

HIGHWORTH & SWINDON WALKING CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD on 9th JULY 2024

Present: Andrew Snowden (AS, Chair), Sue Aiken (SA, Wednesday Walks Coordinator), Marilyn Todd (MT, Sunday Walks Coordinator), Dave Hazell (DH, Treasurer).

Apologies: Tina Phoenix (TP, Membership Secretary) and Don Webster (DW).

1. Previous minutes

These were read through.

Matters arising:

Pete Saunders has renewed the club's Flickr account for one year.

The Stratford upon Avon coach trip took place on Saturday 22nd June.

The Peak District weekend away is now confirmed to be in October this year.

2. Financial secretary's report

DH reported that the bank account balance was £1950.15 and cash was £137.87

A building society cheque for £716.99 was received from a past member of the Highworth Rambling Club – Mike Suter - (pre-merger with Swindon Club). It was the proceeds from sales of the "15 Walks Around Highworth" (reissued in March 2012) booklet being sold (on commission) by the Lighthouse Bookshop in Highworth High Street, prior to its closure in 2023.

Post meeting note: Around **100** booklets remain unsold.

A discussion over what possible uses to make of this unexpected addition to the club's funds ensued. Suggestions were: providing more/enhance First Aid kits, a First Aid training course and map reading/What3Words course(s). **Action:** AS to mention options in the next club newsletter.

The Stratford trip receipts were £715, and expenses were £719.80, making a small deficit of £4.80 (coach hire £620 + £25 driver tip; recce mileage claims £54.80; ticket sales £695)

3. Membership secretary's report

TP had advised that current membership number was 119 (with a few applications outstanding).

4. Stratford upon Avon coach trip

It was felt the trip was a success and it was well received by those who went (34). The trip broke even financially. It was agreed that suggestions for trips would be invited at the 2025 AGM. **Action:** In addition, AS to invite suggestions for future trips in the next club newsletter.

5. Accounts presentation format for AGMs

After discussion of a proposed additional document from Richard Pearce, it was agreed that the current format would be retained, but with more detail. **Action:** DH

6. Mileage/expenses claims

A discussion took place on the current rates (10p/mile contributions for those car sharing on Wed and Sun walks and 20p/mile for those recce'ing coach trip walks and weekends away or on official club business).

It was decided to retain the current rates but keep them under review in light of increased motoring costs.

6. Any other business

Options for the remaining 100 copies of the "15 Walks Around Highworth" (reissued in March 2012) booklet were discussed. One of which was to offer them (for sale or free?) at the 2025 AGM.

AS closed the meeting at 20:42.