

Strathkelvin Ramblers Committee Meeting Minutes

Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare Social Club

9th October 2024 7pm till 9.15pm

Attendance:

Jim Lawson – Chairperson and Footpaths

Robert Bain -Treasurer

Barbara Martin -Halls Convenor

Neil Kitchener-Programme Co-ordinator

Stuart Ferguson -Membership Secretary

Anne Wilkie – Independent member

Marjory Dunn – Independent Member

Pauline Anderson – Independent Member

1. Apologies Martha Thom
2. Minutes from previous meeting on 5th September 2024, no comments raised.
3. Matters Arising: -

Confirmation of The Strathkelvin AGM will be held in the Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare Social Club on 18th November 2024 7pm.

Asked if he would consider stepping down as Chairperson, Jim replied that at the AGM all the committee positions were vacated, A new committee was then elected. If someone was interested in standing for Chairperson then Jim since he had been Chairperson for a long time would not oppose them as it was good practice to rotate the officers posts every three years.

In answer to a question regarding attendance at Area Meetings Jim replied that Strathkelvin Ramblers had not elected any Area delegates at the AGM. He had therefor arranged with the Area that the Chairperson and Secretary be Papers Only Members of the Area in order to keep the Strathkelvin Ramblers in the loop.

It was suggested that Neil might be interested. Neil will think about it and let Jim know.

4. Secretary Report: -Martha Thom

Martha will send a card to ex member Alan Connor, who is currently very ill.

Also obtained a gift voucher for Ella Corbett, for providing years of catering at all Strathkelvin Ramblers Meetings. To be presented at AGM.

Also sent a Get-Well card to Eric Meehan.

A link sent from Barry Pottle re: Trossachs Explorer Bus, this has to be circulated to Committee members and Walk Leaders in the Greater Glasgow Region

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/>

You can provide feedback in two ways using the following link:

https://strathbusiness.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eai2jaPXabdXHWm:

5. Programme Sub Committee Report: - Neil Kitchener

During September we had a full programme of high walks and as well as 3 low walks which were all

well attended.

The high walk programme has only one gap up to Christmas but only five low walks have been

offered so far although I will keep trying to encourage more walks.

Social Events

The draughts championship is progressing well.

An invitation to the pantomime in December has been sent out.

Any suggestions for other social events will be gratefully received.

Neil may also shorten weekly emails he sends to the group, with possibly Walk Leaders writing a short report of their walk and e mailing it to Neil, to be forwarded on each week.

Neil will send out an e mail requesting more walks for the programme from January 2025.

6. Training Report - Jim Lawson

Just a reminder that all Ramblers courses can be booked through Ramblers Eventbrite link www.eventbrite.co.uk>ramblers

7. Treasurer and Web Report :-Robert Bain

Treasurer's Report					
For the month ended	30 September 2024				
				Social	General
				Fund	Fund
Receipts				£	£
Area Funding Group	Tick Removers			-	-
Recce monies				-	-
				-	-
Payments					
				-	-
				-	-
Net receipts / (payments)				-	-
Balance brought forward				686	340
Balance carried forward				686	340
Balances					
Bank Account				686	340
Cash on hand				-	-
Outstanding Cheque				-	-
				686	340
Outstanding items				-	-
				-	-

Bank account signatories should be updated at AGM

8. Membership Secretary Report: -Stuart Ferguson

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

Total Membership 125

New Members 1

Lapsed 1

Resigned 1

Moved Away 1

Details:

New Members: Gillian Lang

Lapsed: Denise Rodger

Resigned: Ian Brown

Moved Away Helen Carroll

The overall membership now stands at 125. The email contacts list has been amended as per

the membership changes listed above.

One.com Email System: ----- I have been doing an audit of the email system because it was quite clear that the number of

contacts and the number of recipients of emails did not match up. I have removed all those who

have lapsed, resigned, died or are not known to any of the committee and I have two anomalies

outstanding.

