

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 5th August 2021

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

1. Apologies:

Anne Wilkie – Independent Member

Ann Martin – Independent Member

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2021 were accepted. Proposed by Barbara Martin and Seconded by Martha Thom.

3. Matters Arising

Covered under agenda items.

4. Correspondence Report – Ann Martin

Only item I had to report was that I sent card to Shirley after her fall.

Will let you know if hear anything re amount of money requested by MofC Community Council on paths project.

5. Programme Sub Committee – Neil Kitchener

Programme of Walks

Since we resumed our programme of walks, Jim's Thursday walks and the high walkers have always managed to walk every week. However, we are still struggling to encourage the low walkers to submit walks and only one low walk has been arranged during the past four weeks. I currently have offers of high walks for the next five weeks and possibly one low walk.

The rules about car sharing have not yet changed but hopefully there will be some relaxation following Tuesday's announcement that we are moving into Level minus 0 from 9th August. This will help the low walkers and also reduce the problems of finding adequate car parking at the start of each walk.

The programme will continue to be issued on a weekly basis until there has been a significant change in the rules and there are minimal restrictions.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

No social events have been held since February last year.

Christine, the social secretary met with Hazel who provided the information about previous social events. Unfortunately, we cannot start the new programme until things return to some semblance of normality. We are planning to arrange the trips on the Duckling as soon as the regulations permit. 39 members applied last year but we will send round another message to get an up to-date list. We intend to start the trips, hopefully with about 10 passengers, as soon as we get the go ahead. After that, we will be looking for volunteers for other social events. We have all missed the walk and talks. In the meantime, enjoy the sunshine.

7. COVID-19 Officer – Neil Kitchener

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

8. Training – James Lawson

Nothing new to report.

9. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the 2 months ended	31 July 2021				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
				-	-
Payments					
R Bain (one.com)	Website/email			-	62
N Kitchener	Postage/stationery			-	93
				-	155
Net receipts / (payments)				-	(155)
Balance brought forward				928	981
Balance carried forward				928	826
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 will exceed this amount this year and therefore our funding for next year will be adjusted to bring us into line with the guidance by 30 September 2022. All calculations have been based on a return to a normal level of activity for the 2021/22 year.

10. Membership Secretary's – 01 June 2021 – Stuart Ferguson

Update since last meeting on 03 June 2021.

Total Membership	148
New Members	3
Lapsed	2
Resigned	1
Moved Group	2
Deceased	0

Details:

New Members: Patricia Page
Angela Gilbert
Jane Jack

A welcome letter has been sent to the new members.

Resigned: Audrey Lochhead

Lapsed: Arthur and Jessie Robertson

Moved Group: Richard Cartwright
Eleni Ntitoura

Membership stays at 148 as per last month, with three new members, two lapsed, one resignation and two movers.

Note that Lapsed members do not have their membership removed immediately.

Note also that Eleni Ntitoura does not plan to move group and that this is an error that occurred when she renewed her membership very recently.

11. Website Report – Archie Leishman

Activity from 3rd June to Date:

Changes to Email Contacts List

Additions –

Eleni Ntitoura who transferred to our group from Eastwood on 15th June

Patricia Page who joined on 17th June

Angela Gilbert who joined on 25th June

Jane Jack who joined on 12th July

Deletions –

Dougie Robertson who has retired from the Ramblers

Richard Cartwright who has moved to another group

Lynn Parker who has also moved to another group

The total number of entries on our email contacts list has therefore increased by one to 110. There were a further two resignations during the period, but they were not on the list.

I continue to add walks to GWEM on a weekly basis.

12. Footpaths Report – James Lawson

01 July 2021 17:30 – 19:30

East Dunbartonshire Access Forum Online meeting over Microsoft teams

Received from John Oates, Access and Path Development Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council a copy of the agenda

- Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
- Access Forum Terms of References East Dunbartonshire Access Forum Terms of Reference Draft V1. - A lot of changes required I await the next version.
- Core Path Plan Update – work on SRP to repair surface and cut back vegetation is underway
- Round table update – asked about path improvements e.g., Ladies Mile
- Any current issues – raised bridge at Waterside Bing (no money)
- Activities and Achievements – Brae of Yetts core path repaired and reopened.

13. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 10 th Jun 2021	Campsie Memorial Hall Lennoxtown circular walk via – Whitefield Pond - RoW from Crow Road to Clachan of Campsie – Scheonstatt - SRP - over the bridge @ Lennoxtown - Whitefield Pond. No on walk = 9
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Thu, 17 th Jun 2021	Linear Walk from St Mary's Church Kirkintilloch – Walk along the Forth & Clyde Canal to Torrance Road – cross bridge and walk-through field and woodland to Cadder Bridge and on to M&S at Strathkelvin Retail Park. No on walk = 15
Thu, 24 th Jun 2021	Campsie Memorial Hall Lennoxtown circular walk via Station Road and SRP to new housing at Lennoxtown – follow road up to old gatehouse then uphill and round Celtic Training Ground – down to Lennox Castle – along to Lovers Leap Viewpoint and back – follow the track down to SRP and on to Lennoxtown cutting across by Whitefield Pond to start. No on walk = 17
Thu, 1 st Jul 2021	Kilsyth circular walk from opposite swimming pool out to Culzium Park and up Glen to waterfall back down and walk round walled garden and back to Coachman Hotel. No on walk = 17
Thu, 8 th Jul 2021	Kilsyth circular walk from opposite the swimming pool. Long circle around Dumbreck Marsh (many paths are closed due to work on river alignment being returned to its original course) ending at Coachman Hotel. No on walk = 15
Thu, 15 th Jul 2021	Lennoxtown Campsie Memorial Hall circular walk around Lennoxtown taking in Community Woodland, War Memorial, Balgrochan Marsh, Capiston and pond to the start. No on walk = 12
Thu, 22 nd Jul 2021	Milton of Campsie circular walk-in figure of eight via SRP Birdston forest moor and back down round fields to farm then back through woods and up the road to the start. No on walk = 12
Thu, 29 th Jul 2021	Kirkintilloch circular walk from Barleybank CP at St Mary's Church. Walk along the Luggie to Waterside and back via bridle alongside railway. Then SRP back to start. No on walk = 15
Thu, 5 th Aug 2021	Campsie Memorial Hall Lennoxtown circular walk via – Whitefield Pond - RoW from Crow Road to Clachan of Campsie – Scheonstatt - SRP – cross Lennoxtown football field and up Station Road No on walk = 18

14. Bus Convenors Report – Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

15. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin

KIRKINTILLOCH MINERS WELFARE CLUB		KIRKINTILLOCH MWC		THE PARK CENTRE
Committee Room		Function room		McKay Hall & Kitchen
NIL - Jan				**th November 2021
18th Feb - ZOOM		TBC		TBC
Mar - pending Gov. advice				
1st Apr - ZOOM				require use of kitchen
13th May - ZOOM				and hot water for making
3rd June - ZOOM				tea/coffee
NIL - July				
5th Aug				
2nd Sept				CHRISTMAS LUNCH
7th Oct		require use of kitchen		
4th Nov		and hot water for making		**th Dec 2021
2nd Dec		tea/coffee		TBC
TBC				

16. A.O.C.B.

There being no further business the meeting* concluded at 20.15 pm.

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.00 – 19.35 then 19.45 – 20.20

James Lawson (Jim) – Chairperson