

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 7th September 2023

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

1. Apologies:

Martha Thom – Secretary; Pauline Anderson – Independent Member; 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.

Rough Draft Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, 2nd March 2023 and Thursday, 6th April 2023 were sent out to the committee. Ongoing action.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thu 3rd August 2023 were approved. Proposed by Robert Bain and seconded by Barbara Martin.

3. Matters Arising

Taken under agenda headings.

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

I have had no correspondence since last meeting.

I have sent cards as requested to Dougie Robertson and Shirley Cowan.

5. Programme Sub Committee – Neil Kitchener

Programme of Walks

As usual, the high walkers have been out every weekend although some walks were rescheduled because of forecasts of bad weather. Three low walks have been well attended in the last 5 weeks and there are three more walks planned.

The current system of emails and use of the website/App seems to be working well. In the long term, the plan to issue the programme to those members who do not have access to the internet or are unable to use the new technology has still to be finalised.

Walk Leader Training.

Ramblers are arranging a series of walk leader training sessions. I am proposing to send the notice around to selected members to see if there are any takers.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

Social Events

The meal in the Indian Cottage was well attended and Bob Cole has offered an afternoon of outdoor bowls on Sunday 24th September. Any other suggestions will be gratefully received.

30 members helped to celebrate Shirley's 90th birthday with a meal at the Broadcroft Hotel.

The annual Beatrice Clugston walk led by Jenny Burgon is scheduled for 16th September. It has been suggested that the club organise for a wreath to be laid on the grave.

7. Training Update – James Lawson

See also Programme sub-committee report re Walk Leader training.

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the month ended	31 August 2023				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
Social event	Curry Night			270	-
Social event	Bowling			65	-
				335	-
Payments					
Social Event	Indian Cottage			522	-
				522	-
Net receipts / (payments)				(187)	-
Balance brought forward				888	923
Balance carried forward				701	923
Outstanding items					
Recce Monies				-	240
				-	240
Bank Account				701	925
Cash on Hand				-	(2)
				701	923

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 2023. All calculations have been based on a return to a normal level of activity for the 2022/23 year.

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 05/09/2023 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the previous report on 03 August 2023, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership	131
New Members	1
Reinstated Members	0
Lapsed	1
Resigned	2
Moved Group	0
Deceased	0

Details:

<u>New Members:</u>	Karen Serir
<u>Resigned:</u>	Malcolm Close
	Anne Close
<u>Lapsed:</u>	Janice Gordon

The overall membership now stands at 131, a reduction of 2 from the previous report.

The email contacts list has been amended as per the membership changes listed above.

10. Website Report – Stuart Ferguson

Walks Manager Update.

I'm very pleased to say that all leaders are doing their best to upload their walks to Walks Manager, although some have been very reluctant to put anything on Walks Manager until they have completed their recce. This meant that the calendar looked as though there were Saturdays with no walks planned so I made a very basic entry for each "vacant" Saturday so that all leaders can see at a glance who has proposed which walk, and when.

I have also sent an email to Ramblers to highlight the fact that the App shows the Starting Time on the first page, but, when opened up to show the maps, does not show Meeting Time or Starting Time.

I shall await their response.

11. Access Report – James Lawson

The board walk at Drumbreck Marsh, Kilsyth has still not been repaired.

12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 10 th Aug 2023	Linear Walk – Start at St Mary’s Church, Kirkintilloch and walk along the South side of Forth & Clyde Canal to Twechar. Bus back to start. Number on walk = 11 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 17 th Aug 2023	Circular Walk – Queenzieburn - Old Place -Joe Moses Road – Lossit – Burnhead – Dykehead - Queenzieburn Number on walk = 12 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 24 th Aug 2023	Linear Walk – Walk from St Mary’s Church, Kirkintilloch to Cadder, Bishopbriggs along the Forth & Clyde Canal. Bus back from Bishopbriggs. Number on walk = 07 Walk Leader David Kennedy
Thu, 31 st Aug 2023	Linear Walk – Allander Water from Bardowie roundabout to Mugdock then loop back down Allander Water to Milngavie Railway Station. Number on walk = 12 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 07 th Sep 2023	Circular Walk – Kilsyth Swimming Pool – Drumbreck Marsh - Auchinstarry – North bank of Forth & Clyde Canal – lade to Stirling Road – Colzium – old railway line – Coachman – Kilsyth Swimming Pool. Number on walk = 10 Walk Leader James Lawson

13. Bus Convenor’s Report 07/09/2023 - Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

14. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2023			
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2023	PROGRAMME MEETINGS	STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.	
7.00p.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	JOE COOKE ROOM	JOE COOKE ROOM	
NIL - Jan	Kitchen use for hot water	Kitchen use for hot water	
2nd Feb - ZOOM	for tea/coffee	for tea/coffee	
2nd Mar - ZOOM			
6th Apr - ZOOM	23rd Jan 2023	13th Nov 2023 -TBC	
4th May - ZOOM - CXD			
8th June - ZOOM	6.30p.m. - 9p.m.		
NIL - July	PARK CENTRE	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	
3rd Aug - ZOOM	MACKAY HALL & KITCHEN		
7th Sept - ZOOM		2nd Dec 2023 - 2.00P.M.	
5th Oct - ZOOM	26th June 2023	GLAZERT COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL	

2nd Nov - ZOOM				
7th Dec - ZOOM		FIRST AID COURSE		
		TBC		

15. A.O.C.B

Curry Night (Robert)

30 Members attended the Buffet Night at the Indian Cottage. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and it would be worthwhile repeating next year. Committee agreed.

AGM Venue (Barbara)

Just to confirm I will contact KMWC regarding a booking for our A.G.M. to be held on Monday 13th Nov 2023. I will also enquire regarding the use of a microphone, if none available I will let you know.

First Aid Kits (Barbara)

I have also purchased 3 First Aid kits and given them to Stuart to distribute. He will confirm the remaining number required, once I have completed this I will give the receipts to Robert.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 20:10hrs.

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.15 – 19.45 then 19.45 – 20.15

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers