



Minutes for DCRA meeting on 12th March 2018

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Chairman's Report

Apologies

Bert and Brenda Dowdle, Rob Wardle, Rich Thomas, Kaye and Russ Inkledon, Brian Curry, Robin Pitcher, Sue Taylor, Mike Dams, Gloria Surridge, Ruth Beasely,

Bereavements

Tom Kendrick, Des Holand, B Dyne, Daffy Philips.

Secretaries Report

Minutes were reviewed from meeting on 15th Jan 2018, no matters arising or amendments.

Treasurers Report

Current accounts and savings accounts are up to date and finances look OK. No outstanding payments and membership fees are still being received.

We will need to check if the DCRA can be classed as a charity and be eligible to receive gift aid from its members. Richard to follow up with Sue Taylor on any progress.

Membership

There are now 296 members (8 new this year), 37 people have not responded and 6 have resigned.

Walking group report

2 walks were completed in February and March

Upcoming walks, see below

Data protection changes. All existing walking group members need to fill in a consent form for the group to hold your personal information and use it to be able to contact you. The forms need to be returned to Stuart to be able to continue to receive any further information about the group. It is the

law to protect the integrity of people's personal information. 4 new walking group members this year so far.

Social Committee update

There was a Social evening on 24th March, 7pm at the Highlight park community centre to discuss the DCRA social calendar and get input from the membership. The results will be published and sent to the membership in the very near future. Watch this space.

AOB

Possible Skittles evening will be rescheduled at the Penarth Rugby club after the 6 nations has finished.

Next Meetings

4th June 2018 DCRA Quarterly Meeting at 2pm in Trainco2 main gate Dow Corning

3rd Sept 2018 DCRA Annual General Meeting at 2pm in Trainco2 main gate Dow Corning

3rd December 2018 DCRA Quarterly Meeting at 2pm in Trainco2 main gate Dow Corning

More information

Walking group report

DOW CORNING RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION WALKING GROUP **REPORT TO 12th MARCH 2018 MEETING**

The February walk was a local, lowland, short walk of 6 miles based on Dinas Powys. After leaving the Star Inn car park we walked across the Dinas Powys Golf Club grounds to drop into Cwm George before passing the entrance up to the hill fort and onwards across a farmland path to Michelston le Pit. We walked past the four ponds known as the Salmon Leaps and up through woods with a stream gurgling in the bottom to reach Wrinstone Farm. At the top of the hill we had some good views from the farm track before returning to Michelston and the path back through Cwm George, the prescribed route across fields being full of sheep and too muddy. Before returning to the Star Inn for lunch we passed near Dinas Powys castle ruins, Tim Hellis's house and walked up Broth Lane to build up an appetite. 16 walkers enjoyed this outing. Two new walkers joined the group for this rural ramble.

After experiencing 'The Beast from the East' with degrees of cabin fever and needing to blow some cobwebs away we ventured down to the Gower for our March walk, a 9 mile easy/moderate trek along Rhossili beach (3 miles), through Broughton Burrows, then contouring around Llanmadoc Hill to arrive at the Kings Head in Llangennith for a well-earned lunch. The return leg took nine walkers up over the Downs, with superb views from the trig point before returning to the Worms Head car park, whilst two returned via the beach. Swansea city traffic proved problematic on both journeys. The weather was kind to us right up until we were taking our boots off, then it hailed!

In order to satisfy the incoming General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on May 25, I have requested all existing DCRA Walking Group (45 members) to provide their consent to me holding their contact information in a secure data base solely for use on walking group matters. To date 29 consent

forms have been received. Any members not consenting will not be receiving any further communication or information on walking group activities. The closing date is Monday 12th March 2018.

Upcoming walks are;

4 Apr	Brockweir, Whitebrook, Bigsweir, Brockweir	9	M
	Meet 1030 layby on A466 north of Brockweir (SO 537 013)		
2 May	Taff Fawr, Taff Fechan, Vaynor, Llwyn-On	10.5	M
	Meet 1030 at Llwyn-On car park west side of reservoir (SO 008113)		
6 June	Goodrich Castle and River Wye	8.5	E/M
	Meet 1030 at Goodrich Castle car park off A 40 to Ross on Wye (SO 576 196)		
4 July	Llanfrynach, Fan y Big, Llanfrynach	11.5	C
	Meet 1030 at Llanfrynach village square (SO 075 257)		

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