Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 23rd October 2025

Attended by; Malcolm (chair), Neil, Judith, Brian and Pauline (sec) and 9 members also attended

Apologies from; Diane and Runi

Minutes of AGM 2024
The minutes of last year's AGM were formally agreed and accepted

Reports by Committee

Chair; Malcolm had provided a report to the meeting which had been circulated in advance and he spoke to this. (report attached)
The plans for the 90th Anniversary were raised and the meeting was asked if there are any members who are in contact with former members to let the committee know so these can be invited to the events next year.

Secretary; Pauline continues to send out the weekly e-mail and the administration of meetings, booking of venues etc There was nothing specific to report, and no complaints or concerns.

Treasurer; Neil provided the meeting with an up-to-date and audited copy of the accounts (report attached) and spoke to this as follows;
Membership income £3,000 down £900 0n 2024
Costs £3,500 down £600 on 2024
Largest single cost is points paid down, but all other costs up.
Audit has been signed off for 2024/25. Audit was clean i.e. no concerns, recommendations comments etc
Points tracking ; New spreadsheet introduced for 2025/26 historical info, points balance (£2,500) now audited going forward
Majority of finances managed through Pay Pal with supplementary bank Metro Bank (was Barclays Bank)

Social Secretary; Diane was unable to be present but the committee informed the meeting that the social aspect of the group continues to be very busy and has a great deal of variety.

Membership Officer; Judith has been co-opted onto the committee and had a handover from Brian who had been managing the membership role. It was reported that this transition had been smooth and streamlined.
There was a discussion about cheques and these are now pretty much obsolete. Cheques incur costs so are to be avoided. Options are Pay Pal and it was made clear you can use Pay Pal as a guest, or occasionally cash. Members who have points have their membership paid directly from this.
Members asked about membership reminders and it was confirmed that Judith sends out reminders when your membership is due about 3 weeks before.

Programme Planner; Brian provided two comprehensive reports (both attached) this included programme statistics over the last 10 years and these had been circulated in advance.
Brian spoke to these to the meeting.

Information Officer; It was noted this role is not needed at this time.

Publicity Officer; Runi had sent her apologies and had nothing specific to add at this time.

Election of Committee for 2025/26

No additional nominations were received. Therefore the committee for 2024/25 formally stood down and the below nominations were accepted and confirmed for 2025/26.

Role	Nominations	Proposer	2nder
Chair	Malcolm	Diane	Brian
Secretary	Pauline	Runi	Neil
Treasurer	Neil	Brian	Judith
Programme Planner	Brian	Neil	Diane
Information Officer	No nomination		
Publicity Officer	Runi	Malcolm	Pauline
Social Secretary	Diane	Brian	Runi
Membership Officer	Judith	Pauline	Malcolm

AOB;
Access to website
There was a question about who had access to the web site and although Pauline and Malcolm have the details they do not have direct access and currently the only person is Phil J.
It was agreed that this was important to try and resolve.
This item to be placed on the next committee meeting agenda.

90th Anniversary Plans
Brian explained that we have established a subcommittee for planning purposes for this event. The plan is for a buffet lunch in April and to invite as many former members as possible. There will be a recreation of the first walk HAWOG ever did and a plan for a weekend away and opening this up to former members. There was a discussion about inviting the local MP and other prominent people in the community. The committee asked for all members to spread the word etc

Reduction in our income
There was a discussion about the drop in our income and higher costs and about possible ways to deal with this if the pattern continues. It was agreed that there was no need to increase any of the fees at this point but this will be kept under review. There was a discussion about possible fund raising etc

It was noted that the meeting thanked the committee for all their hard work and there was an acknowledgement that additional walk leaders are very much needed to kept the programme full.

Meeting closed.