

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:15pm on Thursday 4th August 2022

Present: Jim Lawson - Chairperson and Footpaths; Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor; Neil Kitchener - Programme Co-ordinator; Martha Thom – Secretary; Archie Leishman – Webmaster; Marjory Dunn – Independent Member.

1. Apologies:

Barbara Martin - Halls Convenor; Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary;
Anne Wilkie – Independent Member

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd March 2022 and 14th April 2022 when completed are to be sent out to committee members for approval. Ongoing action.

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2022 were approved. Proposed by Archie Leishman and Seconded by Martha Thom.

3. Matters Arising

Cohousing Scotland Lenzie Meeting held on 22 June 2022. J was unable to attend as I was away for several days that week. **Jim**

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

Get Well Card sent to Ann Martin and a very nice thank you E-mail received.

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 always managed to walk every week but I am still struggling to encourage the low walkers to submit walks and only 1 walk has taken place in the last 2 months.

The walk on 11th June to the Holehead Trig Pillar, which was adopted by the club 30 years ago, went ahead in bad weather so it was impossible to repaint it.

I have struggled to get sufficient walks to produce a full printed programme from July to September and have continued to issue the programme on a weekly basis. At the moment, I have high walks to cover the next 6 weeks but have only received two low walks which are planned for September.

Brendan Paddy joined us for Pauline's walk from BurntIsland to Aberdour and enjoyed meeting up with the troops to learn how we tick and answer questions about Ramblers and plans for the future.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

Social Events

Four trips along the canal on the Duckling went ahead and 40 members enjoyed the day afloat and welcomed the change of scenery.

15 people have signed up so far for the visit to the Japanese Gardens at Cowden Hall near Dollar on 24th August.

The booking for Christmas Lunch for 60 people at the Glazert Country House in Lennoxton has been confirmed for 3rd December.

Action: Provisional booking to be made – Neil Kitchener

7. Training Update – James Lawson

Places are still available on Our Walk Leadership Next Steps course which is perfect for brushing up your practical skills for leading safe and enjoyable walks. Book a place using **EVENTBRIGHT**.

We spend a day exploring key navigation skills including map reading, basic navigation, dealing with emergencies, what kit to bring and much more. The course is all taught outdoors in small groups of no more than 6 volunteers and it is 100% practical. We have places available on the following dates:

- Newtonmore | Tuesday 30 August

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the 2 months ended	31 July 2022				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	65
Recce monies				-	60
				-	-
				-	125
Payments					
R Bain	One.com website			-	84
Glazert Hotel	Christmas Lunch deposit			200	-
				200	84
Net receipts / (payments)				(200)	41
Balance brought forward				681	1,148
Balance carried forward				481	1,189
Outstanding items					
				-	-

Excess on General Fund

According to Ramblers Association Guidance groups should not have funds in excess £500 at the year-end – 30 September. Our group exceeded this amount and therefore our funding for next year has been adjusted to bring us into line with the guidance by 30 September 2022. All calculations have been based on a return to a normal level of activity for the 2021/22 year.

Recce Expenses

The Area funds the Group an amount of £240 each year in respect of Recce expenses. It is up to each Group how to disburse these funds. Our Group's practice is to allocate them pro rata to walk leaders based on the number of walks led between April and March. This normally amounts to £1.50 per walk however for the 2021/2022 period due to the low number of walks (2022 – 67, 2021 – 155) this will result in a pro rata payment of £4 per walk. The maximum amount paid to any individual will be £40 for 10 walks. Taking account of the expense incurred by leaders in recceing walks and providing a biscuit or equivalent on each walk this does not appear to me to be unreasonable but given the exceptional circumstances of the year it is appropriate to bring it to the Committee's attention before proceeding to make the payments.

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 04/08/2022 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the previous report on 02 June 2022, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership	140
New Members	6
Reinstated Members	1 (New to Area)
Lapsed	4
Resigned	2
Moved Group	0
Deceased	0

Details:

New Members: Ryan Wood (4009179)
Andrew Lang (4009704)
Linda Munro (4010060)
Fiona Gilmour (4010690)
(Two names omitted, see following explanation)

Reinstated Member: Helen Carroll (3231296)

Lapsed: Freda Bunyan
Geoff Salt
Raymond Roberts
(One name omitted, see following explanation)

Resigned: Patrick McDaid
Anne Marie McDaid

The overall membership now stands at 140.

Welcome letters have been sent to the new members.

Explanation for previously omitted names.

Due to some concerns, I had recently regarding members whom I know personally, who are regular Saturday walkers but had been listed as “lapsed”, I contacted Ramblers HQ and have been provided with a good explanation of how the membership system is currently operated.

Of the six new members, two are in fact existing members who had forgotten to renew their membership and were then listed as “lapsed”. This occurs approximately twelve weeks after the renewal date has passed and at this point the membership is ceased and it is also the first time that I have knowledge of it. I contacted the two lapsed members who then renewed their membership but, because their membership had officially ceased, they are now listed as New Members.

