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## agm Minutes

### APOLOGIES:

Graham Pugh, Ruth Beasley, Don Partridge, Annie Eskins, Bert & Brenda Dowdell, Doreen & Tom Williams, Sue Sugden, Paul Price, Diane Doble, Stuart McMillan, Gloria Surridge, Robin Pitcher

**Attendees: 18**

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

A warm welcome to our AGM meeting today.

Sadly I report the recent passing of Jack Manley (husband of Leah) I am sure several members remember Leah from the accounts department Midland Silicones and Dow Corning.

I would also like to convey my thanks and appreciation to Richard, who after five years of unstinting service, steps down as treasurer and friendship secretary. My thanks also to Rob who is also stepping down after five years as secretary and one of the organisers for short breaks and day trips. Ken Doble who steps down after a few years of organising short breaks and day trips.

Each position requires back filling although I understand we may have a person interested in the treasurer's role.

Thanks to Val for all her work on the Association's Website and as Membership secretary throughout the year. and last but not least all the members of the Committee for their work in ensuring the smooth running of the association.

We must discuss here today the future of the Association and how we consider moving forward without the DOW subsidies.

During our last meeting Richard recommended that if nobody steps in today to lead the friendship team then he would recommend that this section be closed down.

If the friendship group is closed, we should look at returning the car passes our members obtained for the Heath Hospital.

We are no longer permitted to use the main car park and also the DOW gym. Members of the association who have not returned their key fob for the DOW gym will need to drop the fob into the main reception.

Effectively we no longer have ties with DOW management we will check if management still want to receive minutes of our meetings?

Best Wishes..... Trevor Rees.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

It has been a pleasure serving as secretary a role I have now fulfilled twice. I have enjoyed working with my fellow committee members and helping to make our association continue over these last five years. I wish you all success in the future and thank you for your understanding.

Regards - Rob

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

### 1. Financial status year to-date:

Current account balance:	6379.79
Un presented Cheques (all from 2016):	
Welfare.	30.00
Annual Lunch (returns).	-36.00
Tesco Vouchers (cheques in lieu of vouchers from 2016).	-15.00
Savings account balance.	1663.56
Float totals.	77.33
	=====
<b>Net Assets YTD =</b>	<b><u>£8039.68</u></b>

See additional sheet (Income and Expenditure Account for 2017) for a summary of 2017 accounts year to-date. A further breakdown is available during the meeting for those members wishing to see it. Any further queries please contact the treasurer.

### 2. DCRA accounts for 2016:

The 2016 account files have been audited and are available for approval by the members. Many thanks again to Dave Edwards for donating the time and effort to carry out this audit.

See additional sheet (Income and Expenditure Account for 2016) for a summary of 2016 accounts.

Richard Thomas (DCRA Treasurer)

Members present showed their appreciation for the time and work Dave Edwards carries out annually at no expense to the association auditing our accounts. Thanks Dave, your time is greatly appreciated.

Richard then asked Jane Wardle and Nora Lindop to review and accept the audited accounts.

Income and Expenditure Account for 2017					
2017 Income			2017 Expenditure		
Welfare		0.00	Welfare		90.00
Members Subscriptions		577.00	Xmas cards/gifts		0.00
Dow Corning Part Matched Subs		0.00	Tesco Vouchers		0.00
Manning DC Shop (Paid by Dow Corning)		2160.28	Manning DC Shop		76.28
DC Shop Takings		1870.00	DC Shop Takings		1870.00
Admin		3300.00	Admin		133.91
Coach Trips		0.00	Coach Trips		450.00
Annual Dinner/Lunch		280.00	Annual Dinner		385.00
Friendship Group		0.00	Friendship Group		0.00
Interest earned (end July 2014).		0.48	Nordic Walking Group		36.00
			Skittles Group Expenses		0.00
			Walking Group Expenses		171.05
			Secretary's Expenses		0.00
			Treasurers Expenses		0.00
			Subs		5.00
			DC Shop Expenses		300.00
	Total Income	8187.76		Total Expense	3517.24
<b>Surplus for 2017</b>					<b>4670.52</b>
Balances -End of Dec. 2016			Balances - Aug 31st 2017		
Current Account		2039.35	Current Account		6379.79
Unpresented Cheques		-673.56	Unpresented Cheques		-81.00
Savings Account		1663.08	Savings Account		1663.56
Treasurers Float		0.00	Treasurers Float		0.00
Secretary's Float		0.00	Secretary's Float		0.00
Skittles Float		4.18	Skittles Float		4.18
Walking Group Float		36.11	Walking Group Float		73.15
Coach Trips Float		0.00	Coach Trips Float		0.00
DC Shop Float		300.00	DC Shop Float		0.00
			<b>Net Assets year to-date</b>		<b>8039.68</b>
			<b>Minus surplus year to-date</b>		<b>-4670.52</b>
		3369.16			3369.16

