

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

**held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

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

### **1. Apologies:**

Archie Leishman – Webmaster

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

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 were approved. Proposed by Barbara Martin and Seconded by Neil Kitchener.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were approved. Proposed by Anne Wilkie and Seconded by Barbara Martin.

### **3. Matters Arising - Taken under Agenda headings.**

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

Only Correspondence I have had is the General Newsletter that everybody receives.

Jim to contact North Strathclyde Area as the Group expects the Secretary to receive notification of Area AGM and some communications.

### **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 having difficulties arranging the low walks.

I am also 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 3 weeks and have received two low walks from David Mackenzie and Carol Jakar.

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. Over 25 members have already booked their places.

## 7. Training Update – James Lawson

**First Aid Training** – was discussed and a repeat of the First Aid course held in the evenings was preferred option. Also, noted need to check Leaders First Aid Kit contents are current.

## 8. Treasurer's Report – 03/11/2022 Robert Bain

|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--------|---------|
| Treasurer's Report               |                              |  |  |        |         |
| For the month ended              | 31 October 2022              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | Social | General |
|                                  |                              |  |  | Fund   | Fund    |
| <b>Receipts</b>                  |                              |  |  | £      | £       |
| Area Funding Group               |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
| Recce monies                     |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
| Christmas Lunch                  |                              |  |  | 475    | -       |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | 475    | -       |
| <b>Payments</b>                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | -      | -       |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
| <b>Net receipts / (payments)</b> |                              |  |  | 475    | -       |
| Balance brought forward          |                              |  |  | 453    | 921     |
| <b>Balance carried forward</b>   |                              |  |  | 928    | 921     |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
| Outstanding items                |                              |  |  |        |         |
| Glazert Hotel                    | 2022 Christmas Lunch Deposit |  |  | 200    |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  |        |         |
|                                  |                              |  |  | 200    | -       |

### 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 – 04/08/2022 – Stuart Ferguson

One new member only, a Sandra Watson of Bishopbriggs, which takes the membership total to 142.

A welcome letter has been sent and she has also had her name added to the email distribution list.

## 10. Website Report – 04/08/2022 - Archie Leishman

have nothing of significance to report this month. Before going on holiday, I provided a list of names and addresses of members for whom we have no email addresses. This was in relation to the Christmas lunch. This list can also be used for the forthcoming AGM.

## 11. Access Report – James Lawson

The East Dunbartonshire Council Website has a lot of useful information

Information: [Walking and Cycling | East Dunbartonshire Council](#)

[Strathkelvin Railway Path](#)

[Getting started](#)

[Plan your route](#)

[Just for leisure](#)

[Commuting by bike](#)

[Outdoor Access Code](#)

[Grants and funding](#)

[Contacts](#)

[Useful links](#)

- [Scottish Outdoor Access Code](#)
- [Scottish Natural Heritage](#)
- [Traveline Scotland](#)
- [Kirkintilloch Canal Festival](#)
- [The Campsies](#)
- [Scottish Canals](#)

Other East Dunbartonshire Council Websites to google are:

- Healthy Habits and Tales and Trails – they have lots of local walks (with maps)

## 12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thu, 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | A circular walk – Starting from St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch – railway track to Lenzie, Bothlin Burn, Woodilee and back via Luggie Park.<br>Number on walk = 10                      Walk Leader – Margaret Gibb                          |
| Thu, 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | A circular walk – Starting from St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch – walk along the canal, through Tintock Wood, Merkland Nature Park and back through the Luggie Park.<br>Number on walk = 11                      Walk Leader – Margaret Gibb |
| Thu, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2022  | Circular Walk – Starting from Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxton – Glazert Water - Southfield Woods – Glazert Hotel – Nature reserve – Balgrochan Woods – back to start.<br>Number on walk = 9                      Walk Leader – James Lawson |

