

**Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group
held online using ZOOM at 7:15pm on Thursday 8th February 2024**

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;
Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary;
Pauline Anderson – Independent Member

1. Apologies: Martha Thom – Secretary;

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of meetings still to be issued will be sent out ASAP.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th December 2023 were approved. Proposed by Robert Bain and seconded by Pauline Anderson.

3. Matters Arising

North Strathclyde Area AGM Helensburgh Sat 20 Jan 2024

- Barbara raised the issue of number of emails received from Ramblers. In many cases they are long and cover multiple issues. Resulting in information of interest going unnoticed. Need to make emails more relevant and reduce number.
- Jim raised the issue of more and more requirements being piled on to the walk leader in terms of leading walks. If one carried those out to the letter it would be time to go home before the walk started. One reason we can't get enough walk leaders. Its becoming a bureaucratic nightmare.

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

Nothing to report.

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. No low walks were arranged for January but two walks are programmed for February.

Following a successful Leaders Meeting on 29th January, we now have a full programme of high walks through July apart from two days and I am confident that the programme will be filled in due course. As usual, we are struggling with low walks with only 6 planned so far.

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.

Social Events

Christine has arranged a visit to the refurbished Burrell collection on 14th February and 14 members have signed up so far, free entrance but £5 for carparking.

She is also planning to arrange a visit to see the sculptures in the park at Jupiter Artland near Ratho later in the year. Date to be confirmed, entrance fee is £12.

Any suggestions for other social events will be gratefully received.

After many years fantastic service, Ella would like to hand over her role as tea lady for meetings to somebody else and we are looking for a willing volunteer

6. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the 2 months ended	31 January 2024				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
Social event	Christmas Lunch			4	-
Social event	Games Night			10	-
				14	-
Payments					
Ian Clelland	AGM Sound engineer			-	20
Kirkintilloch Miners	Leades Meeting			-	30
Glazerbank Hotel	Christmas Lunch			1,166	-
Glazerbank Hotel	Staff Gratuity			100	-
A & E Leishman	Polystyrene cups			21	-
Christmas Lunch	Refund			25	
				1,312	50
Net receipts / (payments)				(1298)	(50)
Balance brought forward				1,986	751
Balance carried forward				688	701
Balances					
Bank Account				688	731
Cash on hand				-	-
Outstanding Cheque				-	(30)
				688	701
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 2024. All calculations have been based on current activity for the 2022/23 year.

7. Training – James Lawson

Glasgow Young Walkers has organised an outdoor first aid course for the upcoming weekend (10 & 11 February) and there are still a few places available.

The course will take place in the 72nd Scouts Hall (close to Jordanhill train station) in Glasgow and any Ramblers members can sign up on the event page on the Glasgow Young Walkers website at: <https://glasgowyoungwalkers.ning.com/events/outdoor-first-aid-course>. (they will need to register on the Glasgow Young Walkers website first) Places are allocated on the first come first served basis.

Should you have any questions on the course, please contact GYW via glasgowyoungwalkers@gmail.com.

8. Membership Secretary's Report – 07 February 2024 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the earlier report of 05 December 2023, and includes all membership changes since that date. It cancels and overrides the report of 22 January 2024 which was submitted on the assumption that I would not be able to attend the February Zoom Meeting.

Total Membership	125
New Members	3
Reinstated Members	2
Lapsed	2
Resigned	2

Details:

New Members	Joyce Northcote Christine Schofield John Schofield
Reinstated Members	Gillian Bentley Morna Whitelaw
Lapsed	Surinder Atwal Sandra Watson
Resigned:	Evelyn Cook Sheila Duncan

The overall membership now stands at 125, a decrease of 1 from the previous report, and the email contacts list has been amended as per the membership changes listed above.

9. Website

Robert is looking into what Strathkelvin Ramblers want that Ramblers new site is not providing.

10. Access Report – James Lawson

New Active Travel Link Torrance to Milngavie

East Dunbartonshire Council is delivering an improved walking, wheeling and cycling route between Torrance and Milngavie.

Find out more about the A807 Active Travel Corridor project by viewing the link in our comments.

