

**Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group
held online using ZOOM at 19:15hrs and 19.45hrs on Thursday 8th March 2024**

Present: Jim Lawson - Chairperson and Footpaths
Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor;
Barbara Martin - Halls Convenor;
Marjory Dunn – Independent Member;
Anne Wilkie – Independent Member;
Pauline Anderson – Independent Member;
Martha Thom -Secretary;

- 1. Apologies:** Neil Kitchener- Programme Co-ordinator
Stuart Ferguson – Membership Secretary

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 08/02/2024 were approved. Proposed by Barbara Martin and seconded by Anne Wilkie.

No further discussion

3. Matters Arising

- Martha sent card for Liz McDonald
- Dougie Robertson very ill in hospital, Martha was asked to send a card.
- After discussion, committee confirmed, cards to be sent for Rambler's members only, not family.
- Christine Cameron asked committee to reconsider snacks distributed by Leaders on walks.
- It was decided, that no pressure to be put on walk Leaders to do so, it was entirely up to the individual.

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

Martha has been sent information on Lyme Disease Experience Survey, Lyme Resource Centre (LRC) website :---(<https://www.lymeresourcecentre.com/>) is a reliable source of information on the management of tick bites as well as the signs and symptoms of early Lyme disease

Scottish Ramblers. Council meeting to be held on 16/03/2024 in Westerwood Hotel.

5. Programme Sub Committee – Neil Kitchener

As usual, the high walkers have been out every weekend and two low walks coinciding with the high walks also took place during February. The joint walks are a great success and provides opportunity for the high and low walkers to walk together for part of the trip. We routinely get over 30 members out each Saturday which is good news.

We are struggling with low walks with only 4 planned so far and currently there is no walk planned for 16th March when a large number of high walkers will be in Spain.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

Christine is planning to organise a visit around the Botanic Gardens and greenhouses. But no dates have been confirmed yet.

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.

Gillian Bentley should be congratulated for volunteering to take over the role of tea lady from Ella.

7. Training – James Lawson



James Lawson (Delegate) and David Kennedy are attending Scottish Council. This year any Ramblers Scotland Member can attend Scottish Council but need to book as there is a numbers limit on venue.

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the month ended	29 February 2024				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
				-	-
Payments					
				-	-
Net receipts / (payments)				-	-
Balance brought forward				688	701
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

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 01 March 2024 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the earlier report of 07 February 2024, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership 126

New Members 1

Reinstated Members 0

Lapsed 0

Resigned 1

Details:

New Members Jane Muir

Resigned: Phil Severson

The overall membership now stands at 126. The email contacts list has been amended as per the membership changes listed above and the new member has received a welcome email.

10. Strathkelvin Ramblers Web Report – Robert Bain

Link to proposed website in development is below;

[Welcome to Strathkelvin Ramblers \(stackstaging.com\)](http://stackstaging.com)

This website is not live and does not appear in any internet search.

Welcome Page

The items in the margins have been pre-loaded. The main content picture is generic and can be easily replaced by any preferred picture.

The copy was written by ChatGPT. Feel free to provide alternative copy to replace.

Walks Tab

All the content has been pre-loaded by Ramblers Webs and cannot be altered by me.

Articles Tab

This is simply a list of Menu Items and clicking on the link will open that item.

Contacts

This requires to be completed once we organise webmail hosting. (See below)

Gallery

This is where photographs can be shown. It will require someone to curate it and layout can be created to their specifications.

Members Section

Leaders – Needs to move to new section eg Guidance which will include things like Walkers, Clothing etc.

Minutes – Committee

I have included all available minutes for the past 6 years. Previous years minutes are available, but I think 6 years is more than enough. I doubt if anyone would be interested.

Walk Reports

Neil asked if this could be incorporated, and I have created a couple of samples. Walk reports can be created in any word processing program which incorporates words and pictures. If printed as a 'PDF' it is easily published on the website.

Minutes Members

This section discloses all the information that Archie had on hand re AGM's etc.

Archived Printed Walk Programmes

This section discloses all the information that Archie had on hand re past programmes. The old website had earlier programmes which I should be able to incorporate if required.

Mail Hosting

Currently our website and email is hosted by One.com. If we move to Ramblers Webs for website hosting we require to find a new Mail Hosting site.

Google provide their Google for Business suite free to non-profit organisations. This suite incorporates mail handling as well as storage and Google Programs. As it is web based it is suitable for Apple, Microsoft and Android equipment. We would require to apply for this and it is subject to their approval.

11. Access Report – James Lawson

There are a lot of issues being addressed by Ramblers Scotland (RS)

I have selected three consultations RS have responded to give show the types of issues'

- Glenborrodale Farm Cottage Glenborrodale Acharacle – RoW not shown on planning application.
- Scottish Government consultation on Local living and 20-minute neighbourhoods: draft planning guidance, 20 July 2023
- Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority 19 July 2023 Carrochan, Carrochan Road Balloch G83 8EG NationalParkPlan@lochlomond-trossachs.org Dear Sirs Response to National Park Plan consultation on recreation.

Copies of the Full RS responses are on available at: [Ramblers Scotland - Ramblers](#)

12. Short Walk Report – James Lawson

Thu, 15 th Feb 2024	SR Short Circular Walk – Kilsyth to Colzuim Park Start Kilsyth Swimming Pool – Burnbrae Park - old railway line and woodland – waterfalls – Coffee Shop – Kilsyth Swimming Pool. Number on Walk = 07 Walk Leader James Lawson
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Thu, 22 nd Feb 2024	SR Short Linear Walk – Kirkintilloch to Auchinloch Start St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch – Canal – Marina – Christines Way - Boghead Wood - Lenzie Moss - Lenzie Station – Auchinloch. Bus. Number on Walk = 12 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 29 th Feb 2024	SR Short Linear Walk - Kirkintilloch to Torrance return by Bus Start St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch – Canal – Penny's Path – path round Cadder Golf Course – old railway track- Torrance. Bus. Number on Walk = 12 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 7 th Mar 2024	SR Short Circular Walk -Torrance - Trails and Tales Start at War Memorial Torrance – Balgrochan Road – turn left at Langshot Woodland sign – walk uphill and along ridge to Red Burn – cross bridge follow path uphill and round to Langshot Farm – follow road back to start. Number on Walk = 10 Walk Leader James Lawson

13. Bus Convenor's Report – Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

14. 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

15. A.O.C.B

15.1 Committee advised of new email address for Pauline Anderson (independent member)

15.2 The custom of a £5 Santa gift at Christmas lunch: no definite decision was made, as to whether this should continue or not. Further discussion at AGM.

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.15 and 19:45hrs

Meeting ended 20.20hrs

Pauline Anderson

Strathkelvin Ramblers (Independent member)