

## **Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group**

**held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Present:** Jim Lawson - Chairperson and Footpaths;  
Barbara Martin - Halls Convenor;  
Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor;  
Stuart Ferguson - Membership Secretary;  
Anne Wilkie – Independent Member;  
Martha Thom – Secretary;  
Archie Leishman – Webmaster;  
Marjory Dunn – Independent Member.

### **1. Apologies:**

Neil Kitchener - Programme Co-ordinator;

### **2. Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022; 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022; 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022; when completed are to be sent out to committee members for approval. Ongoing action.

Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were approved. Proposed by Archie Leishman and Seconded by Martha Thom.

### **3. Matters Arising - Covered under agenda items.**

### **4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom**

Nothing to report.

### **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 but I am still struggling to encourage the low walkers to submit walks.

Eric and David repainted our Trig Pillar on Holehead and I gave them a vote of thanks in my weekly email.

I am still struggling to get sufficient walks to produce a full printed programme and will continue to issue the programme on a weekly basis. At the moment, I only have high walks to cover the next 2 weeks and have received one low walk from David Mackenzie which is planned for November.

The arrangements for some walkers being picked up from Southbank seems to be working well.

### **6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener**

**Social Events** Apart from the Christmas Lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, no social events are currently planned. An invitation letter to members should go out soon.

## 7. Training Update – James Lawson

Ramblers have recently updated our e-learning for walk leaders. **Walk Leadership Foundations** is an interactive course, created by experienced volunteers for new walk leaders, and for those who would like to top up or refresh their skills. Walk leaders can take the course by clicking onto the training tab on their Assemble profile.

If you've already completed the previous version of Walk Leadership Foundations, the course will still be marked as 'complete' on your training record on Assemble. There's no need to take the course again – but take a look if you'd like a refresher, and to help support new walk leaders in your group!

[Find out more about Walk Leadership Foundations](#)

And when you've finished the Foundations course, why not join us on one of our **Walk Leadership Next Steps** courses, where our fabulous volunteer trainers will help you develop your practical skills? We're running these free courses all over the country this autumn.

[Find out more about Walk Leadership Next Steps](#)

## 8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

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| Treasurer's Report               |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
| For the month ended              | 30 September 2022            |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | Social | General |
|                                  |                              |  |  | Fund   | Fund    |
| <b>Receipts</b>                  |                              |  |  | £      | £       |
| Area Funding Group               |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
| Recce monies                     |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
|                                  |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
| <b>Payments</b>                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
| Robert Bain                      | Recce monies cash            |  |  | -      | 268     |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | -      | 268     |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
| <b>Net receipts / (payments)</b> |                              |  |  | -      | (268)   |
| Balance brought forward          |                              |  |  | 453    | 1,189   |
| <b>Balance carried forward</b>   |                              |  |  | 453    | 921     |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
| Outstanding items                |                              |  |  |        |         |
| Glazert Hotel                    | 2022 Christmas Lunch Deposit |  |  | 200    |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | 200    | -       |
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## 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.

## 9. Membership Secretary's Report – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the previous report on 01 September 2022, and includes all membership changes since that date.

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| Total Membership   | 141 |
| New Members        | 2   |
| Reinstated Members | 2   |
| Lapsed             | 1   |
| Resigned           | 1   |
| Moved Group        | 0   |
| Deceased           | 0   |

Details:

New Members: Philip Hyde  
Jacqueline McCaig

Resigned: Andrew Lang

Lapsed: Angela Gilbert

The overall membership now stands at 141.

Welcome letters have been sent to the new members.

Ms McCaig walks with the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Group and was put into Strathkelvin Group because of her Postcode. She has tried, but has not yet had any success, to have her membership changed to her preferred group and so she is now listed as an Affiliate Member of Strathkelvin.

## 10. Website Report – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - Archie Leishman

**Activity from 1<sup>st</sup> September to Date:**

### Changes to Email Contacts List

Andrew Lang has resigned from the Ramblers and Angela Gilbert's membership has lapsed. Both have been removed from our email contacts list. Surinder Kaur Atwal has renewed her membership and has been re-instated. In addition, Steven Cartwright, a Ramblers member from another group has asked to be added to our list and new member Philip Hyde has joined the group. As a result, the total number of contacts now stands at 112.

I continue to add walks to GWEM on a weekly basis. I will be on holiday from 20<sup>th</sup> October until 4<sup>th</sup> November and may not be able to update GWEM or maintain the email contacts list during this period. Hopefully this is acceptable to the committee.

## 11. Access Report – James Lawson

**John Oates** - Access and Path Development Officer has advised the next East Dunbartonshire Access forum meeting will be on the 8th September at 17:30 online over Microsoft Teams.

An update regarding core paths in East Dunbartonshire

- Strathkelvin Railway Path (SRP) has been completed between Kirkintilloch and Milton-of-Campsie (John Muir Way).
- Penny's Path the bridge has been replaced and the path is now fully open.
- Work on clearing overgrown paths is now underway.

Copy of minutes is awaited.

Note on Short Walks the following improved paths were checked:

- Path on south side of Forth & Clyde canal between Bishopbriggs Leisure Centre and Cadder has been improved by the developer of the adjacent housing development.
- Strathkelvin Railway Path between Kirkintilloch and Birdston Railway.
- New bridge on Penny's Path

## 12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

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| Thu, 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2022  | Linear Walk – St Mary's Church – Forth and Clyde Canal – Penny's Path – Hayston – follow farm track round the golf course perimeter and on to Torrance. Bus back to Kirkintilloch.<br>Number on walk = 13      Walk Leader – James Lawson                                  |
| Thu, 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2022 | Circular Walk – St Mary's Church – SRP Birdston Path – circle round plantations and then retrace path back to start.<br>Number on walk = 12      Walk Leader – James Lawson                                                                                                |
| Thu, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 2022 | Circular Walk – M&S @ Strathkelvin Retail Park – Forth and Clyde Canal Towpath – Old Mavis Valley – Council Depot – South side of Canal back to Cadder – M&S.<br>Number on walk = 13      Walk Leader – James Lawson                                                       |
| Thu, 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2022 | Circular Walk - M&S @ Strathkelvin Retail Park – Cadder Church – River Kelvin – Balmore – River Kelvin – Forth and Clyde Canal to Cadder – M&S.<br>Number on walk = 13      Walk Leader – James Lawson                                                                     |
| Thu, 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022  | Walk Cancelled                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Thu, 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | Circular Walk – St Mary's Church – follow Luggie to Waterside – cross over and back up through field at Fauldhouse – Woodilee paths to Auld Aisle Cemetery – through Auld Aisle Cemetery - back to St Mary's Church<br>Number on walk = 15      Walk Leader – James Lawson |

## 13. Bus Convenor's Report – 13 Oct 2022 - Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

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

| STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| COMMITTEE MEETINGS<br>2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | PROGRAMME MEETINGS                                                                                                                                         | STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS<br>A.G.M.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>7.15p.m. - 9p.m.<br/>ZOOM MEETING UNTIL<br/>ADVISED<br/>WE CAN RESUME KMWC</p> <p>NIL - Jan<br/>3rd Feb - ZOOM - CXD<br/>3rd Mar - ZOOM<br/>14th Apr - ZOOM<br/><b>12th May - ZOOM</b><br/>2nd June - ZOOM<br/><b>NIL - July</b><br/>4th Aug - ZOOM<br/>1st Sept - ZOOM<br/><b>13th Oct - ZOOM</b><br/>3rd Nov - ZOOM</p> <p>1st Dec - ZOOM</p> | <p>6.30p.m. - 9p.m.<br/>KIRKINTILLOCH MWC</p> <p>Function room</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>require use of kitchen<br/>and hot water for making</p> <p>tea/coffee</p> | <p>6.30p.m. - 9p.m.<br/><b>KIRKINTILLOCH MWC</b></p> <p><b>JOE COOKE ROOM</b></p> <p>Kitchen use for hot water<br/>for tea/coffee</p> <p><b>MON 14th November 2022</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b></p> <p><b>3rd Dec 2022</b><br/><b>2.00 P.M.</b><br/>GLAZERT COUNTRY HOUSE<br/>HOTEL</p> |

#### 15. A.O.C.B

##### Annual General Meeting

- Barbara will confirm booking with Kirkintilloch WMC for Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Anne advised Ella was prepared to do catering and home baking
- Neil has suggested a motion regarding motor mileage. This ties in nicely with the recent Rambler Association report on mileage rates. Committee agreed a motion was required. Suggest the following based on 2016 motion.  
Motion: **Increase in Car Mileage Allowance It is proposed that the Car Mileage Allowance, which was last raised in 2016, be increased to 12p per mile, with a maximum charge of £10 in the light of increased motoring costs in the interim period. Proposed by xxx, seconded by xxx.**

##### Xmas Lunch

- Anne has prepared the invitation for Xmas Lunch at the Glazert Country House Hotel on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 ready to send to members and advised this be done ASAP.
- Committee agreed invitation to be sent out by email and by letter to those without email ASAP.

There being no further business the meeting\* concluded at 8.00pm.

\* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.00 – 19.30 then 19.30 – 20.00.

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers