Bingley Walkers are Welcome

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 29th July 2026 Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Chip n Ern

Present:	**Apologies:**
Christine McCabe – CM ✓ Sarah Njeri - SN ✓ Sue Dennis – SD ✓ Susan Hart – SH ✓ John Kata – JK ✓ Tracey Waterhouse - TW ✓ Jenny Hinsley – JH ✓ Michael McCabe – MM ✓	Maureen Carney - MC Cedric Farineau – CF David Hanson – DH Gail McAllister – GM Richard Driver – RD Patrick Caulfield -PC

Agenda Item		**Actions**
1, 2	**Welcome, Apologies:** CF, DH, GM, RD, PC – accepted.	
3	**Minutes of Last Meeting – 1.4 2026** Proposed to accept the minutes - JK, seconded SH.	
4	**Matters Arising:** 2026 Celebration of Walking had slightly fewer participants and about £60 less in donations. Partly due to increasingly cashless society. CM, SD & SH attended BTC AGM and reported on the WaW signage funding	
5	**Celebration of Walking 2026:** See above	
6	**Treasurer's Report:** Income since last meeting Donations – £175.05 + approx. £20 on Just Giving Leaflet Sales - £47 No Expenses: Current Balance - £1221.88	
7	**Correspondence:** Welcome Way The opportunity offered by the Culture Company (CofC Legacy) to reprint and update the Welcome Way guide book was disappointingly rejected by Otley and Burley.	

	Pennine Gateway The 18 ml route from Ilkley to Penistone Hill will be launched on 19/9. The LDW Association is also involved. 3 shorter routes Ilkley to Saltaire to Bingley to Penistone also included. CF, SD, SN to lead/backup. Thanks to JK for taking ownership of the project Marathon a Month Canalside Healthcare Centre initiative to encourage walking for health. Black Women's Walk The recent successful walk led by SN had resulted in some unpleasant comments of Facebook. It was agreed that we would not react to the comments but in future include a statement indicating that all groups are welcome.	JK – update social media CF – additional website page. SD – to obtain further details SN – contact CF to confirm decision
8	**Events:** Bingley Creates 2026 – disappointing walk attendance – 3 both days. Agreed that advertising could have been improved and to continue WaW involvement for 2027 – probably offering different walks	
9	**Walks & Walk Leaders:** 2 new leaders (RD & PC) and 2 backup (TW & GM) recruited following Facebook campaign, training provided by JK who is happy to do more via Zoom if required. August: PC to lead (JK assisted with recce), RD to back up Sept: TBC Oct: TBC Nov: SD lead, FW backup – 1st Sunday Dec: JK lead WhatsApp group to be set up for walk leaders and backups	CM – sort leaders for Sept/Oct CM – set up group
10	**Website:** Thanks to CF for continuing to update the website and adding new pages	
11	**AOB:** The WaW noticeboard has been refurbished and painted, funding obtained by Councillor Fricker	
12	**Date of Next Meeting:** AGM & Meeting either 21/10, 4/11 or 11/11	CM – check venue availability