

**WICK WANDERERS**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Held at Wick Village Hall**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

**Present:**

Liz Dimond (Chair)  
Marie Sheppard (Secretary)  
Frank Holness (Treasurer)  
Phil Murphy (Website Manager)  
Claire Murphy  
Anne Norris  
Richard Christopher  
Ron Nudd  
Graham Williams  
Mags Stevens  
Pennie Ayres  
Carroll Swaine  
Mary Swaine  
Marie Lewis

**Apologies:**

John Williams  
Linda Williams  
Dona Morgan  
Elizabeth Ford  
Ray James  
John Lewis  
Helen Bates  
Andrew Hemfrey  
David Walke  
Glenys Walke  
Robbie Norris

1. The Chair, Liz Dimond, welcomed all those in attendance and thanked those who provided wine and nibbles for the meeting.

**Action 1** – Claire Murphy to purchase new plastic wine glasses for meetings, as current set now mostly unusable.

2. Apologies were noted in the table above.
3. The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 were approved.
4. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
5. Annual Reports:-
  - (a) Chair's Report  
There has been good attendance at most walks with numbers continuing to increase. Our overall membership has now increased to 40 members. New members are encouraged to lead walks and particular thanks was given to a new member who regularly now leads walks.

In the past year we have had roughly the same number of walks planned as previous years. Unfortunately, a number of walks have been cancelled in recent months due to bad weather. However, visits to Topstak have become an enjoyable default activity for coffee and a chat.

There have been several social events this year - a second excellent BBQ at Anne and Robbie Norris' house in June, an enjoyable buffet in The Lamb & Flag in November and then a very good post-Christmas meal at The Star in February. Thanks to all who organised these events, all were well attended and feedback very positive.

As a new venture last year, we offered our services to help clear a few local footpaths for Valeways, the local charity which has been working hard to keep all the lovely footpaths clear. On our last such path clearing we had a minor incident which prompted a revision of our safety measures and we now ask all new members to sign up with us after two trial walks, complete an emergency contact form and they then receive a whistle to wear and use should an emergency situation occur. We are in the process of ensuring that several regular walkers have these contact details saved on their mobile phones for use when necessary.

**Action 2** – *Phil Murphy to send Emergency Contact List to Richard Christopher, Helen Bates, Graham Williams and Carroll Swaine. This is in addition to current holders Liz Dimond and Phil Murphy.*

**Action 3** – *Liz Dimond to ask Helen Bates to purchase an additional packet of whistles for future new members.*

**Action 3** – *Liz Dimond to check the status of Valeways to see if we are able to make the £50 donation previously agreed.*

**Action 4** – *Assuming Action 3 above is confirmed, Frank Holness to pay the £50 donation previously agreed.*

(b) Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

(c) Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Financial Statement for Year 2019/20 were circulated to those present. The total number of members of Wick Wanderers were confirmed at 40.

The bank balance as at 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 stands at £155.79. There has been very little expenditure during the past year, items of expenditure include hall rent, wine for social events and emergency survival items.

(d) Website Report

There has been a 34.2% increase in hits on the website during the past year, with 1383 hits in 2018, increasing to 1857 hits in 2019.

Please note that if leading a walk there are currently 95 previous walks on the website, so ideas for future walks can be found. There are also plenty of photos to look at.

Although there is lots of information held on the website, please be assured that no personal details are saved on the website.

6. Nominations for appointments – there were no offers from members of the group to take over the positions of Chair, Treasurer or Website Manager, so they will remain as previously: -

Chair – Liz Dimond  
Treasurer – Frank Holness  
Website Manager – Phil Murphy

Claire Murphy offered to take over as Secretary as Marie Sheppard expressed a wish to step down. Liz nominated this proposal and Frank seconded it.

Liz, on behalf of the group, thanked Marie for serving as Secretary for such a long time and doing a great job.

7. Any other business – it was queried when the subs were due and it was confirmed that the annual £5 subs were due now and could all members please arrange to pay Frank as soon as possible.

<p><b>Action 5</b> – <i>Any Wick Wanderers members not present at the meeting to arrange to pay the £5 subs to Frank asap.</i></p>
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8. Date of the next AGM – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm.