

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:15pm on Thursday, 1st September 2022

Present: Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor; Neil Kitchener - Programme Co-ordinator; Marjory Dunn – Independent Member; Barbara Martin - Halls Convenor; Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary; Anne Wilkie – Independent Member.

1. Apologies:

Jim Lawson - Chairperson and Footpaths (Note: Was unable to get audio on ZOOM)
Martha Thom – Secretary; Archie Leishman – Webmaster

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd March 2022; 14th April 2022 4th August 2022 when completed are to be sent out to committee members for approval. Ongoing action.

3. Matters Arising

Taken under Agenda headings.

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

Nothing to report.

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 although we did manage a walk at Tarbet last weekend and were joined by two new members.

Eric and David are planning to repaint our Trig Pillar on Holehead when the weather conditions are suitable. Any assistance would be gratefully accepted.

I am still struggling to get sufficient walks to produce a full printed programme and will continue 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 one low walk which is planned for September.

Although most members seem happy to go direct to the start of each walk, some, particularly the low walkers, are meeting up at Southbank car park to share lifts. I do ask the walk leaders to ensure that sufficient drivers are available to transport those who request lifts. This can also be significant to help minimise numbers of cars if there is restricted parking at the start of the walk.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

Social Events

20 members went for a walk around the gorge at Rumbling Bridge followed by a guided tour around the Japanese Gardens at Cowden Hall near Dollar. The sun broke through the clouds shortly after we arrived at the gardens so we could view them in all their splendour.

The booking for Christmas Lunch for 60 people at the Glazert Country House has been confirmed for 3rd December and the deposit has been paid.

7. Training Update – James Lawson

Nothing to report.

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the month ended	31 August 2022				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
Payments					
				-	-
Neil/Christine Kitchener	Memorial walk wreath			28	-
				28	-
Net receipts / (payments)				(28)	-
Balance brought forward				481	1,189
Balance carried forward				453	1,189
Outstanding items					
R Bain	Recce monies reimbursement				268
				-	268

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

As agreed at last month's meeting I have withdrawn total funds of £268 in appropriate denominations to pay out recce expenses. Payments to walk leaders will be issued over the course of the next few weeks.

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 01/09/2022 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the previous report on 04 August 2022, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership	142
New Members	2
Reinstated Members	0
Lapsed	0
Resigned	0
Moved Group	0
Deceased	0

Details:

New Members: John Storey
 Natalie Storey

The overall membership now stands at 142.

Welcome letters have been sent to the new members.

10. Website Report – 01/09/2022 - Archie Leishman

Activity from 4th August to Date:

Changes to Email Contacts List

We have two new members on our contacts list, John and Natalie Storey who joined on 9th August. Jacqueline McCaig has been removed from the list as she has decided to walk with the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth group. Surinder Kaur Atwal has not renewed her membership and her details have also been removed. The total number of contacts on our list now stands at 111.

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

11. Access Report – James Lawson

From: John Oates - Access and Path Development Officer has advised the next East Dunbartonshire Access forum meeting will be on the 8th September at 17:30. It will be online over Microsoft Teams (I'll send an invite and agenda out closer the time along with an agenda). If anyone has anything that they would like to add to the agenda let me know.

My reply: Thank you. I confirm that I (James Lawson) will be attending the East Dunbartonshire Access Forum online meeting.

Agenda Items (Most likely already on your Agenda.).

An update regarding paths (both core and other) in East Dunbartonshire.

- a. Existing path network status. e.g., repair, reinstatement, upgrade
- b. Any new paths planned
- c. An EDC Access Forum website giving dates when work is being carried out on paths
- d. Access issues update e.g., blocked paths, etc

12. Short Walks Report – 01/09/2022 James Lawson

Thu, 11 th Aug 2022	Circular Walk - Kilsyth Swimming Pool – Burngreen Park – Colzium Park – woodland – Coach Road – Auchinstarry – Dumbreck Marsh – Kilsyth Swimming Pool Number on walk = 11 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 18 th Aug 2022	Circular Walk - Milngavie Railway Station – Cairns Church – Craigmadie Reservoir – park – WHW – Milngavie Railway Station Number on walk = 13 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 25 th Aug 2022	Linear Walk – St Mary’s Church, Kirkintilloch to Auchengeich Miners Club Moodiesburn using the Strathkelvin Railway Path. Return by Bus. Number on walk = 9 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 01 st Sep 2022	Circular Walk – St Mary’s Church – Forth & Clyde Canal – Christine’s Way – Lenzie Moss – Boghead Wood – Christine’s Way – Forth & Clyde Canal – St Mary’s Church Number on walk = 13 Walk Leader – James Lawson

13. Bus Convenor’s Report – 01/09/2022 - 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	6.30p.m. - 9p.m. KIRKINTILLOCH MWC Function room	6.30p.m. - 9p.m. KIRKINTILLOCH MWC JOE COOKE ROOM
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	TBC require use of kitchen and hot water for making tea/coffee	Kitchen use for hot water for tea/coffee MON 14th November 2022 CHRISTMAS LUNCH 3rd Dec 2022 - 2.00P.M. GLAZERT COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL

Hall booked for Strathkelvin Ramblers AGM on Monday 14th November 2022.

15. A.O.C.B

Neil – a friend of John Hinton re footpath funding. Footbridge at Kincaid House Hotel has been repaired.

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