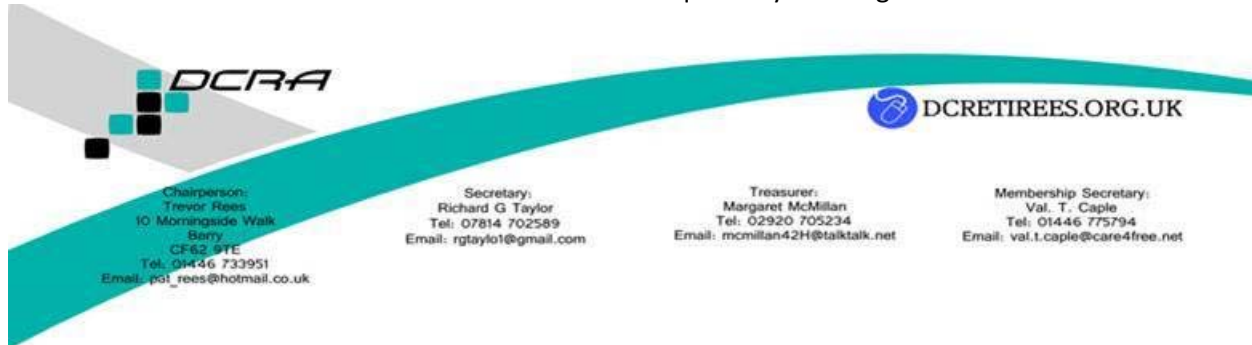


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Subject: Minutes from DCRA Quarterly meeting 4th March 2019

Please find attached the minutes from the recent DCRA quarterly meeting held on 4th March 2019.



Minutes for DCRA Quarterly meeting on 4th March 2019

Agenda

- Apologies
- Chairman's Report
- Secretaries report
- Treasures Report
- Membership report
- Trips and activities report
- Walking group report
- AOB

Chairman's Report

Apologies from Gerry and Mrs Goodman, Graham Pugh, Jaqui Hodges, Johanne Stacy-Davies and Peter, Mike Dams, Rob Wardle, Sue Taylor, Mavis Crocket, Sue Sugden,

20 people attended the meeting

Bereavements

Sadly, we report the passing of Ron Burrows, Marie Carter, Libby Jenkins (wife of Dave Jenkins), Phyllis Dee (widow of Charlie Dee), Bert Dowdell, (husband of Brenda Dowdell), Grish Chandra, Hillary Naylor (wife of the late Cliff Naylor), Doreen Williams.

Secretaries Report

The minutes from last month were reviewed and there were no matters arising.

Treasurers Report

Margaret went through the financial report and a copy is attached. Accounts to be signed off by the accountant.

We have received a letter from Cancer research Wales thanking us for the donation of £20 in memory of Phyllis Dee. Letter Attached.

Dave Townsend reminded us that we should be aware that donations should be to cancer

research Wales and not to be confused with cancer research UK.

A thankyou letter was also received form Julie Morgan, daughter of Elizabeth Jenkins, thanking the association for the donation to cancer research, copy is attached.

We also received a letter from the Welsh air ambulance thanking us for the donation of £50 in lieu of Christmas cards this year, copy is attached. **They will be giving a talk at the June meeting.**

Membership Report

23 people did not renew the membership, 1 person has resigned, and 4 new members have joined. This gives us a total of 279 members.

Walking group Report

Stuart went through the walking group report (full report attached).

Increased members now up to 41.

Congratulations to Robert Griffiths who has now completed the whole of the welsh coast path of 870miles. He has also completed Offa's Dyke 177miles.

Trips and Activities Report

Thanks to Kaye and Sue for organising the recent quiz night which had 23 people attend making up 4 teams. All had a great night and the fish and chips supper was well received. There will be another one later in the year. Other activities in the pipeline are trip to Trego Mills shopping outlet, trip to Brecon and others to be decided.

AOB

An enquiry was made about the policy for lowering the flag at the Dow Barry site. A copy of the policy from 1999 was read at the meeting and is attached. The welsh flag can be lowered on the death of an active employee or retiree if requested by executive management (we are assuming that anyone can apply to management for this to happen). The policy is very old, and Richard will attempt to get an UpToDate copy to share with the association.

All meetings to be at the Nature Centre near the South Gate at Dow.

June 3rd, 2019 at 2pm at the Nature Centre

Talk by the Welsh Air ambulance and the work they do.

Sept 2nd, 2019 at 2pm at the Nature Centre

Talk by the Blood Bikes and the work they do.

Dec 2nd, 2019 at 2pm at the Nature Centre

Talk by Richard Taylor on brewing beer, from grain to beer and everything in between (including some chemistry and samples to try).

Cancer research Wales letter

Air Ambulance letter

Letter from Julie Morgan

Dow Corning Flag policy 1999.

DCRA income and expenses year end 2018

DCRA income and expences year end Feb 2019

Walking group report

DOW CORNING RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION WALKING GROUP
REPORT TO 4th MARCH 2019 MEETING

In December we coupled a short 4-5 mile walk across Ogmere Common towards St Brides Major with our Christmas Lunch. This year we had chosen the Pelican in her Piety Inn and whilst 11 walkers endured wet conditions for the walk, 21 persons sat down to a delightful meal, some roasting by the open fire, others chilled near the door.

During 2018 the group walked 147 miles, taking 84 hours, climbed over 19,500 feet with 193 turnouts. No doubt this amount of effort helps to keep us fit and happy.

Only one stalwart walker turned out to climb Pen Y Fan on New Year's morning and even had to provide his own whisky, mulled wine and mince pies. What a let down!

The January 6 mile, easy walk around Cardiff Bay proved more popular with 13 walkers turning out in good conditions. George led the walk in Stuart's absence and pointed out the many points of interest on the way around. Most of the group took up Margaret's invite to take refreshments at the McMillan residence afterwards.

Eighteen walkers enjoyed a 7 mile easy to moderate walk in February from Wenvoe to St Nicholas and stopping for lunch at Tinkinswood burial chamber, before visiting St Lythans Neolithic stones and back across meadowland to Wenvoe. We had sun!

Upcoming walks are;

r	Newton to Candlestone Castle, Merthyr Mawr dunes and beach	7	E
	Meet 1030 at Newton Church (SS 835775; CF36 5PD) off A4106 to Porthcawl		
	Llanmadoc, Cwm Ivy, Burry Holmes, Kings Head, Llanmadoc	8	M
	Meet 1030 at Llanmadoc field car park (SS 440935) Low tide 13.33.		
y	Longtown, Offas Dyke, Olchon Valley, Longtown	10	M/C
	Meet 1030 at Longtown car park off A465 to Hereford		

Footnote:

One keen walker in our group, Bob Griffiths, completed walking the Wales Coast Path (870 miles from Chepstow to Chester) last year and has recently completed walking Offa's Dyke Path (177 miles from Prestatyn beach to Sedbury Cliffs near Chepstow) and so has circumnavigated Wales having walked 1047 miles! A great achievement in itself, but he has just started walking the Wye Valley Walk from Plynlimon near Aberystwyth to Chepstow, just another 137 miles. What a trailblazer!

Incidentally, Wales is the only country in the world to have a complete coast path and a public rights of way system that allows you to walk around the complete boundary.

Anyone wishing to join the walking group, or wanting more information may contact Stuart McMillan (Tel 029 2070 5234, or e-mail mcmillan42H@talktalk.net).

We thank the Retiree's Association and the Executive for their continued support.