Share your views on the proposals by completing the survey and attending a drop-in event near you!

[Have your say on plans for better active travel links between Torrance and Milngavie | East Dunbartonshire Council](#)

11. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 14 th Dec 2023	Kilsyth Circular Walk - Kilsyth Swimming Pool - Drumbreck Marsh - Auchinstarry Quarry - Coach Road - Colzium Park – Kilsyth Swimming Pool Number on walk = 06 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 21 st Dec 2023	Kirky Lenzie Circular Walk - St Mary's Church - Canal – Christines Way - Lenzie Moss - Boghead Woods - Christines Way – Sainsbury's – St Mary's Church. Number on walk = 06 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 28 th Dec 2023	Kirky to Auchinloch Linear Walk – Saint Marys Church - SRP – under bridge at Garngarber - Lenze Station - Lenzie Golf Course - Return by Bus Number on walk = 04 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 04 th Jan 2024	Saint Mary's Church to Merkland NR Circular Walk - walk along the Luggie Water to Merkland Nature Reserve and back via Hillhead and Canal to Saint Mary's Church Number on walk = 09 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 11 th Jan 2024	Kilsyth Drumbreck Circular Walk - Kilsyth Swimming Pool - Drumbreck Marsh – old Kilsyth Railway – Coachman – Kilsyth Swimming Pool. Number on Walk = 07 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 18 th Jan 2024	Kirky to Milton-of-Campsie Linear Walk - St Mary's Church – SRP - Milton-of-Campsie return by Bus. Number on Walk = 10 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 25 th Jan 2024	Bishopbriggs to Kirky Linear Walk – M&S Bishopbriggs Retail Park – Cadder – Forth & Clyde Canal - Kirkintilloch Number on Walk = 06 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 01 st Feb 2024	Lennoxtown Lennox Castle Circular - Campsie Memorial Hall – SRP – up past Celtic Training Ground – Lennox Castle – loop via Lovers Leap – SRP – Campsie Memorial Hall Lennoxtown. Number on Walk = 08 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 08 th Feb 2024	Queenzieburn Kilsyth Circular Walk - the layby (the one with the food wagon) between Queenzieburn and Kilsyth – old railway to Queenzieburn – Joe Moses Road – follow road uphill and round to Kilsyth – old railway track back to layby. Number on Walk = 07 Walk Leader James Lawson

12. Bus Convenor's Report - Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

13. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024		PROGRAMME MEETINGS		STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.
7.00p.m. - 9p.m.		6.30p.m. - 9p.m.		
ZOOM MEETING		KIRKINTILLOCH MWC		
		JOE COOKE ROOM		
NIL - Jan		Kitchen use for hot water		
1st CXD - now 8th Feb - ZOOM		for tea/coffee		
7th Mar - ZOOM				
4th Apr - ZOOM		29th Jan 2024		
2nd May - ZOOM				
6th June - ZOOM				GAMES NIGHT
NIL - July				
1st Aug - ZOOM				
5th Sept - ZOOM				
3rd Oct - ZOOM				
7th Nov - ZOOM				
5th Dec - ZOOM		FIRST AID COURSE		
		TBC		
				CHRISTMAS LUNCH

14. A.O.C.B

14.1 Christmas Lunch (Secret Santa)

Bob Cole has suggested that next year, £5 is added to the lunch bill and the resultant pot (some £300 perhaps) is given to a local food bank or charity of the committee's choice instead of a Secret Santa.

Committee agreed that this issue should be discussed and decided at our next AGM.

14.2 Walk Leaders

Custom of walk leaders providing a snack (biscuit, sweet etc) at coffee break on walks is becoming unfair due to increased numbers attending walks, expense, same leaders providing walks, members who do not wish to lead but walk regularly, health issues e.g. diabetes where individuals may lead walks but cannot benefit from reciprocal arrangements. Suggested at leaders' meeting that custom should be up for consideration.

Committee discussed this at length. It was decided that walk leaders should as a rule not do this as it was putting pressure on walk leaders who don't provide snacks, sweets, etc on walks.

There being no more AOB meeting concluded at 08:20pm

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.15 – 19:45 then 20:00 – 20.20.

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers