

**WICK WANDERERS**  
**Minutes of the Planning 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. Chair, Liz Dimond confirmed the minutes of the last meeting were published on the website and no comments had been received so the minutes were approved.
2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
3. Membership Subs – Frank Holness confirmed that as a group we do not need vast sums of money to run. We have fees for the website which we have paid in advance and some other minor expenditure, for example the whistles. Therefore, he confirmed the £5 annual membership fee is still appropriate.
4. Wick Fete – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – it was agreed to run a Wick Wanderers stall at this year's fete. Ron Nudd offered to run the stall and Mags Stevens agreed to help. This will mainly be for the publicity of the group and advertising our programme of walks to the local community.
5. Pilgrimage Walks – Father Craig, the vicar in Wick, has given us some details of heritage walks from Wick and other areas in the Vale. The walks are based around and link the churches in the area and routes include St Brides, Wick, Southerndown and Llantwit Major. This year the church is celebrating 100 years since the Church of Wales split from the Church of England. Phillip Morris has provided the drawings on the leaflets.

Father Craig has requested that we trial the walks within our usual programme of walks and asked if we could check the details provided on the leaflets as we do the walks to ensure they are accurate.

It was agreed by the group to include these within our programme and Liz Dimond would try the first one on her walk on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, subject to weather.

Pennie Ayres mentioned that there is a meeting taking place soon with a group of local people, including the church, if anyone is interested. It is important that this is a local interest initiative and not run by the church. Anyone interested in attending, please let Pennie know.

6. Spring/Summer Walks Programme – most of the dates proposed for the Spring/Summer walks already had leaders agreed prior to the meeting and the remaining dates were agreed between those present.

It was suggested that a couple of the walks may start a little earlier at 9.30am (rather than 10.00am) if the proposed walk required some travel. This would be indicated to members well in advance of the walk.

The possibility of evening walks was discussed as in previous years we had missed some of the good weather. These will therefore appear in the programme as proposals and indicated nearer the time, should the weather be suitable. It was also suggested that some of the Pilgrimage Walks could be used as the evening walks where we could either go or come back on the bus, as they are not circular walks.

7. Partnerships with Walking Clubs – Vale Council – Richard Christopher informed the group that he had met a lady in Porthkerry recently who didn't know our walking group existed. She mentioned that there is a meeting in St Donats on 26<sup>th</sup> March (9.45/10.00am to 2pm – lunch provided) to discuss potential new partnerships with the Vale Council. They want to involve local groups, including walking groups to look at nature conservation and report on things we find. Grants may be available for particular projects. The local sustainability group in Wick may also be interested. Valeways are no longer supported by the local council, but do still run as a charity. Richard confirmed that the agenda for the meeting is still vague, but believes this is being subsidised by the Welsh Government to help keep on top of local communities.

Attendance at the meeting needs to be confirmed. Phil Murphy offered to attend with Richard.

<p><b>Action 1</b> – <i>Richard Christopher will confirm his attendance, as well as Phil Murphy's for the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March.</i></p>
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**Action 2** - *Richard Christopher to email details to Mike Webb at Sustainable Wick to see if he would like to attend also. If not, any appropriate details can be passed to him following the meeting.*

8. Emergency Contact Forms – Phil Murphy confirmed that the emergency contact details for members is held confidentially in a pdf document. This is currently held by him and Liz Dimond. It is important that a few other members hold the list in case Phil or Liz are not on the walk.
9. Any other business – Liz Dimond said that a young lady currently studying her masters in archaeology and heritage has contacted her as part of the walking group to see what we all think about the heritage coast.

Liz confirmed she has arranged to meet the lady in The Star at 7.15pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February if anyone is interested in attending and giving their comments.

Anne Norris confirmed this year's Summer Solstice BBQ will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Phil Murphy confirmed he had updated the posters to go around the village to include some brief details about us being a local walking group (as some people have commented they thought we were a local football team!). The posters will only include the dates of the walks and destination and direct people to the website for further details. Full details of walks will be provided to the group as usual and walk leaders are requested to give at least 1 weeks' notice of the walk details to other members.

10. Date of next planning meeting – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.