1. Susan McGuire, whose email address on the Ramblers database is one character different from that which has been added to One.com. It would appear that Ms McGuire has probably never received an email from Strathkelvin Ramblers but, as she joined in 1987 and is the longest serving member, I am going to assume that receiving emails may not be a priority for her.

I do have an address for her in Bishopbriggs and a phone number.

2. Catherine McKean, who, having joined in 1990, is the second longest serving member of Strathkelvin Ramblers. Her email address on the database and on One.com are the same, but it does not work. She shares her membership with a

JE Bunney but this person has no email address listed.

I have an address in Lenzie for her but no phone numbers.

9. Web Report: -

Website is just about complete.

Some information is required regarding recent committee meeting minutes and constitution if we have one.

There is a facility to write blog reports. Is someone prepared to do this, or should it be at walk leaders' discretion?

There is a photo gallery page if someone prepared to curate this.

---Committee decided the amount of photos should be limited as people may not want their faces on the web page as it can be seen by members and public

---An Introduction page will need to be written to encourage new members and fellow Ramblers to join Strathkelvin group.

---Decision not made at the meeting as to whether someone has to update the blog reports or should it be the Walk Leader discretion. Further discussion required

---Jim Lawson will obtain a copy of Strathkelvin Ramblers Constitution to be added to webpage

10. Access Report – Jim Lawson

(A) Westerhill Development (Bishopbriggs Bypass Road)

Email from Gavin Corbett – Ramblers Scotland with request to send comments to Liam Milne – Fairhurst Co – re footpaths associated with project.

(B) Gadloch and Auchinloch Woodland

Babara has received a copy of a map showing the proposed path network. It links Muirhead, Auchinloch and Lenzie paths. Also, paths around Auchinloch Woodland and the Gadloch.

11. Short Walk Report: -Jim Lawson

Thu, 05 Sep 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk - Milngavie</u> Start Milngavie Railway Station @ 10:00hrs Walk from Milngavie Railway Station up to Tannoch Loch and on to Mugdock Reservoir through woodlands past reservoir control centre and round rest of Mugdock Reservoir and back to start. Info – Distance 3.64mls Total Ascent 284ft No on Walk = 10 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 12 Sep 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk – Kilsyth</u> Start Bus Stop Opposite Kilsyth Swimming Pool @ 10:10hrs Walk around various paths at Drumbreck Marsh Kilsyth Info – Distance 3.52mls Total Ascent 56ft No on Walk = 09 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 19 Sep 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk- Lennoxtown</u> Start Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxtown @ 10:10hrs Walk the RoW to CoC (Stop at Café for Coffee) then walk back on SRP and back to start point. Info – Distance 4.11mls Total Ascent 150ft No on Walk = 10 Walk Leader – James Lawson
Thu, 26 Sep 2024	<u>SR Short Circular Walk - Torrance</u> Start Torrance War Memorial @ 09:50am for 10:00am Torrance Tales and Trails Walk - some rough paths Info – Distance 3.0mls Total Ascent 362ft No on Walk = 04 Walk Leader – James Lawson

Thu, 03 Oct 2024	SR Short Circular Walk - Lennoxtown Start Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxtown @ 10:10hrs Walk SRP - Lennox Castle - Lovers Leap – JMW – Dam – back to start. Info – Distance 4.47mls Total Ascent 421ft No on Walk = 11 Walk Leader – James Lawson
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12. Halls Convenors Report: - Barbara Martin

Barbara has arranged the sound system and catering for AGM on 18th November 2024.

Next Committee meeting 31st October 2024 via Zoom.

13. AOCB: -

Anne Wilkie has now made all the arrangements for Christmas Lunch at Glazert Country House Hotel, Saturday 7th December, cost £26.

Anne has forwarded emails to all members with details of payment methods. No Secret Santa this year.

The title of Bus Convenor can now be deleted and the club are no longer hiring buses.