## 13. Bus Convenor's Report – 03/11/2022 - 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                       | PROGRAMME MEETINGS       | STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.             |
| 7.15p.m. - 9p.m.                              | 6.30p.m. - 9p.m.         | 6.30p.m. - 9p.m.                         |
| ZOOM MEETING UNTIL ADVISED                    | KIRKINTILLOCH MWC        | <b>KIRKINTILLOCH MWC</b>                 |
| WE CAN RESUME KMWC                            | Function room            | <b>JOE COOKE ROOM</b>                    |
| NIL - Jan                                     |                          | Kitchen use for hot water for tea/coffee |
| 3rd Feb - ZOOM - CXD                          | TBC                      | <b>MON 14th November 2022</b>            |
| 3rd Mar - ZOOM                                |                          |                                          |
| 14th Apr - ZOOM                               |                          |                                          |
| <b>12th May - ZOOM</b>                        |                          |                                          |
| 2nd June - ZOOM                               |                          |                                          |
| <b>NIL - July</b>                             |                          |                                          |
| 4th Aug - ZOOM                                |                          |                                          |
| 1st Sept - ZOOM                               |                          |                                          |
| <b>13th Oct - ZOOM</b>                        | require use of kitchen   |                                          |
| 3rd Nov - ZOOM                                | and hot water for making |                                          |
| 1st Dec - ZOOM                                | tea/coffee               |                                          |
|                                               |                          | <b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>                   |
|                                               |                          | <b>3rd Dec 2022 - 2.00P.M.</b>           |
|                                               |                          | GLAZERT COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL              |

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

##### SR 2022 AGM

- **Committee Members** - Archie Leishman – Webmaster has advised he will not be seeking re-election to the committee at the AGM. The other Committee Members indicated that they were willing to continue.
- **Calling Notice / Letter** – Jim to produce letter and send out to those with no email. Archie will send copy to members with email. Also, copy to Ramblers Scotland and North Strathclyde Area.
- **Motion** – The following motion was agreed by the Committee

Motion 1: - **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 £12.00 in the light of increased motoring costs in the interim period.  
Proposed by Neil Kitchener, seconded by Anne Wilkie.

- **Venue** - Barbara has re-confirmed our booking with Amanda at KMWC for our AGM on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov '22, 6.30pm – 9.00pm in the Joe Cooke Room with access to their kitchen for hot water.
- Robert has provided the Annual Audited Accounts for both the General and Social Funds.
- Papers etc for AGM Jim will prepare the papers, etc and circulate for comment.

## **XMAS LUNCH**

Anne advised - Just some more information re Christmas Lunch. Diets can be catered for but hotel must know in advance if you require one.

Vegetarian choices for the main course are as follows:

- Mushroom Stroganoff
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Roast Pepper and Tomato Pasta
- Gluten Free or other special

Copy of Menu attached to end of minutes.

Payment - For those of you who wish to pay by cheque or cash, this can be done at the AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> November if that is more convenient for you. Jim to refer to this in letter to members.

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

\* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.15 – 19.45 then 19.45 – 20.00.

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers



*Everyone at the Glazert Country House Hotel  
wishes you a very Merry Christmas*

## *Festive Menu*

*Tomato & Basil Soup*

*Smoked Chicken & Herb Terrine*  
*Cranberry chutney & melba toast*

*Atlantic Prawn & Crab Cocktail*  
*Marie rose sauce, lettuce cups*

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*Roast Stirlingshire Turkey*  
*Sage & walnut stuffing, bacon wrapped chipolata, cranberry dressing*

*Roast Sirloin of Beef*  
*Red wine jus, roast potatoes*

*Poached Salmon*  
*Prawn, Lemon caper butter, potato gratin*

*All meals are served with chef's selection  
of potatoes and festive vegetables*

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*Christmas Pudding*  
*Brandy sauce*

*Triple Chocolate Calypso Mousse*

*Lemon & Raspberry Parfait*

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*Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies*

*Lunch 2 courses £17.00 3 courses £21.50*  
*Dinner 2 courses £18.00 3 courses £22.50*