

STRATHKELVIN RAMBLERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 2nd May 2024 @ 7.45pm and 7.45pm

Online via Zoom

Minutes

Present:

Jim Lawson -Chairperson and Footpaths

Neil Kitchener – Programme Co-ordinator

Robert Bain – Treasurer and Bus Convenor

Barbara Martin – Halls Convenor

Stuart Ferguson- Membership Secretary

Marjory Dunn-Independent Member

Pauline Anderson – Independent Member

1. Apologies: Martha Thom – Secretary
Anne Wilkie – Independent Member
2. Minutes from previous Committee Meeting 8th March 2024 approved. Proposed by Robert Bain and seconded by Barbara Martin.
3. Matters arising:
 - A few members have asked the committee to look at Ramblers Handbook/Checklist and advise Strathkelvin Ramblers to adopt the practice of completing the Group Walk sign in sheet prior to each walk.
 - The Walk Leader will use this form to collect emergency contact details of each walker at the start of the walk. Contact details will only be used in case of emergency during the walk.
 - Contact details could be given to Leader when Rambler contacts Leader to join, saving time at the start of the walk
 - Sign in sheets will be destroyed securely after each walk.

Further discussion on this subject to be arranged.

In the meantime, Barabara has been asked to order a supply of the Ramblers- In Case of Emergency Cards –also enquire if any- In Case of Emergency Fobs- available from Ramblers, these can be easily attached to a zip on rucksack.

4. Secretary's Report: Martha Thom

Correspondence since last report has been from Barry regarding New Guidance for Walk leaders. E-learning is available. No other correspondence.

5. Programme Sub-Committee Report: Neil Kitchener

- Walks

During April we had 4 high walks and 2 low walks which were held jointly with the high walks. The joint walks are a great success and provide opportunity for the high and low walkers to meet and walk together for part of the trip. We routinely get over 30 members out each Saturday, including, new members and walkers from other clubs in the area which is good news. Low walks are being submitted at short notice and are usually reasonably attended. At the moment we have 4 planned so far but the programme for high walkers is full up to early August.

- Social Events

Christine organised a visit around the Botanic Gardens, Kibble Palace and greenhouses last month which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

She has also arranged a visit to Callendar House and Gardens in Falkirk in two weeks' time.

Any suggestions for other social events will be gratefully received.

6. Training: James Lawson

6.1 Online training unavailable 1-14 May In case you missed it in the last volunteer update, all our online volunteer training modules. will be unavailable from today until Wednesday 15 May.

On Wednesday 15 May, you will be able to access training through the website rather than through Assemble, making it easier for you to find what you need for your role. This includes our walk leadership modules, Walk Leadership Foundations and Preventing and Managing Incidents. We'll send another reminder on the day.

6.2 Latest Walk Leader Publication @ 12th April 2024 available on Ramblers Web.

Walk Leader Handbook. Walk Leader Checklist. Skills Framework. Sign Sheet

. Route Card Risk Assessment

. Information Walkers

Recommend that everyone have a look at those publications even though there is an awful lot to read / digest. Any concerns / issues can then be discussed at next meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report: Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the 2 months ended	30 April 2024				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group				-	-
Recce monies				-	-
				-	-
Payments					
Unity Trust	Bank Charges			1	
				1	-
Net receipts / (payments)				(1)	-
Balance brought forward				688	701
Balance carried forward				687	701
Balances					
Bank Account				687	701
Cash on hand				-	-
Outstanding Cheque				-	-
				687	701
Outstanding items				-	-
				-	-

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 2024. All calculations have been based on current activity for the 2022/23 year.

8. Membership Secretary Report: Stuart Ferguson Membership Secretary Report 02 May 2024

This report covers the period from the report of 04 April 2024, and includes all membership changes since that date.

Total Membership	123
New Members	0
Reinstated Members	0
Lapsed	0
Resigned	1

Details:

Resigned: Linda Munro

The overall membership now stands at 123. The email contacts list has been amended as per the membership changes listed above.

9. Website Report: Robert Bain

Web Report – 04/04/2024

Recently, I met with Deryck Nutley to discuss the website. He has offered to provide help and advice on bringing matters up to date.

We identified that perhaps the most important aspect of the One.Com service for the group was the email service. Deryck advised that if this was working well for us it was probably unwise to change it as in his experience most IT issues arise when wholesale changes are made.

He also advised that the Content Management System for the One.Com system was similar in operation to Joomla which is the system I have been reviewing. I have spoken to Archie, and he has set me up as a guest administrator on the One.Com site. Over the next few weeks, I intend to familiarise myself with the site and will update on progress in due course.

10. Access Report: James Lawson

Consultations information from East Dunbartonshire Council Facebook Page

East Dunbartonshire Council – A803 Corridor

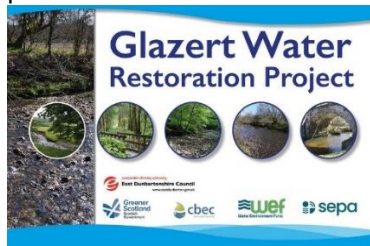


A drop-in event will take place on Thursday 21 March at Bishopbriggs War Memorial Hall – between 1pm & 7pm. All welcome.

