – Walk 2 9.30am - 1.30pm – Walk 3</p>	SD to send MC Registration forms and labels for printing
5	<p>Walks: 2 Nov: JK - 3 parks in reverse. Dec: Heather Weatherhead Jan: SD Feb: Corrine</p>	
6	<p>Website: Report on AGM minutes – refer to these.</p>	
7	<p>AOB:</p>	
9	<p>Date of Next Meeting: TBC</p>	