

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:15pm on Thursday 2nd December 2021

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

1. Apologies:

Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2021 were accepted. Proposed by Archie Leishman and Seconded by Anne Wilkie.

3. Matters Arising

SR Group AGM held on ZOOM – A one month ZOOM membership was set up. This allowed meeting to take place without time limit on length of meeting.

Committee - Ann Martin stood down as Secretary and Martha Thom was elected. The positions of Minute Secretary and Group Area Representatives are vacant.

Christmas Lunch – Taken under Social Events

Car sharing - an ongoing problem with transport Scotland and Sport Scotland dictating the policy. This continues to cause no end of problems for non-car owners in getting to start of walks.

Footpath Upgrades at Redmoss, Milton of Campsie ongoing funding issues.

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

This was Martha's first meeting as Secretary.

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. Christine Duffy and Mary Murphy took a bus to Twechar and walked to Croy Hill with 8 members last week. We are still struggling to encourage the low walkers to submit walks but a minibus walk in the New Year has been suggested as a way of encouragement, so far 3 walkers have expressed an interest. I currently have offers of high walks for the next five weeks.

There will be no walks on the day before the Christmas lunch, Christmas Day or New Year's Day but a local walk between Christmas and New Year for all club members has been suggested.

In spite of recent easing of the restrictions, Ramblers have still not updated their advice for walks and events since 18th August.

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.

Ramblers HQ are planning to organise Eurorando in Transylvania next year. See extract from HQ below.

Eurorando 2021/22 -based in Sibiu, Romania in 2021 and 2022. To be held over 2 years due to the corona virus pandemic. The first part of the Eurorando did take place from 26th September to 3rd October 2021 and the final event will take place from 11 -18th September 2022. The organisers have prepared accommodation and walks packages which can be booked on-line. This is a pan European event held every 5 years. More information is available on the European Ramblers Association website.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

No social events have been held since February last year.

39 members have booked in for the Christmas Lunch to be held on Sunday 12th December.

Further events will be organised when the rules are relaxed.

7. Training Update – James Lawson

Wed, 8 Dec 2021 17:00 GMT

Free

Save Ramblers Scotland's view on rewilding to your collection.

Ramblers Scotland social media training - advertising on Facebook

Thu, 9 Dec 2021 18:00 GMT

Free

Save Ramblers Scotland social media training - advertising on Facebook to your collection.

Growing your membership - creating a warm welcome for new members

Thu, 10 Feb 2022 18:00 GMT

Free

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Dick Balharry Memorial Talk with Andrew Painting, ecologist at Mar Lodge

Fri, 4 Mar 2022 19:00 GMT

Free

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

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 2022. All calculations have been based on a return to a normal level of activity for the 2021/22 year.

Treasurer's Report					
For the month ended	30 November 2021				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	65
Recce monies				-	60
Christmas Lunch				460	-
				460	125
Payments					
Jim Lawson	AGM expenses			-	35
Stuart Fergus	Stationery and postage			-	18
				-	53
Net receipts / (payments)				460	72
Balance brought forward				928	826
Balance carried forward				1,388	898
Outstanding items					
Balance per bank at 30 November 2021				1,319	898
Cash and cheques to be deposited				69	-
				1,388	898

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 1st December 2021 – Stuart Fergusson

Update since last meeting on 09 November 2021.

Total Membership	142
New Members	0
Lapsed	4
Resigned	0
Moved Group	0
Deceased	0

Details:

Lapsed: Christine Pacione; John Granger; Marion Granger; Linda Clarke

Membership down now to 142.

NB: The membership dashboard is currently paused whilst a software update is installed, so this report covers the period up to November 25th. Any changes between then and now will be included in the next report.

10. Website Report 2nd December 2021– Archie Leishman

Activity from 11th November to Date:

Changes to Email Contacts List

A further three email addresses have been removed from our contacts list as a result of the four lapsed members reported by Stuart this month. One of these was a joint email address.

Taking into account the six lapsed members reported in last month's report, the total number of entries on our email contacts list now stands at 107.

New Ramblers Website

I attended a Zoom session on Monday 29th November hosted by Jeannie Cranfield of Ramblers Scotland and involving a number of staff from Ramblers HQ. There were around 20 participants from Areas and Groups within Scotland. The purpose of the session was to demonstrate the initial prototype for the new Ramblers website which is scheduled to launch in January. This was the fourth of five sessions covering the whole of the UK (3 for England and one each for Wales and Scotland). My main interest is in the group webpage function which we have been using in conjunction with our own website. With this new development, it may be possible to phase out the use of our website in the future.

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

11. Access Report – James Lawson

Milton-of-Campsie Community Council – An update on footpath repairs at Redmoss from the Community Council is awaited.

Ramblers Campaigns on Access Issues – Dalwhinnie Level Crossing closure – Network Rail this could be setting precedents for bridges underpasses and other level crossing and public access to cross needs to be restored. I would suggest Network Rail should be made to pay for bridges when closing a level crossing.

Glen Borrowdale Arnamurchan Peninsula wealthy owner closing walking routes that people have used for centuries. Scotland has the right to Roam over private estates under access legislation. The outcome will affect access legislation and the rights of the people.

12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 18 th Nov 2021	Circular Walk – St Mary's Church to Tintock Woods along the canal and back through Merkland Nature Reserve and Luggie Park to St Mary's Church. Number on walk = 14
Thu, 25 th Nov 2021	Circular Walk – Lennoxton to Clachan of Campsie on the RoW returning on Strathkelvin Railway Path Number on walk = 8
Thu, 2 nd Dec 2021	Linear Walk – St Mary's Church to Torrance via canal, offroad path to river Kelvin and then on to Torrance. Bus back@12:00hrs Number on walk = 18

13. Bus Convenor's Report – Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

14. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin - Updated Hall Bookings for 2022

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2022

7.15p.m. - 9p.m.
ZOOM MEETING UNTIL
ADVISED
WE CAN RESUME KMWC

NIL - Jan
3rd Feb - ZOOM
3rd Mar - TBA
7th Apr - TBA
5th May - TBA
2nd June - TBA
NIL - July
4th Aug - TBA
1st Sept - TBA
6th Oct - TBA
3rd Nov - TBA
1st Dec - TBA

PROGRAMME MEETINGS

6.30p.m. - 9p.m.
KIRKINTILLOCH MWC

Function room

TBC

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

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.

6.30p.m. - 9p.m.
THE PARK CENTRE

McKay Hall & Kitchen

10th November 2022
TBC

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

TBC

15. A.O.C.

There being no further business the meeting* concluded at 8.15pm.

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.00 – 19.35 then 19.45 – 20.10

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers