

Minutes of The Meeting of Ramblers Association Strathkelvin Group

held online using ZOOM at 7:00pm on Thursday 3rd August 2023

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

1. Apologies:

Neil Kitchener - Programme Co-ordinator;

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.

Rough Draft Minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, 2nd March 2023 and Thursday, 6th April 2023 were sent out to the committee.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thu 8th June 2023 were approved. Proposed by Barbara Martin and seconded by Anne Wilkie.

3. Matters Arising

Taken under agenda headings.

4. Secretary's Report – Martha Thom

I have had no Correspondence since the June Meeting.

I sent a Get Well card to Eric Meechan. Also sent a sympathy card to Rosalind McMeekin on the death of her husband Ronnie.

5. Programme Sub Committee – Neil Kitchener

Programme of Walks

Following the successful leaders meeting in June, we now have a full programme of high walks and about 7 low walks through to the New Year. It is hoped that more low walks will be added as time goes on.

At the meeting, Stuart and I demonstrated the workings of the new Walks Manager and showed how leaders could enter the details of their walks into the system. Since then, a number of leaders have successfully entered their walks although they still have to be vetted and published. This does significantly reduce the workload.

The long-term plan to issue the programme to those members who do not have access to the internet or are unable to use the new technology has still to be finalised.

6. Social Events – Neil Kitchener

Social Events

45 members enjoyed their trips on The Duckling during July. Robert has organised a meal in the Indian Cottage on 16th August and Bob Cole has offered an afternoon of outdoor bowls in September.

Beatrice Clugston.

The annual Beatrice Clugston walk led by Jenny Burgon is scheduled for 16th September.

7. Training Update – James Lawson

Details of courses are on the Ramblers Scotland Letter enclosed with your copy of the Walk Magazine. Register online: www.ramblers.org/RSevents

8. Treasurer's Report – Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the 2 months ended	31 July 2023				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
Social event	Curry Night			252	
				252	-
Payments					
Meetings	Park centre			-	32
Newsletters/Publicity	One.com - Website			-	85
				-	117
Net receipts / (payments)				252	(117)
Balance brought forward				636	1,040
Balance carried forward				888	923
Outstanding items					
Recce Monies				-	240
				-	240
Bank Account				888	925
Cash on Hand				-	(2)
				888	923

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 2023. All calculations have been based on a return to a normal level of activity for the 2022/23 year.

9. Membership Secretary's Report – 03/08/2023 – Stuart Ferguson

This report covers the period from the previous report on 06 June 2023, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership	133
New Members	4
Reinstated Members	0
Lapsed	1
Resigned	4
Moved Group	0
Deceased	0

Details:

New Members:

Steve Cartwright
Mark Hamilton
Denise Rodger
Arlene Davis

Resigned:

Margo MacKinnon
Marion Clark
Francis Duffy
Christine Duffy

Lapsed:

Shirley Cowan

The overall membership now stands at 133, a reduction of 2 from the previous report.

The email contacts list has been amended as per the membership changes listed above.

Note 1: Arlene Davis has been a member for a few years and has been listed as a new member because her membership renewal was late, but I was never advised that her membership had lapsed. I feel that this has corrupted the membership numbers somewhat because they don't balance - again.

Note 2: Frank and Christine Duffy were notified to me as having moved away, but Frank confirmed to me that they had resigned their memberships. I contacted Ramblers to effect a correction to the

Membership database and now Frank and Christine have been completely removed from the database and it's as if they were never members in the first place.

As a result of these small, but continuing, errors, my level of confidence in the management of the Ramblers Membership database does not improve.

10. Website Report – Stuart Ferguson

Walks Manager Update.

Ramblers' new website, which incorporates Walks Manager, is continuing to be improved, all be it rather slowly. Several bugs and errors have been notified to the Walks Manager Help Desk and these have either been fixed, or are in the process of being fixed.

One small issue that has proven quite the challenge to correct has been the display of Leaders' Contact Preferences. The advice from Ramblers was quite poor, and so I spent some considerable time doing trial and error on my own pc until I had a reliable method which could be applied. I have now sat down with a few leaders and helped them sort this issue and I will continue to do so with any leaders in the near future who discover that their Contact Preferences are not as they would like them to be.

