

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 10th April 2025 @ 7.15pm and 7.45pm

Online via Zoom

Minutes

Present:

James Lawson	Chairperson & Access Officer
Neil Kitchener	Vice Chairperson & Programme Co-Ordinator
Robert Bain	Treasure & Webmaster
Stuart Ferguson	Membership Secretary
Barbara Martin	Halls Convenor
Gillian Bentley	Ordinary Member
Martha Thom	Secretary
Pauline Anderson	Minute Secretary
Marjory Dunn	Ordinary Member
Geoff Bell	Ordinary Member

1. **Apologies:** Jim Dougall Ordinary Member
2. **Minutes:** Minutes from Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 13th February 2025 were approved. Proposed by Pauline Anderson and seconded by Marjory Dunn.

3. Matters arising:

Taken under Agenda Headings.

4. Secretary's Report: Martha Thom

- No Correspondence received since last meeting.
- A get-well card sent to Ella Corbett.

5. Programme Sub-Committee Report: Neil Kitchener

5.1 Programme of Walks

Throughout February and March, we have had a full programme of high walks attended by an average of 20 members, including some visitors, in spite of some very adverse weather conditions at times. There were three low walks in this period which were also well attended.

The programme for high walks is now full up to the 21st of June apart from one gap when most of the high walkers are in Mallorca but only three low walks have been submitted.

The situation with non-receipt of emails appears to have been resolved but interestingly out of 120 members only 68 have elected to receive communications about walks and 67 about social events.

5.2 Social Events

Issy MacPhee was the winner of the draughts championship with William Leeming the runner up. Both received a bottle of wine.

39 members attended a very pleasant lunch at Scholars Restaurant.

A visit to The of Library Innerpeffray near Creiff with a short walk around Auchterarder is being planned by Bob Cole. The library is the oldest free public lending library in Scotland, opened in 1680.

Any suggestions future social events will be gratefully received.

6. Training: James Lawson

6.1 Ramblers Courses: Information on all courses run by Ramblers can be booked via the Ramblers Web Site using Eventbrite.

6.2 First Aid Course run by St Andrews First Aid for Strathkelvin Ramblers

The course lasted 4 weeks and was held on Monday nights at Hillhead Community Centre between 8:00pm and 9:30pm. Dates were 3rd 10th 24th Feb and 3rd Mar 2025.

Neil reported that the course had been well received with 16 Members participating and an average of 12 attending each week.

The training covered most aspects of first aid that might be required when out walking. Lots of hands-on practical work.

Many thanks to all the St Andrews First Aid volunteers for the training provided and sharing their knowledge and experiences with us walkers.

Participants were invited to get in touch with St Andrews First Aid if they were interested in attending meetings or interested in their work.

7. Treasurers Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the 2 months ended	31 March 2025				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
				-	-
Payments					
St Andrews First Aid	Training			250	-
				250	-
Net receipts / (payments)				(250)	-
Balance brought forward				843	539
Balance carried forward				593	539
Balances					
Bank Account				593	539
				593	539
Outstanding items					
R Bain	First Aid Kits			250	-
R Bain	Emergency Foil Blankets			-	-
R Bain	One.com			-	21
				250	21

8. Membership Secretary Report 08 April 2025: Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the report of 03 February 2025, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership	129
New Members	2
Rejoining members	0
Resigned	3
Lapsed	1

Details:

New Members: Victoria Jackson
 Barbara Denham

Lapsed Mary Brown

Resigned Paul Benedetti
 Lorna Benedetti
 Arthur Coyle

The new members have been sent a welcome email and the One.com email contacts list has been amended to reflect all the recent membership changes.

Walks Manager Audit

I have now completed my current audit of Walks Manager and the last three names that have now been removed from the Leaders List are:

Helen Corbett

Elsie Dougan

Anne Wilkie

9. Web Report: Robert Bain

Website appears to be operating satisfactorily but any suggestions for improvements would be welcomed.

E-mail issues have been resolved with new email domain name and appears to be operating satisfactorily.

E-mail groups have been set up so that requested relevant emails are now sent to members.

10. Access Report: James Lawson

Local paths are checked as part of the Thursday Short Walks. No problems to report.