Dow Corning Retirees Association					
Income and Expenditure Account for 2016					
2016 Income			2016 Expenditure		
Welfare		0.00	Welfare		290.00
Members Subscriptions		583.00	Xmas cards/gifts		108.25
Dow Corning Part Matched Subscriptions		289.00	Tesco Vouchers		2940.00
Manning DC Shop (Paid by Dow Corning)		4432.40	Manning DC Shop		201.20
DC Shop Takings		4375.00	DC Shop Takings		4375.00
Admin		0.00	Admin		674.75
Coach Trips		942.00	Coach Trips		1064.44
Annual Dinner/Lunch		1258.00	Annual Dinner		1436.18
Friendship Group		40.00	Friendship Group		48.00
Interest earned (end July 2014).		0.85	Nordic Walking Group		0.00
			Skittles Group Expenses		0.00
			Walking Group Expenses		163.89
			Secretary's Expenses		0.00
			Treasurers Expenses		0.00
	Total Income	11920.25		Total Expense	11301.71
Surplus for 2016					618.54
Balances -End of Dec. 2015			Balances - Year End 2016		
Current Account		1565.71	Current Account		2039.35
Unpresented Cheques at the end of 2015		-780.00	Unpresented Cheques		-673.56
Savings Account		1662.23	Savings Account		1663.08
Treasurers Float		0.00	Treasurers Float		0.00
Secretary's Float		0.00	Secretary's Float		0.00
Skittles Float		4.18	Skittles Float		4.18
Walking Group Float		-1.50	Walking Group Float		36.11
Coach Trips Float		0.00	Coach Trips Float		0.00
DC Shop Float		300.00	DC Shop Float		300.00
			Net Assets year to-date		3369.16
			Minus surplus year to-date		-618.54
		2750.62			2750.62

## COMMITTEE FOR 2017/18:

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded By
Chairman	Trevor Rees	Rob Wardle	Mavis Crockett
Secretary	No Volunteers*		
Treasurer	Margaret mcMillan	Kaye Incledon	Dave Townsend
Membership Secretary	Val Caple	Agreed to remain.	
Friendship Secretary	No volunteers	CLOSED DOWN	
Day Trips/ Short Breaks	No Volunteers*		
Committee General	Robert Griffiths	Agreed to remain	
	Sue Sugden	Absent at today's meeting	

### WALKING GROUP:

In June ten members visited the small Maltese island of Gozo for a week long walking holiday to enjoy the warmth of the sun, good food and relaxed island walking routes. We were based in a luxurious boutique hotel in the centre of Victoria and our walks very often took us to a nearby beach for lunch, a swim and either a walk back or return by bus. The coastal walks were stunning and quite remote on occasions, but the weather was hot so we made plenty of café stops for cold drinks when we reached civilisation. A great holiday – one of the best. Gozo is a gem of an island.

The July walk had us returning to the Carmarthen Vans and Black Mountain for a classic walk. The start was from Llandduesant and we wound our way above Llyn y Fan Fach (of Lady of the Lake fame) up onto Bannau Sir Gaer, Picws Du, Fan Foel and finally the highest point on Fan Brycheniog at 807 metres before descending to circumnavigate Llyn y Fan Fawr and back under the towering dark escarpments, passing close to the sources of both the Tawe and Usk rivers. Blaenau farm unfortunately has stopped serving cream teas so we had to make do with an energy bar to finish off a wonderful walk. The weather was kind to the 8 walkers thanks to Mike Dams, who has been appointed as Derek Brockway's deputy and apprentice to David Bailey. Thanks for all you do Mike! It is appreciated by all.

The adverse weather forecast on 2<sup>nd</sup> August caused the postponement of the walk until 16<sup>th</sup> August (when unfortunately Mike Dams was not available) but the weather was acceptable, being dry, with sunny periods, albeit a bit windy on the top at Waun Fach. We started the walk at Pengenffordd just south of Talgarth and climbed steeply up to Castell Dinas for a coffee break before making our way up the Dragon's Back. At the top we turned towards Waun Fach at 801 metres only to find that someone has removed the trig point, but kindly laid some very good paths across the peaty moors. The eight walkers were very disappointed not to be able to get a much needed, refreshing pint on return to the Dragons Back Inn (previously known as the Castle Inn) but happy having experienced another fun, but fairly strenuous, 7 mile walk.

Upcoming walks are;

<b>6 Sept</b>	<b>Pen Cerrig Calch and Pen Allt Mawr (Robin's heather route)</b> Meet 1030 at Nueadd Fawr farm (SO 237227) north of Crickhowell	<b>8.5</b>	<b>M/C</b>
<b>4 Oct</b>	<b>Brecon Beacons South Horseshoe (Pen Y Fan, Cribyn, Fan Y Big)</b> Meet 1030 Lower Neuadd Reservoir Car Park (SO 038 170)	<b>8</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>1 Nov</b>	<b>Swiss Valley and visit to Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre, Llanelli</b> Meet 1030 at Swiss Valley car park off A476 (SN521 032)	<b>5</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>6 Dec</b>	<b>Penmark, Llancarfan circular, with Xmas lunch at Six Bells</b> Meet 1030 at Six Bells car park (SO 058 688) Sat Nav: CF62 3BP	<b>4</b>	<b>E</b>

Membership stands at 40 persons, with 4 new members in year and 24 active walkers.

To join or need more information, contact Stuart McMillan (Tel 029 2070 5234, or e-mail [mcmillan42H@talktalk.net](mailto:mcmillan42H@talktalk.net)).

Regards - Stuart McMillan

### NORDIC WALKING GROUP:

Members from the association who participate remain stable and continue to meet weekly. Age UK and Age Cymru celebrate 'Age Positive Week' commencing October 02. Nordic Walkers will start the weeks events at Cardiff Bay after meeting members of Welsh Assembly sponsors of Nordic Walking. They will walk a 7.5 mile circular bay walk beginning / ending at Wetherspoons on the Bay at 0945 hours.

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP REPORT:

### Volunteer activity:

No activity since the last meeting.

I will not be continuing in the role as Friendship Group Coordinator/ Secretary following the September AGM and if on-one comes forward to take on the role, I will be recommending that we disband the group.

Richard Thomas (Friendship Group Coordinator / Secretary).

## DAY TRIPS / SHORT BREAKS:

The weather was kind on August 30 for forty five members and seven guests who had signed up to a for a day trip with lunch at the Bear Hotel in Crickhowell . Originally forty eight members and eight guests booked onto the trip however on the morning of the trip, three members and one guest had to cancel.

I have enjoyed my time as the other organiser of day trips / short breaks.

Regards Ken

## MEMBERSHIP:

Membership remains the same as last quarter being 345 total (107 singles 119 doubles).

Regards Val

## ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

The chairman, Trevor Rees was thanked for his continued service in what is very difficult times by Don Surridge.

Dave Townsend asked members present to show their appreciation to the retiring committee members who step down from committee at the end of the AGM - Thanks Dave your gesture was much appreciated.

Worth noting, ODEON cinemas (Cardiff Bay nearest to people living Vale of Glamorgan area) offer what is known as the SILVER SCREEN for people over a certain age, film shows on a Tuesday & Thursday for just £3:00 this includes car parking a cup of tea and a biscuit. - Thanks to Steve Bennett for sharing this information.



To comply with section 12 of the constitution, the newly appointed committee shown within these minutes have called for an EGM to appoint an ex-Dow Corning, Midland Silicones employee to fulfil the role as Secretary. See section 12 below. The date and time is shown towards the end of these minutes.

## 12. Officers

The Association Officers shall consist of Chairman / Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected at the A.G.M. for a term of one year. At least two of the Officers must be ex-employees of Dow Corning Ltd. Midland Silicones Ltd. or Albright & Wilson Ltd.

**An EGM has been arranged for Monday November 06 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in TrainC02 Dow Corning.**

**The purpose of the EGM will be to back fill the following vacancies:**

**Secretary**

**Trip organiser**

**Minimum of 2 additional committee members**

**The position of secretary is critical if the association is to continue. If no-one agrees to fill this vacancy on or before 6<sup>th</sup> November the association will be dissolved. Please do attend.**