

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 2nd February 2023

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

1. Apologies:

Anne Wilkie – Independent Member

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. Ongoing action.

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2022 were approved. Proposed by Barbara Martin and Seconded by Neil Kitchener.

3. Matters Arising

XMAS LUNCH A Quaich was presented to Ann Martin at the Xmas Lunch. Bearing the inscription:

To Ann

With Gratitude for all your work and Memorable Walks for the Ramblers

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

- No Correspondence received since last meeting.
- I have sent Sympathy cards to family of Janette Ferguson and Rena Scott on the death of her son.
- Get Well cards will be sent to Sheila Meiklejohn and Cathy Urquart in next few days.

5. Programme Sub Committee – Neil Kitchener

Programme of Walks

Over the past two months the high walkers have always managed to walk every week apart from the Christmas and New Year weekends. We did manage to offer a low walk around Muiravonside Country Park but nobody joined. However, in recent weeks, a number of low walkers have taken part in a couple of the easier high walks.

We arranged a leaders' meeting 10 days ago which was well attended and managed to arrange a full programme for the high walkers over the next 6 months. We also received 8 low walks for this period with the possibility of more to come.

We discussed the topic of issuing a hard copy of the programme but the majority of leaders favoured publishing the programme using the internet, either the website of the Ramblers, our Strathkelvin Ramblers or the Ramblers App. A working party consisting of Robert, Archie, Stuart, me and Steve Cartwright has been set up to progress this issue. It is important to ensure that the process is simple and can be easily accessed by all members, particularly those who are computer or hardware challenged. In the meantime, Stuart will put all the walks on GWEM and I will continue to issue the programme on a weekly basis.

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

21 members have expressed interest in the weekend on Bute at the end of September. Moira is firming up the details with the hotel.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

The members enjoyed the Christmas Lunch in the Glazert Country House Hotel. No other social events are currently confirmed but a Games evening in the Miners Club is a possibility.

7. Training Update – James Lawson

Tue, Mar 7, 2023 6:00 PM

Wander Women: Join the Ramblers to celebrate women in the outdoors

Tue, Mar 21, 2023 6:00 PM

Getting Started: An introduction to walk leadership

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 7:00 PM

Introduction to Animal Tracks and Signs - with Lucy Wallace

Wed, Apr 26, 2023 6:00 PM

Am I being a responsible walker? Learn about Scottish access rights.

Wed, May 10, 9:30 AM –

Walk Leadership Next Steps - Hamilton

Chatelherault Country Park • Hamilton

First Aid Training – It was agreed that a repeat of the successful First Aid course run for us several years ago and organised by Hillary would be beneficial. It was agreed that Martha would write to Hillary asking if a rerun of the course could be organised.

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 2 months ended	31 January 2023				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
Christmas Lunch	Overpayment refund			(5)	-
				(5)	-
Payments					
Kirkintilloch Miners	Leaders Meeting			-	30
Jim Lawson	Stationery & postage			-	45
	First aid kit			-	11
Glazert Hotel	Christmas Lunch			975	-
Neil Kitchener	Presentation to A Martin			74	-
Neil Kitchener	Stationery & postage			16	-
	Bank Charges			2	-
				1,067	86
Net receipts / (payments)				(1072)	(86)
Balance brought forward				1,708	1,126
Balance carried forward				636	1,040
Outstanding items					
				-	-
Bank Account				636	1042
Cash on Hand				0	-2
				636	1040

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 01/02/2023 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the previous report (email only) on 30 November 2022, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership	139
New Members	4
Reinstated Members	0
Lapsed	2
Resigned	4
Moved Group	0
Deceased	1

Details:

New Members: Malcolm Close
 Anne Close
 John Heron
 Christine Heron

Resigned: Charles Hasson
 Roslynn Gray
 Ola Watson
 Andrew White

Lapsed: Rjm McMeekin
 Lynn McCorquodale

The overall membership now stands at 139 and is a reduction of 2 since the last report.

Welcome letters have not yet been sent to all the new members because two of them joined only today.

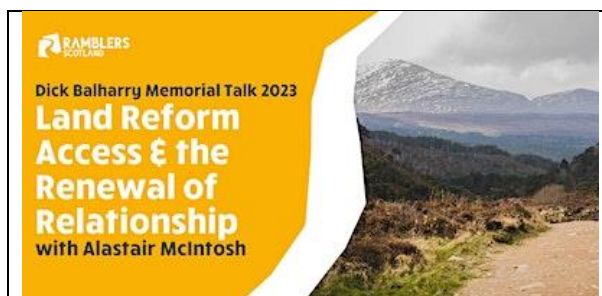
We also have one member whose name is missing from the Ramblers database which, at this time, appears to be an issue at Ramblers end. I have pursued this with them but there is no conclusion at the time of writing this report.

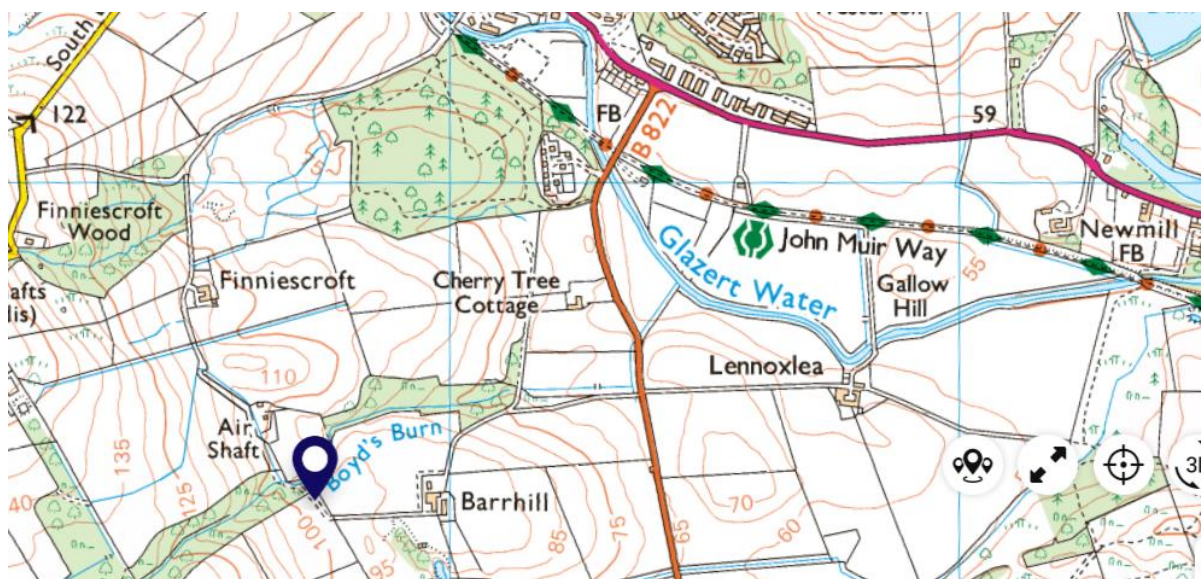
In addition, I have recently added two new tasks to my role as Membership Secretary, and these are the updating of the one.com webmail system that the club uses to contact all the members, and also the uploading of all planned walks to the Ramblers website via the Group Walks and Events Manager or GWEM for short.

10. Website Report – 02/02/2023

Stuart has taken over the maintenance of the one-com mailing list and updating GWEM

11. Access Report – James Lawson

	Dick Balharry Memorial Talk 2023 Tue, Feb 28, 19:00
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Subject: FW: Reporting a blocked path

From: Helen Todd **Sent:** 06 December 2022 09:56 **To:** Subject: RE: Reporting a blocked path

Hi

Thanks for getting in touch with the Ramblers. I can pass your issue on to our Strathkelvin group in case they aren't already aware, but your best course of action at this stage is to report this locked gate to the council's access officer on john.oates@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

The council has a duty to uphold access rights and remove obstructions, so John should be able to go and check out this issue. It's best if you're the one to report this as you know exactly where the gate is and will be able to answer any further questions he might have.

12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 08 th Dec 2022	Allander Water Mugdock Reservoir circuit. Number on walk = 08 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 15 th Dec 2022	Walk Cancelled
Thu, 22 nd Dec 2022	Twechar to Kilsyth Forth & Clyde Canal then across Drumbreck Marsh to Queenzieburn. Number on walk = 06 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 29 th Dec 2022	SRP walk around Lenzie cut short due to torrential downpour Number on walk = 06 Walk Leader James Lawson

Thu, 05 th Jan 2023	SR Short Linear Walk from St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch to War Memorial, Torrance. Route along Canal, Penny's Path, Hayston, farm tracks round Gold Course and on to Torrance. Number on walk = 11 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 12 th Jan 2023	SR Short Linear Walk from St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch to Road Bridge over Canal at Twechar. Route Forth & Clyde Canal Towpath. Number on walk = 12 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 19 th Jan 2023	SR Short Linear Walk from Strathkelvin Retail Park to St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch. Route M&S down to Cadder Church then along the Forth & Clyde Canal to Kirkintilloch. Number on walk = 08 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 26 th Jan 2023	SR Short Circular Walk based on Milngavie Railway Station (MRS). Route MRS to Tesco then follow Allander Water till it meets the WHW. Then uphill till it meets path for reservoir. Follow this path and take first path going right (panoramic view) and follow path back to Allander Water and on to MRS. Number on walk = 09 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 02 nd Feb 2023	SR Short Circular Walk starting at Kilsyth Swimming Pool. Walk from Bus Stop opposite Swimming Pool and through CP and along Colzium Park Number on walk = 08 Walk Leader James Lawson

13. Bus Convenor's Report - Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

14. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin - Updated Hall Bookings for 2023.

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2023	PROGRAMME MEETINGS	STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.
7.00p.m. - 9p.m. ZOOM MEETING UNTIL ADVISED WE CAN RESUME KMWC	6.30p.m. - 9p.m. KIRKINTILLOCH MWC JOE COOKE ROOM	6.30p.m. - 9p.m. KIRKINTILLOCH MWC JOE COOKE ROOM
NIL - Jan 2nd Feb - ZOOM 2nd Mar - ZOOM 6th Apr - ZOOM 4th May - ZOOM 1st June - ZOOM	Kitchen use for hot water for tea/coffee 23rd Jan 2023	Kitchen use for hot water for tea/coffee TBC
NIL - July 3rd Aug - ZOOM 7th Sept - ZOOM 5th Oct - ZOOM 2nd Nov - ZOOM 7th Dec - ZOOM		CHRISTMAS LUNCH TBC

It was agreed we will continue to with ZOOM Committee Meetings and that Barbara confirm booking for walk leaders meeting in January 2023 at Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare Club.

15. A.O.C.B

- Jim is attending as the Strathkelvin Group Delegate.

 The image shows a logo for 'RAMBLERS SCOTLAND' in the top left corner. Below it, the text 'Scottish Council 2023' is displayed in white on an orange background. To the right of the text is a photograph of three people walking on a grassy path in a park-like setting.	Scottish Council 2023 Sat, Mar 4, 10:45
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- Neil voiced concern about the Walk App and lack of information on walk height gained.
- Barbara still has some First Aid Kits and will check expiry dates.

* 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