11. Short Walk Report: James Lawson

Thu 06 Feb 2025	SR Short Circular Walk – Milngavie RS – Allander – Reservoir Route: Milngavie RS – WHW - Allander Water turn Right at football field – follow path to CP at Mugdock Rd – Mugdock Reservoir - causeway – follow Rd back down to start. Info: Distance 3.19 Miles Total Ascent 255 ft Number on Walk = 09 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu 13 Feb 2025	SR Short Linear Walk – Cumbernauld Town Centre to Village Route: Start at North Side Bus Station – Seafar Woods – Northside Woods Nature Reserve – turn left go down past football Field – then follow road to Village – Bus back to Town Centre. Info: Distance Miles Total Ascent ft Number on Walk = 06 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu 20 Feb 2025	SR Short Circular Walk – Kirkintilloch MoC Birdston Circular Walk Route: St Mary’s Church – Broadcroft Hotel – lane to High St – SRP – bowling club – Kincaid Hotel – thro’ woods – Birdston – SRP – back to start at St Mary’s Church. Info: Distance 4.23 Miles Total Ascent 133 ft Number on Walk = 09 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu 27 Feb 2025	SR Short Circular Walk – Twechar – Bar Hill Circular Route: Canal Bridge @ Twechar – walk along Forth & Clyde Canal to Auchinstarry – up via Sensory Garden and path up to Antoinne wall path – Bar Hill – follow track down to Twechar and canal bridge. Info: Distance 4.37 Miles Total Ascent 357 ft Number on Walk = 11 Walk Leader – James Lawson

Thu 06 Mar 2025	SR Short Circular Walk – Lennoxton to Clachan of Campsie Circle Route: Start Campsie Memorial Hall – Dam – RoW to C of C – SRP – Glen Rd – follow Rd back to start. Info: Distance 3.58 Miles Total Ascent 156 ft Number on Walk = 12 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu 13 Mar2025	SR Short Circular Walk – Milngavie Reservoirs Circuit Route: Milngavie RS – Milngavie Town Hall – uphill to causeway CP – turn left and walk round Craigmaddie and Mugdock Reservoirs - return to start. Info: Distance 4.11 Miles Total Ascent 326 ft Number on Walk = 11 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu 20 Mar2025	SR Short Linear Walk – Glen Road to Strathblane Route: Start at Glen Road and walk the SRP to Strathblane. Info: Distance 3.54 Miles Total Ascent 120 ft Number on Walk = 08 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu 27 Mar2025	SR Short Circular Walk – Kilsyth Circular Walk Route: Bus stop opposite Kilsyth Swimming Pool – Garrell – Forth & Clyde Canal – Auchinstarry Marina – Coach Road – Burnside Park – back to start. Info: Distance 3.74Miles Total Ascent 148 ft Number on Walk = 08 Walk Leader – James Lawson

12. Hall Convenor's Report: Barbara Martin

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2025			
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025		PROGRAMME MEETINGS	STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.
7.00p.m. - 9p.m.		6.30p.m. - 9p.m.	6.30p.m. - 9p.m.
ZOOM MEETING		KIRKINTILLOCH MWC	KIRKINTILLOCH MWC
		JOE COOKE ROOM	JOE COOKE ROOM
NIL - Jan		Kitchen use for hot water	Kitchen use for hot water
13th Feb - ZOOM		for tea/coffee	for tea/coffee
NIL - March			
10th Apr - ZOOM		TBC	TBC
NIL - May			
NIL - June			GAMES NIGHT
NIL - July			
14th Aug - ZOOM			
NIL - Sept			
9th Oct - ZOOM			

NIL - Nov				
11th Dec - ZOOM				
2nd Thursday of the month				
		FIRST AID COURSE		CHRISTMAS LUNCH
TBC		TBC		TBC

13. AOCB:

First Aid Kits: Robert has the spare First Aid Kits.

In Case of Emergency (ICE) cards: Stuart has ordered cards from Ramblers Office and they will be distributed to walk leaders ASAP.

The meeting concluded at 7:50pm

James Lawson - Strathkelvin Ramblers Group Chairperson