**Bradford Senior Wayfarers AGM**

**Minutes of the 17th AGM held on 31st March 2023 @10.30am @ Shipley Library**

**Exec Apologies:**

Ian Robottom

David Webster

1. Welcome and opening remarks by the Chair Verner Wheelock
2. In memorial. members are asked to remember members who have passed away since our last AGM … **None recorded this year.**
3. **Agreed** minutes of the previous AGM **8th April 2022. No** **Matters arising**
4. **The following officers were nominated and elected**:

Chair: Verner Wheelock .. NB Verner stated that this will be his last year as Chair.

Secretary: Pat Meadows

Treasurer: David Webster

Webmaster: Richard Walker

Also to agree: Barry Parker to continues as financial auditor.

1. Officers Reports:
   1. Chair. Verner Wheelock.. Unfortunate that we have one less group with the demise of the Thursday shorter walks group, but all other groups are continuing to operate fully.

Several successful event have been held including: Frank Starr 90th Birthday, BBQs, 3 coach trips, Kilnsey show and Arnside full week walking holiday.

Thanks were given to all Exec members for their continued support and hard work.

* 1. Treasurer including finance report and agreement of accounts ...Barry Parker on behalf of David Webster
* Income: £4,824.27
* Expenditure: £4,182.67
* Excess of income over expenditure: £641.60
* Noted that the trips have increased the surplus by £289.
* **The Accounts were agreed as an accurate record.**
  1. Website / Meetup development…. Richard Walker.
  + Will continue with web site at present but it may be superseded by App – Meetup some time in the future.
  + We will aim to always retain Google Sheets for entering walks for schedule, as this works very well.
  + It would be great if people could plan walks further ahead, although it is appreciated that this is not always possible.
  + Note the facility to record walks on the web site. Please summit any to be included to RW.
  + Meetup is showing an improvement in numbers / participation, also records attendance .There is evidence that we are gaining some younger members via Meetup.

**Agreed** to continue with Meetup and to join for a full year as this will be a cost saving

1. Group leaders reports:
   1. Rod Seed for Monday: Currently 20 full members. Average 15 per walk. £42 earned for the £1 Meetup fee, from 28 walkers. Sufficient walk leaders and some new ones this year.
   2. Josie Boothroyd on behalf of DW Tuesday Central: 12-14 average attendance on walks. There is a need to increase the number of walk leaders currently only 5.
   3. Teresa Hall Tuesday Baildon: 6-9 average number of walkers. Ageing members having difficulty recruiting walk leaders. Meet up in use now so hopefully can increase numbers. Some walks had to be cancelled due to poor weather. Thanks to Russell Driver for leading some walks for us.
   4. John and Judith Bentley Wednesday: 38 Full members &new this yr. good number of walk leaders. Mainly use public transport. Held several social events and especially like the coach trips.
   5. Thursday 5 milers: No longer operating.
   6. Barry Parker Thursday 8 milers: 23 full members average 8-12 per walk. Sufficient walk leaders but can always use more. Thanks to Jayne Noble for arranging a Christmas lunch.
   7. Russell Driver Thursday 8-10 milers: 9 full members. average 5-8 per walk. Special thanks to all walk leaders for their support i.e., Colin, Simon, Martin, Caroline, Richard and Rod.
2. Relations with the Bradford CHA.

* The reciprocal membership explored but the proposal is not possible due to issues with insurance of both clubs.
* **Agreemen**t to continue to promote each other’s activities.
* **Agreement** to continue to pursue where joint working can be of mutual benefit.
* Bradford City of culture 2025. Proposal to hold a joint event.

1. Proposed name change to reflect current membership to:

**“Midweek Wayfarers - A Yorkshire walking group”**

**Rationale for Proposal:**

More relevant to the group’s activities i.e., not all activities Braford based.

Encourages recruitment of younger members. Senior implies ‘old’ and we need new younger members to sustain the club in future years

Very few mid-week walking groups. It highlights our unique selling point.

Can keep our heritage pages and reflect the old logo in the new one.

We can keep the URL www.seniorwayfarers.org.uk but a can also access web site from [www.midweekwayfarers.com](http://www.midweekwayfarers.com) or www.midweekwayfers.co.uk if we buy the domains - £10 ish each. Stops anyone else using them)

**Unanimous agreement** to the proposed name and domain changes.

1. Agreement of proposed updates to the constitution. **Both amendments were agreed and accepted.**
2. Agreement of proposed Meetup policy. **Agreed and Accepted**
3. Agreement of Membership fees for 2024:

**Agreed** to maintain £10 per full member (£18 per couple) and £1 day membership.

1. Succession planning: We need to encourage members to contribute to the running of their club, taking on or supporting executive roles and leading walks.
2. Informal discussion on future activities / Planned coach trips for 2023:

* 19th April York
* 8th June Keswick
* 19th July Chester
* 31st Aug Whitby
* Holiday. Arnside 31st Sept to 7th October

1. AOB. request from RW for anyone with IT skills to help out inputting walk details on to web page and meet up. 2 volunteers came forward with an offer to assist RW.