

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group
held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 18th February 2021

Present: Jim Lawson - Chairperson and Footpaths; Barbara Martin - Halls Convenor; Neil Kitchener - Programme Co-ordinator; Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor; Archie Leishman – Webmaster; Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary; Martha Thom – Independent Member; Anne Wilkie – Independent Member; Ann Martin – Independent Member

1. Apologies:

Marjory Dunn – Independent Member;

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2020 were accepted. Proposed by Neil Kitchener and Seconded by Martha Thom.

3. Matters Arising

Neil has sent out a map on showing East Dunbartonshire Council boundary.

4. Secretaries' Report and Correspondence – Ann Martin

I have sent out the following cards on behalf of the club.

1. A Thank You card to Liz Paterson for her work on the committee and the Walk Programme Sub -Committee
2. Sent a Get-Well card to Vera Hodges in hospital
3. Sent Sympathy cards to Nancy Grants family and also Wallace Millers family.

Forwarded to Jim an email from Rebekah Cork of Ramblers North Strathclyde Area Council 2021 asking for updated information from our group.

5. Programme Sub Committee – Neil Kitchener

Programme of Walks

We managed to organise two walks most weekends throughout December, averaging about 9 members per walk. The Thursday walks led by Christine were also well attended. However, the rules for rambling were changed at the beginning of January and no walks have been permitted since then. The latest missive from Ramblers is that there are no changes to the restrictions and no indication when walks can resume safely.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

No social events have been held since February last year.

7. COVID-19 Officer – Neil Kitchener

See Programme of walks Agenda Item 5 for changes to Covid – 19 Rules.

8. Training – James Lawson

Nothing to report.

9. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the 2 months ended	31 January 2021				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	150
Recce monies				-	60
				-	210
Payments					
J Lawson	AGM expenses			-	42
				-	-
				-	42
Net receipts / (payments)				-	168
Balance brought forward				928	813
Balance carried forward				928	981
Outstanding items				-	-
				-	-

We received Area Group Funding amounting to £150 and £50 in respect of Recce costs. Our expenditure comprised stationery and postage costs incurred in connection with the AGM.

The balance on the General Account on 31 January 2021 was £981 and the balance on the Social account was unchanged at £928.

Excess on General Fund

Due to Covid restrictions it is anticipated that the group will end up with a surplus on the General Fund. For example, if we do not hold any physical meetings, print any programs, in other words we do not spend any money we could end up with £1,443 by 30 September 2021. This is considerably more than 40-100% of our annual expenditure or £500 whichever is greater. To remain within the guidelines, we can make plans to spend the excess on charitable activities, reduce our funding request for next year or return the surplus funds to the area. No decision requires to be taken at present however committee members should be aware of the situation.

10. Membership Secretary's Report 18 Feb 2021 – Stuart Ferguson

Update since last meeting on 03 December 2020.

Total Membership	154
New Members	3
Lapsed	3
Resigned	2
Deceased	1

Details:

New Members: James and Angela Dougall of Clydebank, Alastair Graham of Milngavie.

Lapsed: E. McKenzie, Frances Price, Lorraine Beaman.

Resigned: VJ Cameron, A Young

Deceased: A. Grant

The new members have been sent a welcome letter and a copy of a previous programme.

There are also 11 members who have been listed as "Payment Pending".

11. Website Report – Archie Leishman

Activity from 3rd December to Date:

I have added Jim Dougall, who joined along with his wife Angela in December, to our email contacts list. I have also added Margaret Whitelaw, a long-standing member, who provided her email address in response to the AGM letter which Jim sent to those members not on the list. Following the sad news of the deaths of Nancy Grant on 18th December and Wallace Millar on 8th February, their contact details have been removed from the list. The total number on the list remains at 116.

In order to facilitate the AGM in December using Zoom, an exercise to identify all online members was carried out. Out of a total of 158 members, the large majority have given permission to be contacted by email in connection with AGM and walk programme related information. Only 30 members did not have email addresses or had unreachable addresses. Recent experience has shown that online communication works well, particularly as the situation can change very quickly.

I continued to add walks to GWEM during December before the latest round of restrictions came into force in early January.

12. Footpaths Report – James Lawson

12.1 Core Path from Braes of Yetts Farm to Langmuir – report back from John Oates, East Dunbartonshire Access and Path Development Officer the path being cleared of obstructions.

12.2 East Dunbartonshire Local Access Forum – still awaiting first draft of the reworked terms of reference for the forum. Still waiting.

12.3 Milton-of-Campsie Redmoss Path – Community Council (CC) looking for help to repair the path which is extremely muddy at one point. Suggested that they make a bid for a grant from Paths-for-All. As a Ramblers Group we may be able to help with getting materials. More details of what CC was looking for (financial) is needed.

12.4 Mary Rock also reported that the bridge to the left of the entrance road to Kincaid Hotel was damaged. This made crossing the stream hazardous. Ongoing.

13. Short Walks Report

Christine Kitchener continues to lead the Thursday Short Walks

Thu 3 rd Dec 2020	St Mary's Church to Merkland Nature Reserve 8 Walkers
Thu 10 th Dec 2020	St Mary's Church to Birdston three woods walk. 12 Walkers
Thu 17 th Dec 2020	St Mary's Church. Tinsel and Chocolate Treasure Hunt around Kirkintilloch 11 Walkers

14. Bus Convenors Report – Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

15. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin

KIRKINTILLOCH
MINERS WELFARE
CLUB

Committee Room

NIL - Jan
18th Feb - ZOOM
4th Mar
1st Apr
6th May

3rd June
NIL - July
5th Aug
2nd Sept
7th Oct

4th Nov

2nd Dec

TBC

KIRKINTILLOCH
MWC

Function room

****th June 2021**
TBC

require use of
kitchen
and hot water for
making
tea/coffee

THE PARK CENTRE

McKay Hall & Kitchen

****th November 2021**
TBC

require use of kitchen
and hot water for
making
tea/coffee

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

****th Dec 2021**

TBC

16. A.O.C.B.

16.1 There being no further business the meeting* concluded at 20:15pm.

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.00 – 19.40 then 19.50 – 20.15

James Lawson (Jim) – Chairperson