Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 22nd October 2026

Apologies in advance received from Dee, Michael, Ann, Pete and Anne.

Diane sent her apologies but all other members of the Committee were present.
There were 5 members in attendance.

Minutes of AGM 2025
Minutes of 2025 were agreed and accepted

Reports by Committee

Chair
Malcolm reported that it had been another successful and busy year. The 90th anniversary of the club went well with over 100 guests in attendance. Malcolm thanked Judith for all her hard work in getting in touch with so many former chairs and members who attended. Malcolm also thanked Pauline and all the helpers in providing the catering.
Malcolm reported that the club had expanded into offering weekends away further afield, including a trip to Guernsey and a cycling event in France.
At the beginning of the year there were some problems with our e-mail and also the website, the former requiring a change of address to the group e-mail but this is now working okay. The website is old and requires updating. If anything happened to Phil we would be in trouble; although Malcolm and Pauline have access this is just to observe and they cannot make changes etc.
Malcolm stated that Neil, in his role, is keeping an eye on the rising costs of running the club. Brian and Diane are both active in ensuring the programme is full. There continues to be a problem in people offering to do longer walks i.e. 10 miles and above.
Lastly Malcolm thanked all the members for their attendance etc.

Secretary
Pauline reported there was nothing of significance to report, she continues to send out the weekly e-mail and provides admin support to the committee.

Treasurer
Neil provided a comprehensive report showing a breakdown of the clubs finances. Members were able to look at the report and could see the admin costs have risen and these outgoings include insurance, upkeep of the website, increase in the meet up costs re recruitment, hire of the hall and refreshments. This year there were extra costs for the 90th anniversary. In essence the report is showing that we are paying out more than we are getting in and therefore we are looking at how some additional income can be generated to be further discussed in the meeting.
Neil explained that his report has not been independently audited but this will be completed in the next few weeks.

Membership Officer
Judith reported that the membership of the group remains very stable varying between 270-290.

Social Secretary
Diane sent in the following information which was shared with the meeting:
We have had 41 social events over the last year, with festivals, theatre trips, boat trips and lots of social gatherings which have been very well attended.
Lots of members creating new ideas for social events, always welcome for the programme.
We have 543 members on Facebook.

Programme Planner
Brian had prepared a report which he has sent out to the group but he talked to this in the meeting. The following main points were shared;
There have been 122 outdoor events and 99 walks. Some of the walks have been led by new leaders and some are doing a 2nd walk.
There have been 15 weekends in Hostels and 5 camping trips. The weather has helped with all the events.
Brian produced a graph that shows that over the years the membership has increased.
Brian explained that the committee had decided to increase the supplement for weekends away from £5 to £8 and this will be taking effect from 1st January. It was explained that planning and arranging a weekend takes a fair amount of work and so this supplement was agreed as reasonable. Brian also explained that the committee had agreed that points earned will expire after a two year period.

Information Officer
No one in this post at this time

Publicity Officer
Runi reported that she continues to offer support to new walk leaders, and is happy to inform the meeting there are several new walk leaders now.
Runi has found a really good orienteering course which is scheduled for 20th November all day- there are other days too and she will send the link to anyone interested.
Runi reminded the group that she was happy to support anyone wishing to put on a walk.

Election of Committee for 2026/27
No additional nominations were received. Therefore the committee for 2025/26 formally stood down and the below nominations were accepted and confirmed for 2026/27.

Role	Nominations	Proposer	Seconder
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

Agenda items
Increase in weekend supplements by £3.00 and points earned will expire if not claimed after 2 years

The meeting were informed about the decision to increase the supplement and have an expiry of 2 years on points unclaimed. The club was not aiming to make a profit but needed to boost its income and both these measures would assist.
There was a discussion about the web site and the need for this to be updated which will be a major expense. It was noted that it is a good idea to keep the website and the group e-mails

separate re protecting data. It was suggested we send out an e-mail if anybody in the group could assist in building a new website and Pauline agreed to do this.

Proposal to Increase the membership by £2.00
The Chair explained that this proposal needed to be voted for by those in attendance.
The membership fee would be £12 for a year which is still considered to be extremely good value.
The group are moving away from collecting cash and so if anyone wishes to join it is better if they can be given the link, to either use PayPal or they can use this link to pay as a guest so a PayPal account is not required. This also enables e-mails to be registered etc. and so for admin purposes is helpful.
A vote was taken and the result was 9 members for and 1 against. This change will start from 1st January 2027.

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There were no other items raised.