11. Access Report – James Lawson

EDOAF The next Meeting of East Dunbartonshire Outdoor Access Forum takes place on Monday, 3rd October 2023 "The Marina, Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ".

12. Short Walks Report – James Lawson

Thu, 15 th Jun 2023	Linear Walk - Start at St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch – SRP – Birdston – Redmoss – Milton of Campsie – Bus X85 back to St Mary's Church Number on walk = 8 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 22 nd Jun 2023	Circular Walk – Kilsyth Swimming Pool – Burn Green Park – Banton Loch – Banton – Colzium Park - Railway Path – Kilsyth Swimming Pool- Number on walk = 8 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 29 th Jun 2023	Circular Walk – Kilsyth Swimming Pool – Burn green Park – Railway Path – Woodland Path – Top Waterfalls – Walled Garden – Kilsyth Swimming Pool Number on walk = 13 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 6 th Jul 2023	Circular Walk – St Mary's Church – Townhead Clinic – Woodhead Park – SRP – Garngarber – Woodilee path next to railway – follow Luggie to Waterside then on to Forth and Clyde Canal – St Mary's Church Number on walk = 11 Walk Leader James Lawson

Thu, 13 th Jul 2023	Circular Walk – Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxton – Capiston – Hole – Crosshouse – Clachan of Campsie – Thomas Muir Path/SRP back to Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxton Number on walk = 8 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 20 th Jul 2023	Circular Walk – Milngavie Railway Station – Allander Water – Mugdock and Craigmaddie Reservoirs – Cairns Church – Town Hall – Milngavie Railway Station Number on walk = 10 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 27 th Jul 2023	Circular Walk – Milton of Campsie – Car Park - At the railway path we took the route closest to the river, then crossed Campsie Road and turned right, going back to Lochiel Road, thus missing out the flooded path and went up the steps to Craighead Road and onwards to Alloch Dam. We then retraced our steps back to the car park. Number on walk = 11 Walk Leader Margaret Gibb
Thu, 3 rd Aug 2023	Circular Walk – Milngavie Railway Station – Allander Water – Mugdock Reservoir – Cross over walkway between Mugdock and Craigmaddie Reservoirs – Barloch Muir – Allander Water – Milngavie Railway Station Number on walk = 11 Walk Leader James Lawson

13. Bus Convenor's Report - Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

14. Hall Convenors Report - Barbara Martin

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS ZOOM/HALL BOOKINGS 2023			
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2023		PROGRAMME MEETINGS	STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS A.G.M.
7.00p.m. - 9p.m.		6.30p.m. - 9p.m.	6.30p.m. - 9p.m.
ZOOM MEETING UNTIL ADVISED		KIRKINTILLOCH MWC	KIRKINTILLOCH MWC
WE CAN RESUME KMWC		JOE COOKE ROOM	JOE COOKE ROOM
NIL - Jan		Kitchen use for hot water	Kitchen use for hot water
2nd Feb - ZOOM		for tea/coffee	for tea/coffee
2nd Mar - ZOOM			
6th Apr - ZOOM		23rd Jan 2023	TBC
4th May - ZOOM - CXD			
8th June - ZOOM		6.30p.m. - 9p.m.	
NIL - July		PARK CENTRE	CHRISTMAS LUNCH
3rd Aug - ZOOM		MACKAY HALL & KITCHEN	
7th Sept - ZOOM			TBC
5th Oct - ZOOM		26th June 2023	
2nd Nov - ZOOM			2nd Dec 2023
7th Dec - ZOOM		FIRST AID COURSE	
		TBC	

15. A.O.C.B

Christmas Lunch 2023 was discussed and it was agreed Anne Wilke would arrange booking at Glazert Bank Hotel in Lennoxton for Saturday 2nd December 2023.

Proposed SR First Aid course was discussed – Treasurer advised that Area Treasurer advised no Ramblers money can be used it has to be self-financed. It was agreed to put the idea on hold at present.

First Aid Kits for Walk Leaders it was agreed Barbara check number of kits required and purchase them.

Group AGM suggested a microphone be used, Barbara to check if one is available at the venue.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 20:10hrs.

* Due to ZOOM time limits the meeting was in two parts 19.15 – 19.45 then 19.45 – 20.15

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers