

Bridgnorth and District Rights of Way Association

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Monday 24th September 2018

Minutes of the first Annual General Meeting of Bridgnorth and District Rights of Way Association, held at Low Town Community Centre, Bridgnorth, commencing at 7pm.

Present: ...

Apologies ...

1. Chair's report

Clive Dyson thanked the committee, working group leaders and members for their contributions over the year. He also thanked Shropshire Council and Bridgnorth Town Council for their support. The Association has also been supported by Bridgnorth Walking, Running and Cycling Clubs.

There have been no accidents during working groups, except for two people being quite badly stung after disturbing wasps' nests.

2. Working Group Secretary's report

The Association currently has 42 members. 32 of them have participated on working groups over the year, contributing 244 man-hours of voluntary effort. The majority of paths in Bridgnorth Parish have been addressed at least once. Steps and a ballasted path have been built up most of the slope above Daniel's Mill. Clive thanked Helen Beresford, from Shropshire Council, for her support over the year.

3. Treasurer's report.

Keith Chandler presented the payments and receipts made by and to the Association in the period up to 30th September 2018:

Date	Item	Supplier	Category	Debit	Credit	Balance
01/10/2017	Opening balance					0.00
19/10/2017	Meeting room	Baptist Church	Room rent	10.00		-10.00
30/11/2017	P3 grant - formation	Shropshire Council	Grant		200.00	190.00
30/11/2017	Meeting room	Baptist Church	Room rent	10.00		180.00
01/12/2017	10 gloves, 2 glasses	Jewsons	Equipment	28.08		151.92
12/01/2018	3 gloves, 2 glasses	TFM	Equipment	32.01		119.91
15/03/2018	P3 grant - 2018	Shropshire Council	Grant		200.00	319.91
16/04/2018	20 printed hi-vis jackets	Addesso Ind Supplies (via Wa	Equipment	119.76		200.15
17/04/2018	2 bags ballast to Daniels Mill	TG Builders Merchant	Materials	73.90		126.25
15/05/2018	1 set heavy duty loppers	TFM Farm and Country	Equipment	22.08		104.17
04/06/2018	1 set medium duty loppers	TFM Farm and Country	Equipment	21.51		82.66
16/06/2018	Fuel for brush cutter	Tesco garage	Materials	6.32		76.34
28/08/2018	Donation	Bridgnorth Walking Club	Donation		100.00	176.34

Keith thanked Shropshire Council and Bridgnorth Walking Club for their financial support.

Association funds are currently held by Clive Dyson, with Keith Chandler acting as internal auditor. An examiner will be appointed to review the accounts and report to next years' AGM, as required by the constitution. It was agreed that the Association's financial year should be changed to run to the end of August each year. It was also agreed that the Association should open a bank account.

4. Constitution

The draft Constitution, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, was reviewed. Subject to the change in the financial year, previously agreed, the Constitution was approved unanimously. The Secretary will change the financial year and post the agreed Constitution on the Association's web site.

5. Election of the committee

Those current members of the committee present agreed to stand for re-election. There being no others wishing to stand for election, the committee was re-elected by a unanimous vote. The committee is:

- Chair: Clive Dyson (also Walking Club representative)
- Secretary: Kathryn Dyson
- Treasurer: Keith Chandler
- Working Group Secretary: Clive Dyson (acting)
- 4 ordinary members: Warren Holland, Nickie Smith (Running Club representative), Graeme Tait (Cycling Club representative)
- A representative of Bridgnorth Town Council will be agreed.

6. Members questions and discussion

The frequency and days for working groups over the next year were discussed. It was agreed that a similar programme to this year's should be followed, with a working group each month during the winter, alternating between a day in the week (Thursday seemed most popular) and Saturday, and two working groups a month during the summer (possibly on Wednesday evenings). The committee will publish tentative dates for the winter programme.

Other path clearance work in Bridgnorth was discussed. Clive will talk to the Mayor about activity reported in the Bridgnorth Journal.

Shropshire Great Outdoors held a meeting in Norbury on involving groups in society. Kate will contact them about this.

The concept of Local Path Monitors was discussed. We have had no success with this to date, but it was agreed to continue to try the approach.

It was agreed to consider printing 'business cards' that could be pinned alongside way markers to indicate that a working group had cleared it. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of producing a joint poster, with the Walking, Running and Cycling Clubs, to promote all the clubs and the Association. A number would be printed and displayed in appropriate locations.

Ray Gill reported on attending the 'volunteers' event' in Bishops Castle, which was run by Shropshire Council to thank volunteers. He recommended people to attend in future. He commented that the Bishops Castle P3 Group had produced a walk leaflet for the area, including a request for donations, and had received a significant sum in response.

7. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.