

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:15pm on Thursday 12th May 2022

Present: Jim Lawson - Chairperson and Footpaths; Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor Neil Kitchener - Programme Co-ordinator; Anne Wilkie – Independent Member; Marjory Dunn – Independent Member.

1. Apologies:

Martha Thom – Secretary; Archie Leishman – Webmaster; Barbara Martin - Halls Convenor; Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary.

2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd March 2022 and 14th April 2022 when completed are to be sent out to committee members for approval.

3. Matters Arising

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

No correspondence has been received from Rambler's or North Strathclyde Area (NSA).

Action: Card to be sent to Mary Brown – Jim Lawson

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. Carol Jakar and Christine led 8 low walkers around Culross last week and met up for lunch with the high walkers who were doing a similar walk. Everybody agreed it was a good day. I currently have 3 high walks over but we are still struggling to encourage the low walkers to submit walks.

The Ramblers have at last removed the restrictions on car sharing and we are now meeting at Southbank and sharing cars again, although some walkers still prefer to go direct to the start of the walk. Hopefully, this will encourage the low walkers to submit walks again.

Although I am hoping to produce a printed programme covering the period from July to September and have asked members to submit details of proposed walks, I have only received 4 so far. Until then, the programme will be issued on a weekly basis.

Action: An email or letter to all those who had walks in the cancelled programme asking if they are prepared to have their walk in the new programme being planned. – Neil Kitchener

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

The visit to Culzean Country Park was enjoyed by all but with 5 no shows and a limited attendance, the bus made a loss. We will try to use cars or public transport for future social events

Christine is still looking for suggestions for other events.

7. Training Update – James Lawson

Our Walk Leadership Next Steps course is perfect for brushing up your practical skills for leading safe and enjoyable walks. Book a place using EVENTBRIGHT.

We spend a day exploring key navigation skills including map reading, basic navigation, dealing with emergencies, what kit to bring and much more. The course is all taught outdoors in small groups of no more than 6 volunteers and it is 100% practical. We have places available on the following dates:

- Fort William | Saturday 4 June
- Lochwinnoch | Saturday 11 June
- Coatbridge | Saturday 25 June
- Aberdeen | Saturday 30 July
- Newtonmore | Tuesday 30 August

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the month ended	30 April 2022				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	65
Recce monies				-	60
				-	125
Payments					
Ann's Coaches	SC - Culzean Castle			370	-
				370	-
Net receipts / (payments)				(370)	125
Balance brought forward				839	1,023
Balance carried forward				469	1,148
Outstanding items					
R Bain	one.com - website	Expense		-	84
R Bain	SC - Culzean Castle	Income		212	-
				212	84

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.

Action: To review Recce Expenses – Robert Bain

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 10th May 2022 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the previous report on 31 March 2022, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership	139
New Members	4
Lapsed	1
Resigned	1
Moved Group	0
Deceased	0

Details:

New Members: Christine Corson (4006919) Jacqueline McCaig (4007637)
James Culley (4007459) Alan Hughes (4007526)

Resigned: Teresa Hart (4005250)

Lapsed: Christine Falconer (3293533)

The overall membership now stands at 139, an increase of two since the last report.

Welcome letters have been sent to the new members.

10. Website Report – Archie Leishman

Activity from 14th April to Date:

Changes to Email Contacts List

New member Teresa Hart who joined the group in March and has now resigned has been removed from our contacts list. Another recent member Kate Irvine has also resigned although there is no record of her on our list. Christine Falconer has lapsed her membership and her contact details have been removed.

On the positive side, we have 5 new members – Christine Corson, James Culley, Alan Hughes, Jacqueline McCaig and Isabel MacPhee. There is therefore an overall increase of 3, bringing the total number of contacts to 109.

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 still awaited.

Penny's Path – Bridge is still to be repaired.

12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 21 st Apr 2022	Linear Walk - Start Auchinstarry Marina then follow path along south side of canal and on up to Croy. Follow path up Croy Hill to the Roman Head. Down to canal and follow aqueduct path then through woods past Woodend Steadings to Stirling Road and take the off-road path into Kilsyth finishings at the Coachman Inn. Number on walk = 14
Thu, 28 th Apr 2022	Circular walk - Bishopbriggs Leisure Drome- along Forth and Clyde Canal and round Possil Marsh and back to Leisure Drome. Number on walk = 12
Thu, 5 th May 2022	Circular Walk –Start at Craiglinn Bus Interchange Cumbernauld – walk to Broadwood Stadium – through park to Broadwood Loch. Cross the Dam and walk round loch in C/W direction including a loop to Orchard Loch. Then back to Bus Interchange. Number on walk = 10
Thu, 12 May 2022	Linear Walk from Auchinstarry along the Forth & Clyde Canal to Banknock. Number on walk = 11

13. Bus Convenor's Report – Robert Bain

The Social Committee organised a bus trip to Culzean Castle on Wednesday 27th April 2022. A 33-seater coach from Ann's Coaches was booked at a cost of £420 less £50 deposit carried over from 2020. There were 15 attendees and total receipts amounted to £212.

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

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2022		
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2022	PROGRAMME MEETINGS	STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.
7.15p.m. - 9p.m. ZOOM MEETING UNTIL ADVISED WE CAN RESUME KMWC	6.30p.m. - 9p.m. KIRKINTILLOCH MWC Function room	6.30p.m. - 9p.m. THE PARK CENTRE McKay Hall & Kitchen
NIL - Jan 3rd Feb - ZOOM - CXD 3rd Mar - ZOOM 14th Apr - ZOOM 12th May - ZOOM 2nd June - TBA NIL - July 4th Aug - TBA 1st Sept - TBA 6th Oct - TBA 3rd Nov - TBA 1st Dec - TBA	TBC require use of kitchen and hot water for making tea/coffee	10th November 2022
		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