

**Manor Walking Club
AGM**

Thursday 18th January 2024

Pollards Inn, Willaston approx. 2.30pm

Minutes of Meeting

The meeting was attended by 40 members

1. Welcome and apologies for Absence (Paul Smith, Martin Woodhead, Mike Curtis, Roger Kimpton, Annie Hancox, Tony Hinkin, Les McKitterick, Margi Smyth, Ian Taylor, Bill Bickinson, John Braithwaite, Elwyn & Kathy Jones, Tim Bearcroft)
2. Minutes of the AGM of the Manor Walking Club held 26th January 2023 - ***accepted***
3. Matters arising – not dealt with elsewhere - ***none***
4. Chair's Report – ***attached- unanimously approved***
5. Secretary's Report - ***attached- unanimously approved***
6. i) Treasurer/ Membership Secretary's Report. - ***attached- unanimously approved***
ii) Annual Subscription 2024 – proposed by Committee to be £10 – ***agreed by all***
iii) Proposal to continue our donations to Mountain Rescue and our membership of the Snowdonia Society. - ***agreed by all***
7. Appointment of Geoff Beard as independent Examiner for the 2024 accounts –
unanimously agreed
8. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Treasurer (David Turner) by The Chairman
9. Proposal to formerly amend the MWC Constitution to allow inclusion of one or more additional Committee Members principally to assist with social events. ***Proposed by Carol Walker, seconded by David turner and unanimously agreed***
10. Election/appointment of Club Officers
 - i) Chair – (Peter Knight)
 - ii) Treasurer/ Membership Secretary (Allan Trimble)
 - iii) Secretary/ Programme Secretary (Carol Walker)
 - iv) Website manager co-opted to Committee (David Green)

All the above postholders have agreed to serve for another year if re-elected.

Proposed by David Cross, seconded by David Turner and unanimously approved

11. Election of new committee members *David & Jacki Willis* to assist with social events.

Proposed by Keith Moores, Seconded by David Cross- approved by all

12. A.O.B

- a. Leading Walks
- b. Recruitment and advertising
- c. What's App groups

These topics were covered in the Chairman, Secretary's and Membership Secretary's Reports and no other comments were made from the floor.

David Green raised the issue that no one has come forward to volunteer for the Secretary / Programme Secretary Post to take effect in January 2025. It was agreed to keep the opportunity for nomination open throughout 2024.

Liz Jackson made the comment that we may increase the number of new younger members if we allowed dogs on our walks. This prompted discussion but a vote to include dogs was supported by only 3 members. Margaret Boulton suggested that we might consider occasional walks where dogs are permitted. No firm conclusions were drawn.