Residents, businesses and groups - help steer the A803 Corridor Improvements Project, part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal. Check out info and have a say via our interactive Story Map available from <https://orlo.uk/e8luM> - before 21 April 2024.

East Dunbartonshire Council – Glazert Water

Residents are being asked for their views on proposals for the new river restoration project which is planned for the Glazert Water.



The project is the result of a study commissioned by Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Scottish Government, to restore rivers that were damaged as a result of historical industrial activity.

Work on this project is funded by SEPA's Water Environment Fund, and the main aim is to restore the Glazert Water and revitalise the wildlife corridor serving the communities of north Kirkintilloch,

Milton of Campsie, Lennoxton, Clachan of Campsie and Haughhead. As part of the planning process, two consultation events are being held at Lennoxton HUB, Main Street on Tuesday 16 April 2024 9:30am to 3pm and Monday 13 May 2024 3pm to 8pm. An online survey for those that cannot make the events will be available on the Council's website from Tuesday 26 March. We will post the link to this page once it is live.

East Dunbartonshire Council – Lenzie Moss



We're creating a management plan for Lenzie Moss in order to effectively manage the site for both open space activities such as walking and enjoying the natural environment, and also to manage this biodiversity rich area for wildlife.

If you're a frequent visitor to Lenzie Moss then there is still time to let us know how you use the area and give us your ideas that could help shape the plan.

A drop-in event is being held in Lenzie Old Parish Church on Tuesday 2 April 2024 from 3pm-8pm where you can talk to consultants regarding the content of the management plan.

If you can't make the drop in, our online survey will be open until 16 April: <https://orlo.uk/QV5Pb>

East Dunbartonshire Council – Cairnhill Woods



We're creating a management plan for Cairnhill Woods in Westerton, Bearsden in order to effectively manage the site for both open space activities such as walking and enjoying the natural environment, and also to manage this biodiversity rich area for wildlife.

If you're a frequent visitor to Cairnhill Woods in Bearsden then there is still time to let us know how you use the area and give us your ideas that could help shape the plan. Our online survey will be open until 1 April:

<https://orlo.uk/bLPbM>

Note: I attended the A803 corridor consultation – the main aim seems to be to segregate buses and cars and create shared path for pedestrians and cyclists. However, the bus lane would only be for short sections as there is insufficient space. Buses having to rejoin cars will cause more congestion and not help buses. No goer.

Please have a look at the consultation online and input your comments.

11. Short Walk Report: James Lawson

Thu, 14 th Mar 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk – Around Kilsyth</u> Start at Kilsyth Swimming Pool – cross Dumbreck Marsh and field to Canal- Auchinstarry Quarry – Coach Road – Burnside Park – back to start. Number on Walk = 07 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 21 st Mar 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk – Twechar</u> Start at Canal Bridge loop round join Main Street – Health Habits Centre – Board Burn – turn left at canal – follow narrow path till clear of woods – take narrow path up side of field and round to Board Woods – track through woods – across field to Twechar and follow main street back to start. Number on Walk = 10 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 28 th Mar 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk – Lennoxton – Clachan of Campsie</u> Start Campsie Memorial Hall Lennoxton – walk up past Dam then down Kincaid Drive- take RoW to Clachan of Campsie – Schoenstatt Haughhead – SRP back to Lennoxton – Station Road back to start. Number on Walk = 04 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 4 th Apr 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk – Twechar and Bar Hill</u> Start at Canal Bridge Twechar – Main Street – Antonine Wall – Roman Fort – Castlehill Road - path down the hill to Auchinstarry Marina – Sensory Garden - Forth & Clyde Canal back to Twechar. Number on Walk = 13 Walk Leader James Lawson
Thu, 11 th Apr 2024	<u>SR Short Linear Walk - The Dragon Walk</u> Meet @ Lovers Stance Statue, Buchanan Bus Station @ 10:00am Subway to Kelvinbridge - Walk River Kelvin and Forth & Clyde Canal (visit the Dragon enroute) - to Buchanan Bus Station. Number on Walk = 05 Walk Leader David Kennedy
Thu, 18 th Apr 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk – Around Lenzie</u> Meet @ St Mary's Church, Kirkintilloch @ 10:00am Walk via Boghead Wood and Lenzie Moss Number on Walk = 06 Walk Leader David Kennedy
Thu, 25 th Apr 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk - Milngavie</u> Walk starts from Milngavie Railway Station @ 10:00am Allander Water – Kyber Pass – Mugdock Visitor Centre – Castle –Allander Water - Railway Station Number on Walk = 06 Walk Leader David Kennedy
Thu. 2 nd May 2024	<u>SR Short Linear Walk – Forth & Clyde Canal</u> Meet @ St Marys Church Kirkintilloch @ 10:00am Walk to Bishopbriggs along canal, Returning by Bus Number on Walk = 08 Walk Leader Margaret Gibb

12. Bus Convenor's Report: Robert Bain

Nothing to report.

13. Hall Convenor's Report: Barbara Martin

Nothing to report.

14. AOCB:

Neil will contact Anne Wilkie and ask if she would organise Christmas Lunch for December 2024.

15. Meeting closed 8:10pm.

16. Next meeting 6th June 2024 via online via Zoom

James Lawson

Strathkelvin Ramblers Group Chairperson