

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:45pm on Thursday 3rd June 2021

Present: Jim Lawson - Chairperson and Footpaths; Neil Kitchener - Programme Co-ordinator; Archie Leishman – Webmaster; Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary; Barbara Martin - Halls Convenor; Martha Thom – Independent Member; Ann Martin – Independent Member; Marjory Dunn – Independent Member

1. Apologies:

Anne Wilkie – Independent Member
Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2021 were accepted. Proposed by Neil Kitchener and Seconded by Archie Leishman.

3. Matters Arising

Covered under agenda items.

4. Correspondence Report – Ann Martin

Only item that I have to report at moment is that I have sent a card to Ian McCallum and family on the sad loss of his wife from the club.

5. Programme Sub Committee – Neil Kitchener

Programme of Walks

Since we resumed our programme of walks, Jim's Thursday walks and the high walkers have managed to walk every week. However, we are struggling to encourage the low walkers to submit walks and only one low walk has been arranged during the past five weeks. I currently have offers of high walks for the next three weeks. Although we are now allowed to have 30 people on a walk, we are still limiting the list to 10 to 15 depending on the walk leader.

Unfortunately, the rules about car sharing have not changed which seriously limits the options for low walkers and although the rules are constantly being relaxed, it is not clear when car sharing will be permitted. This would help the low walkers and reduce the problems of finding adequate car parking at the start of each walk.

The programme will continue to be issued on a weekly basis until there has been a significant change in the rules and there are minimal restrictions.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

No social events have been held since February last year.

Christine, the social secretary met with Hazel who provided the information about previous social events. Unfortunately, we cannot start the new programme until things return to some semblance of normality. We are planning to arrange the trips on the Duckling as soon as the regulations permit. 39 members applied last year but we will send round another message to get an up-to-date list. We intend to start the trips, hopefully with about 10 passengers, as soon as we get the go ahead. After that, we will be looking for volunteers for other social events. We have all missed the walk and talks. In the meantime, enjoy the sunshine.

7. COVID-19 Officer – Neil Kitchener

See Programme of Walks Agenda Item 5 for changes to Covid – 19 Rules.

8. Training – James Lawson

Nothing new to report.

9. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the month ended	31 May 2021				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
				-	-
Payments					
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
Net receipts / (payments)				-	-
Balance brought forward				928	981
Balance carried forward				928	981
Outstanding items					
R Bain	Website - One.com				63
N Kitchenr	Postage				80
				-	143

No transactions have occurred since 31 January 2021.

Excess on General Fund

Further to the email consultation with the committee we advised the Area that we did not require our 3rd quarter funding due to Covid restrictions. It is now anticipated that the group will end up with a surplus on the General Fund of £838 if 4th quarter funding is also declined.

Treasurer's Training – Recce Expenses

As discussed at the recent meeting in mid-May I contacted Mike McManus, the Area Treasurer, concerning recce expenses. Briefly, the area allocates a maximum of £240 for recce expenses and it is up to each individual group how these are allocated. Therefore, there is no need to change our current arrangements. (I will forward a copy of the email correspondence in a separate email)

10. Membership Secretary's – 01 June 2021 – Stuart Ferguson

Update since last meeting on 13 May 2021.

Total Membership	148
New Members	1
Lapsed	0
Resigned	1
Deceased	0

Details:

New Members: Lynn Parker.

A welcome pack has been sent to the new member

Resigned: Dr Jean Henery.

Membership stays at 148 as per last month, with one new member and one resignation.

11. Website Report – Archie Leishman

I have added one new name to our email contacts list (Lynn Parker who joined on 21st May) and removed 13 contacts who are no longer Rambler's members. The total number on the list is now 109.

I continue to add walks to GWEM on a weekly basis.

12. Footpaths Report – James Lawson

East Dunbartonshire Access Forum Restarting

Received from John Oates, Access and Path Development Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council the following message.

I am emailing as I understand that you were either previously a member of or heavily involved with East Dunbartonshire Access Forum.

The forum is restarting again with the first meeting being online, on the 15th June at 17:30.

Papers and agendas will be sent out closer to the time along with details on how to join the meeting.

If there are any problems or you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

If you are no longer involved with the forum or would like to step down as a member please let me know and I will remove you from the contact list.

Have replied that I will be attending.

13. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 20 th May 2021	St Mary's Church – Along Forth & Clyde Canal - Penny's Path – Hayston – Scottish Power – Royal Mail Sorting Office – St Mary's Church. Walk cut short due to rain and sleet. No on walk = 11
Thu, 27 th May 2021	M&S @ Strathkelvin Retail Park – Down to Forth and Clyde Canal – follow South Bank to Bishopbriggs Leisure Centre – up to council depot and down round track to Mavis Valley and back to start along north bank of canal. No on walk = 13
Thu, 3 rd Jun 2021	M&S @ Strathkelvin Retail Park – Down to and around Cadder Church – follow RoW through Cawder Golf Course to River Kelvin – along River Kelvin to Torrance Road – up road to Forth and Clyde Canal – walk back along canal to start of walk. No on walk = 14

14. Bus Convenors Report – Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

15. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin

KIRKINTILLOCH MINERS WELFARE CLUB		KIRKINTILLOCH MWC		THE PARK CENTRE
Committee Room		Function room		McKay Hall & Kitchen
NIL - Jan				**th November 2021
18th Feb - ZOOM		TBC		TBC
Mar - pending Gov. advice				
1st Apr - ZOOM				require use of kitchen
13th May - ZOOM				and hot water for making
3rd June - ZOOM				tea/coffee
NIL - July				
5th Aug				
2nd Sept				CHRISTMAS LUNCH
7th Oct		require use of kitchen		
4th Nov		and hot water for making		**th Dec 2021
2nd Dec		tea/coffee		TBC
TBC				

16. A.O.C.B.

There being no further business the meeting* concluded at 20.15 pm.

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.00 – 19.35 then 19.45 – 20.20

James Lawson (Jim) – Chairperson