

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 1st December 2022

Present: Jim Lawson - Chairperson and Footpaths; Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor;
Neil Kitchener - Programme Co-ordinator; Barbara Martin - Halls Convenor;
Anne Wilkie – Independent Member; Pauline Anderson – Independent Member.
Marjory Dunn – Independent Member; Archie Leishman – Webmaster.

1. Apologies:

Martha Thom – Secretary;

Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary.

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 3rd November 2022 were approved. Proposed by Neil Kitchener and Seconded by Marjory Dunn.

3. Matters Arising

SR 2022 AGM @ 7:00pm on Monday, 14th November 2022 was held in the Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare Club, Joe Cooke Room.

- There was a very good turn out with 37 Members attending.
- Thank you to Ella Corbett and her team for doing the catering.
- Motion 1: - **Increase in Car Mileage Allowance** It is proposed that the Car Mileage Allowance, which was last raised in 2016, be increased to 12p per mile, with a maximum charge of £12.00 in the light of increased motoring costs in the interim period.
Proposed by Neil Kitchener, seconded by Anne Wilkie.

Following a lengthy debate of the motion it was carried.

- Web Master – Archie Leishman will continue to maintain the website (ex-Committee) and Stuart Ferguson will take over and maintain the members Email Records
- We have a new elected Independent Committee Member - Pauline Anderson. **Welcome to the SR Committee Pauline.**

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

4.1 There is Communication from the Ramblers Secretary of North Strathclyde Area (NSA) that the Area AGM will be held at - **The Fraser Centre 11 Douglas Street, Milngavie G626PA on Saturday 28 January 2023 at 10.00am**

There are a number of committee positions to be filled and all are encouraged to attend. There will be an easy walk of around 5 miles to Dougalston after the event. I have attached a PDF containing the agenda.

4.2 I also sent sympathy cards to the families of Ian Mc Callum and Barbara Clark.

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 and recently we have managed approximately one low walk a month.

I am proposing to send out a notice to members asking for walks and arranging a leaders' meeting in early January so that we can produce a 3 month programme of walks. In the meantime, I will continue to issue the programme on a weekly basis. At the moment, I have high walks to cover the next 4 weeks and one low walks from Carol Jakar.

The arrangements for some walkers to be picked up from Southbank seems to be working well.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

Nearly 50 members have booked for the Christmas Lunch on 3rd December. No other social events are currently planned.

7. Training Update – James Lawson

First Aid Training – It was agreed that Hilary Sneddon be asked if willing to run a First Aid Course for Strathkelvin Ramblers Members. It was also agreed that First Aid Kits for Walk Leaders be updated if required and additional kits bought if necessary.

Walk Leader Training Ramblers online Walk Leader Course has been updated and Ramblers will be running a lot of practical courses in 2023.

8. Treasurer's Report – 01/12/2022 Robert Bain

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.

Treasurers Report at 01/12/2022

Treasurer's Report					
For the month ended	30 Novemebr 2022				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	157
Recce monies				-	60
RWH Travel				-	10
Donation				-	8
Christmas Lunch				780	-
				780	235
Payments					
Kirkintilloch Miners	AGM Hall Hire			-	30
				-	30
Net receipts / (payments)				780	205
Balance brought forward				928	921
Balance carried forward				1,708	1,126
Outstanding items					
Glazert Hotel	2022 Christmas Lunch Balance			1,050	
	Staff Gratuity			100	
	Overpayment refund			5	
				1,155	-
Bank Account				1378	1118
Cash on Hand				330	8
				1708	1126

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 01/12/2022 – Stuart Ferguson

No change from last month.

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

Activity from 3rd November to Date:

1. Changes to Email Contacts List

New member Sandra Reid has been added to our list. Charlie Hasson has resigned his membership and has been removed. As a result, the total number of contacts now stands at 112.

2. I am continuing to add walks to GWEM on a weekly basis.

As indicated at the recent AGM, I have decided to stand down from the committee. In addition to the two activities listed above, I also maintain our Strathkelvin Ramblers website as well as our group webpage on the main Ramblers website. I have looked at the practicalities of handing over these tasks to someone else and concluded that it makes sense for me to retain the website role if the other two activities could be picked up by someone else. My proposal is that I do this in the background and attend committee meetings only if required.

11. Access Report – James Lawson

Ramblers Scotland has received a report of a padlocked gate

12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 10 th Nov 2022	Start from Bus Stop opposite Kilsyth Swimming Pool. Follow the Garrel Burn across Dumbreck Marsh to where it joins the river Kelvin. Cross the narrow bridge and follow the narrow path as it crosses the field to the Canal. Go up the steps and walk to Auchinstarry Marina. Walk to Auchinstarry Quarry and cross over to Dumbreck Marsh and follow the paths back to the start. Number on walk = 12 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 17 th Nov 2022	Start at St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch. Walk along the Canal to Cadder the across the bridge and up to M&S, Strathkelvin Retail Park. Bus back to start. Number on walk = 11 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 24 th Nov 2022	Start at Craiglinn Bus Interchange, Cumbernauld. Walk down to Broadwood Stadium and then walk to and across the dam. Walk round Broadwood Loch C/W. Then then back to start. Number on walk = 05 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 1 st Dec 2022	Start at Milton-of-Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxton and follow the Strathkelvin Railway Path / John Muir Way, then the path towards Blanefield. Retrace steps back to start. Number on walk = 09 Walk Leader – James Lawson

13. Bus Convenor's Report – 01/12/2022 - 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.	6.30p.m. - 9p.m.	6.30p.m. - 9p.m.
ZOOM MEETING UNTIL ADVISED	KIRKINTILLOCH MWC	KIRKINTILLOCH MWC
WE CAN RESUME KMWC	Function room	JOE COOKE ROOM
NIL - Jan		Kitchen use for hot water for tea/coffee
3rd Feb - ZOOM - CXD	TBC	MON 14th November 2022
3rd Mar - ZOOM		
14th Apr - ZOOM		
12th May - ZOOM		
2nd June - ZOOM		
NIL - July		
4th Aug - ZOOM		
1st Sept - ZOOM		
13th Oct - ZOOM	require use of kitchen	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
3rd Nov - ZOOM	and hot water for making	3rd Dec 2022 - 2.00P.M.
1st Dec - ZOOM	tea/coffee	GLAZERT COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL

It was agreed we will continue to with ZOOM Committee Meetings and that Barbara confirm booking for walk leaders meeting in January 2023 at Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare Club.

15. A.O.C.B

- It was agreed to refund the £12.00 to the new walk leader who had purchased a First Aid Kit prior to leading their first walk for the SR Group.
- There being no further business the meeting* concluded at 8.07pm.

* 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