

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 2nd September 2021

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

1. Apologies:

Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary

Martha Thom – Independent Member

Marjory Dunn – Independent Member

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2021 were accepted. Proposed by Archie Leishman and Seconded by Neil Kitchener.

3. Matters Arising

Covered under agenda items.

4. Correspondence Report – Ann Martin

Received an email from Shirley saying how much she appreciated the Get-Well card from the club

Sent a Get-Well card to Martha after her knee replacement surgery.

Hoped to send a card to Lesley Queen after her surgery but have so far not been able to get an address.

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. Although there has been one low walk this month, we are still struggling to encourage the low walkers to submit walks. I currently have offers of high walks for the next two weeks and no low walks.

The rules about car sharing have been relaxed. Only two walkers can share provided they agree but they must wear masks and have the windows open. This slight improvement does not seem to have encouraged the low walkers but should 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. The current guidance for events is that they should take place outdoors wherever possible so trips on the Duckling are not yet feasible. Unfortunately, we cannot start the new programme until things return to some semblance of normality. We have all missed the walk and talks, in the meantime, enjoy the sunshine.

7. Training – The Ramblers Scotland Monthly Newsletter gives details of courses on offer.

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the 2 months ended	31 August 2021				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
				-	-
Payments					
R Bain (one.com)	Website/email			-	-
N Kitchener	Postage/stationery			-	-
				-	-
Net receipts / (payments)				-	-
Balance brought forward				928	826
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.

9. Membership Secretary's Report 03 September 2021 – Stuart Ferguson

Update since last meeting on 02 August 2021.

Total Membership	149
New Members	1
Lapsed	1
Resigned	0
Moved Group	0
Deceased	0

Details:

New Members: Ola Watson

A welcome letter has been sent to the new member.

Lapsed: Ann Blair

Membership up one to 149, with one new member and one lapsed.

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

10. Website Report – Archie Leishman

Activity from 5th August to Date:

Changes to Email Contacts List

Additions –

Ola Watson who joined on 9th August

Deletions –

None

Reinstated -

Lynn Parker who was reported to have moved to another group

Lisa McDonald whose membership had lapsed

The total number of entries on our email contacts list has therefore increased by three to 113.

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

11. Footpaths Report – James Lawson

Plans to improve Strathkelvin Railway Path and provide links from Moodiesburn / Chryston to Glenboig. Details on consultation <https://openplans.uk/strathkelvin> for further information.

Watch online 'Mugdock Explorer Route@ on www.youtube.com/EastDunCouncil other videos planned include Bar Hill, Forth & Clyde Canal, Strathkelvin Railway Path and Thomas Muir Heritage Trail.

12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 12 th Aug 2021	Circular walk – Bus stop opposite Kilsyth Swimming Pool – Burn Green – Playing Fields – Banton Loch – Culzium, Glen, Waterfalls, Walled Garden – Bank Burn – Bus stop opposite Coachman Inn. No on walk = 14
Thu, 19 th Aug 2021	Circular walk – Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxton – Glazert Water and Southfield – Finniecroft Wood – South Brae – Campsie Memorial Hall. No on walk = 14
Thu, 26 th , Aug 2021	Circular walk – Lenzie Station – clockwise round Lenzie Moss - Hawthorn Avenue – Moncrieff Avenue – Bothlin Burn Path – roundabout on A806 – Lindsaybeg Road, Craigenbay Roar – Millersneuk -Lenzie Station. No on walk = 13
Thu, 2 nd Sep 2021	Circular walk – M&S Strathkelvin Retail Park – Forth & Clyde Canal – Cadder Church – River Kelvin – path through field back to canal – along canal to Cadder – back to M&S. No on walk = 16

13. Bus Convenors Report – 02 September 2021 - Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

14. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin

Hall report to be updated for next meeting.

15. A.O.C.B.

Future of Strathkelvin Ramblers (Items 15.1 to 15.4)

15.1 The future of the Group, no Secretary, virtually no leaders for lower-level walks on Saturdays.

15.2 Future of walks (including Thursday walks) with new Rambler's Edicts. Lack of consultation with our Group and Members before changes were made / implemented.

15.3 Rambler's stating it is a requirement of insurance company that walks have to be advertised to all and sundry. Strange – maybe Charity Law.

Also, that the demand for Recce and Risk Assessment came from the insurers. Again strange – before COVID-19 the Ramblers' stated in their insurance guide that **"a Recce was not essential just good practice as walking was considered very low risk"**. So, leaders were covered if no recce was done.

15.4 The strange requirement to keep Risk Assessments for two years yet only to keep details of those on the walk for a month.

It was agreed that a way ahead needs to be agreed as Ramblers did not consult the Area, Group Committees or our walk leaders before implementing the changes to leading Rambler's Walks. Ongoing discussion, need to discuss with our group members at AGM.

Strathkelvin Ramblers 2021 AGM

15.5 Arrangements for Group AGM. It was agreed that Strathkelvin Ramblers AGM be held on Thursday 18th November 2021 using ZOOM @ 7.00pm. and subject to discussion with Ramblers Scotland about a guest speaker.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

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

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers