1. The Chairman, Liz Dimond, welcomed all those in attendance, especially new member, Ron Nudd. Liz also thanked those who had provided wine and nibbles for the evening.

2. Those attending and apologies are noted in the table above.

3. The minutes of the AGM 2018 were read and approved.

4. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. Annual Reports:

   a) Chair’s Report:–

   Over the past 12 months there have been 35 walks. Just a couple of walks had to be cancelled due to bad weather. There has been good attendance on most walks with numbers up on recent years. The Monday walks have proved to be popular. It has been suggested having some very short walks for those who might want to get started or return to walking. These might only be a mile or so in length but with a coffee stop and time for socialising. These could be added in as extras to the walks table.

   During the past year the group held several social activities. In June Robbie and Anne hosted the “Summer Solstice” barbecue at their home. In the Autumn Graham organised a social evening and meal at The Star and in February Phil and Claire organised the annual post Christmas meal, again at The Star. These events were most enjoyable and well attended. The organisers were thanked for their hard work.
As a new venture the group offered its services to clear a few local footpaths for Valeways. A few members undertook this work in 2018, clearing paths in the Llampha area. It is planned to do the same again in May and September 2019.

Thanks were given to the office holders and all those who had led walks during the past year.

b) The secretary had nothing to report.

c) Treasurer’s Report:-

Frank handed out copies of the statement of accounts for 2018/19 to the members present. The Bank Balance stands at £119.94 with £15.10 cash in hand. Income received during the year came from membership subscriptions, the Village Fete stall plus a donation of £10. A donation of £40 from money raised at the Village Fete and “topped up” from funds was given to the Wales Air Ambulance. Expenditure included the annual licence for the web site of £36. The bank balance is in healthy state.

d) Web site

Phil said there has been a significant increase in the number of hits on the site, which most members are using. There needs to be a check that all members are included on the emailing list as some have not been receiving the information. The group was going to be promoted on Face Book via Tricia but as our numbers have increased naturally that has not been done. It was agreed that we should just advertise our activities on the Wick Hub. Carroll will provide a different picture from the past to replace the one which has been used on the website since it was set up. Liz suggested that for each walk as well as a photo of the walkers there should also be an additional photo of a view or something of interest to go with the reports.

6. Nominations for Officers

As there were no offers from any member of the group to take over any of the positions the officers remain as before:-

Chair - Liz Dimond
Secretary - Marie Sheppard
Treasurer - Frank Holness

7. Any other Business:– None

The AGM meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Date of the AGM 2020: Friday, 28th February in Wick & Monknash Village Hall @ 7.30pm
1. The minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 October, 2018 were approved by all present.

2. Matters arising from the minutes.
   None

3. Membership Subscriptions for 2019
   It was agreed to keep subscriptions at £5

4. Purchasing set of whistles
   This matter has arisen as there have been problems in communicating between walkers when any emergency/incident has occurred. This has been noticeable when the group has become split, leaving some distance between those at the front and the walkers at the rear. Carroll still has the walkie talkies the group purchased some time ago so it was agreed to use this system again and see how things go.

5. Wick Fete 2019 Sat 8th June on the rugby ground
   Frank, Graham and Ron agreed to manage the Wick & District Wanderers’ stall. They will go to the rugby field on the previous evening to be shown the WW pitch. Details will be finalised at the May planning meeting.

6. An Away Weekend
   There is no interest at present.

7. Spring/summer walks programme
   Liz has prepared a table of suggested dates for walks to cover this period. This was considered at the meeting and for the majority of dates there are volunteers to lead walks and some already have specific locations. The list will be “finalised” and then distributed by Liz, who will lead the first walk in the Thaw valley on Sat 2nd March.

8. Any other business
   Ron Nudd has volunteered to be the Hall Rep for WW.

Date of next planning meeting: Friday, 17th May 2019 Wick Village Hall @ 7.30 p.m.