So now, even although they are listed as New Members with joining dates in July, they both still have their old Membership Numbers. (I can't explain this, it's just how the system works)

Now, of the four lapsed members in the list above, one of them is there because of a failure to renew on time and so, twelve weeks later, has been listed as lapsed.

This member is planning to renew but has not done so at the time of writing this report but I am hopeful that this will be rectified very soon.

10. Website Report – 04/08/2022 - Archie Leishman

Activity from 2nd June to Date:

Changes to Email Contacts List

We have four new members, Ryan Wood who joined in June and Andrew Lang, Linda Munro and Fiona Gilmour who joined in July. In addition, it appears that an existing Ramblers member, Miss Helen Carrol from Springburn, has transferred to our group. At the end of June, Anne Marie and Patrick McDaid resigned and Geoff Salt and Raymond Roberts lapsed at the end of July. The total number of contacts on our list now stands at 111.

I continue to add walks to GWEM on a weekly basis. A recent email from Ramblers mentions Walks Manager, which is scheduled to replace GWEM. They are looking for a small number of groups to pilot the new system before it is released countrywide.

11. Access Report – James Lawson

- a. **Penny's Path** – Bridge has been replaced with a much stronger bridge.
- b. **East Dunbartonshire Access Forum** date of next meeting awaited.

12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 9 th Jun 2022	Circular walk starting at CP opposite Café at Milton-of-Campsie cross and walk around Milton-of-Campsie and the plantation. Number on walk = 10 Walk Leader – Elke Hinton
Thu, 16 th Jun 2022	Circular walk starting at Kilsyth Swimming Pool and walk around Dumbreck Marsh. Walk included new paths and bridge are now all open. Number on walk = 9 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 23 rd Jun 2022	Circular walk starting at Bishopbriggs Leisure Dome – along South side of Forth and Clyde Canal return on North side via Possil Marsh. Number on walk = 9 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 30 th Jun 2022	Circular walk – starting at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre then take the railway track to Lenzie and did a circuit taking in Bothlin Burn, Auld Aisle Cemetery where Jenny gave a short talk at Beatrice Clugston's memorial which had just been restored, then Luggie Park and back to start. Number on walk = 11 Walk Leader – Margaret Gibb
Thu, 7 th Jul 2022	Circular walk starting at Campsie Memorial Hall Lennoxton and walk round Community Woodland and Half Moon Walk Number on walk = 9 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 14 th Jul 2022	Circular walk starting at Campsie Memorial Hall Lennoxton and walk RoW to Clachan-of-Campsie return using SRP. Number on walk = 15 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 21 st Jul 2022	Linear walk – Start at St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch. Walk along the Forth & Clyde Canal and under bridge on road down to Torrance. Then up and across the bridge. Through gate into field and walk round edge and through gate into woodland. Follow the path it along the canal to Cadder bridge and up to main road. Bus back to Kirkintilloch. Number on walk = 13 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 28 th Jul 2022	Linear Walk – From St Mary's Church walk along the opposite side of canal from the towpath till the bridge at Twechar is reached. Number on walk = 15 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 4 th Aug 2022	Circular Walk – Milngavie Station – WHW / Allander Water – Mugdock Park - Mugdock Reservoir (West) - Tannoch Drive – Barloch Moor – back to Milngavie Station Number on walk = 13 Walk Leader – James Lawson

13. Bus Convenor's Report – 04/08/2022 - Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

14. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin - Updated Hall Bookings for 2022

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2022								
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2022	PROGRAMME MEETINGS	STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.						
7.15p.m. - 9p.m. ZOOM MEETING UNTIL ADVISED WE CAN RESUME KMWC NIL - Jan 3rd Feb - ZOOM - CXD 3rd Mar - ZOOM 14th Apr - ZOOM 12th May - ZOOM 2nd June - ZOOM NIL - July 4th Aug - ZOOM 1st Sept - ZOOM 6th Oct - ZOOM 3rd Nov - ZOOM 1st Dec - ZOOM	6.30p.m. - 9p.m. KIRKINTILLOCH MWC Function room TBC require use of kitchen and hot water for making tea/coffee	6.30p.m. - 9p.m. THE PARK CENTRE McKay Hall & Kitchen 10th November 2022 booking will be made in Aug <tr> <td colspan="2"></td><td>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td><td>3rd Dec 2022 - 2.00P.M. GLAZERT COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL</td></tr>			CHRISTMAS LUNCH			3rd Dec 2022 - 2.00P.M. GLAZERT COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL
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My apologies as I will be unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night.
I will book the Park Centre for our A.G.M. and confirm when this is done.

15. A.O.C.B

There being no further business the meeting* concluded at 8.00pm.

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.15 – 19.45 then 19.45 – 20.00.

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers