

## **Bearsden and Milngavie Ramblers and Hillwalkers**

### **Minute of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 June 2018**

#### **Present:**

Jenny Kane (Chairman), Phil McElroy (Secretary), Moira Allan (Treasurer), Fiona Taylor, Peter Allan, Thea Stanton, Karine Davison, Dave Clark, Anne Maxwell, Hazel Miller, Imogen Johnstone, Sheila Crawford, Fiona Denman, Peter Bartos.  
Janette Swanson (Minute Secretary).

1, **Apologies** – no apologies.

2. **Minute of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 March 2018, were accepted and agreed.**

3. **Matters arising:** As there had not been enough time to fully discuss the Walks Grading it was decided to put the matter on the next Agenda. See Item 6 below.

#### **4. Reports as circulated and attached:**

- **Secretary's Report – accepted.** Family Walking Group – this will be discontinued due to lack of demand.. Note that when emailing Committee members we can use the 'Reply All' function rather than Bcc.
  - **Treasurer's Report – accepted.** The Treasurer gave an outline of the projected balances for the two accounts. No 1 account could be slightly over the maximum allowed. However, it is proposed to take an extra 4 pages for the next programme. Difficult to project balance for No 2 Account at this point, but possibly around £380 over the guideline amount of £1500, a projected balance of £1880. Buses probably will make a small loss. Discussion took place around monies needed for Ceilidh, meal, and other expenses, and it was proposed and **agreed** to use £300 for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
  - **Membership and Mailing Report – accepted.** A brief explanation was given by Membership Secretary on her report and she confirmed that at this stage she would not need further assistance in complying with the GDPR issues, which were being dealt with as they arose.
  - **Social Events Report – accepted.** All previous events listed were successful, and the forthcoming events are filling up as reported.
  - **Webmaster's Report – accepted.** Discussion took place regarding photos on the website. A statement has been put on Breaking News and to date no one has been in touch regarding existing photos in the gallery. It was **agreed** that **verbal consent** by walkers to the Leader will be enough prior to each walk, and the Leader will make it known at the start to all the participants on the walk who wished not to be photographed. **Agreed** that photos would be kept on website for only 2 months and no names printed.
5. **GDPR – Updated Guidance** – After the last meeting Volunteer GDPR have been handed out to Committee Members and Walk Leaders to complete and return to the Chairman. She will send out to those who have not yet received them. This is necessary in order for the Group's Programme to publish their details ie Walk Leaders/Committee members name, phone number, email addresses etc. Members are to be encouraged to respond to the Ramblers nationwide re-consenting exercise which was to commence in middle of May. No further action to be taken at this stage. The Treasurer sought specific guidance but nothing available at moment. She will keep details for 6 years plus the working one.

**6. Proposed Re-Wording for C & D walk gradings.** Discussion took place regarding the proposed rewording on the grading of walks. Proposals were put forward and a few amendments suggested. It was **agreed** that the final wording, to be shown in the next programme, will be left to FT to decide.

**7. 30<sup>th</sup> Celebration Update -**

**Ceilidh/Dinner** to be held on 12 October 2018, in Milngavie Bowling Green, starting time **18.30 for 19.00 hrs.** – the original caterers have gone out of business and it has now been **agreed** to use Chris Caterers, and to charge members £15 to include the tip. Invitation to be on next Programme with responses to be received by 1 **September**, the information will also be on the Website. It was also **agreed** not to have any special guests or speakers. The Chairman will welcome everyone and give the usual housekeeping information.

**Evening Walk** to be held on Thursday 5 July, and led by SM & JK and will finish with a drink in Garvie's for those who wish it.

**8. Foreign Holiday Update - PB** gave report on **Algarve Holiday** taking place 4 to 11 September. There has been a change in attendance we have now 14 sharing and 6 single with a total going of 34. Transport from the airport is now booked. The transport for the walks have still to be confirmed. **Norway holiday** is planned for 21 to 28 June 2019. 40+ members have expressed an interest by email. It was **agreed** to proceed with the arrangements for this holiday, and PB will negotiate with hotel. Booking will be on first come first served basis and information, including dates, will be provided in the next programme. The number of participants will be limited to 34, as in previous holidays abroad, to facilitate the running of the walks.

**9. AGM/Nomination Form details for next programme** - The next AGM is proposed for **Friday 2 November in the Fraser Centre, 7.00 to 9.30 pm.** Suggestions for a Speaker - possible National Trust Conservation; any other suggestions email to the Chairman. Two Committee members plus the Walks Co-ordinator and Chairman, and Minute Secretary are standing down. Nomination forms will go out with the next programme.

**10. AOCB - Christmas Lunch** - suggested date is Saturday, 8 December 2018 at 1pm in the Kirkhouse. Final details will be in the next programme. Access Day - our Access Officer attended this and it has been requested that they be advised of any problems relating to horses. Ramblers Holidays are organising an event during 24-27 October and anyone interested should look at their website. FD will put details on Breaking News.

**11. Date of Next Meeting** - will be **Thursday 30 August at 7.00-8.45 pm in Waitrose.**

## **Reports for Committee meeting on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2018**

### **Chairman's Report**

The Braemar weekend proved to be a great success, 52 members attended and enjoyed the variety and quality of the choice of walks, friendly hotel staff, good company and fantastic weather. Everyone involved in organising the event was duly thanked.

Other events to celebrate the groups 30th Anniversary include a walk taken from one of the first programmes, an evening walk and finishing off later in the year with a dinner/ ceilidh.

Volunteer GDPR have been handed out to Committee Members and Walk Leaders to complete. The Ramblers nationwide re-consenting exercise commenced in the middle of May. Members must be encouraged to respond .

**Jenny Kane**

**29th May 2018**

### **Secretary's Report**

#### **West of Scotland Family Walking Group**

The secretary of Glasgow Ramblers reported that 20 people turned up for the first 2 walks, the next had 2 people and nobody appeared in April. She is unsure about continuing the group, because she has had no offers from people to lead more walks and there does not appear to be much demand. Our secretary contacted our Group member, ML, who confirmed that nobody turned up for his walk having been informed that one family were expected. On behalf of the Committee, she thanked ML for representing the Group and participating in the pilot.

The secretary contacted Felix Wilkey, Data Protection Officer at Ramblers HQ who confirmed that as long as each member of the Committee agrees to share their email address, then we can show each other's email address and use the 'Reply All' option and not use the 'Bcc' function which we originally thought we would have to use to comply with the new GDPR.

**Phil McElroy**

**29/5/2018**

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **No 1 a/c – Main Account**

Balance at 22/5/18 - £327.36. Third Area payment of £357 has been received. Other Income - £50 Ramblers Advert and £70 from Walking Partnership. Outgoings – Recce Expenses £325.80, \*Web costs £221.85, AGM costs £74.73, Stamps for programme posting £347.20, Meetings £48.08, Programme Printing £264.50.

#### **No 2 Self-Funded Account**

Balance at 22/5/18 - £4828.87. \*\*This includes Algarve deposits of £3279.11 and a surplus of £62.90 from Braemar. Donations of recce expenses of £132.30 received. £345 has been paid out for bus deposits.

**Moira Allan**

**26/5/18**

\*This includes monthly costs of £57.06, Annual domain payment £23.98 and Biennial Domain renewal £159.83.

\*\*Taking holiday deposits in to account and bus deposits paid, the balance of the account is actually £1831.86. However, it has been agreed to donate a minimum of £200 towards the 30th anniversary celebrations which will bring the balance to £1631.86. This is still a little bit above the level we need for the end of year but we still have 4 months to look at this. Buses are being subsidised so this should take care of some of the surplus.

### **Points to discuss**

1. Braemar Surplus
2. 30th anniversary donation-possible increase

### **Membership and Mailing Report**

June, 2018.

#### **NUMBERS**

As of 30th April, there are 304 members. During April, 1 member joined, 2 left, 3 lapsed (>3 months overdue subscription) and 1 deceased (R Stewart, joined 1989)

#### **MAILING**

The May to August programmes were posted on 11th April (241 copies). 10 copies of the January to April programmes were shredded at the end of April and there are currently 18 copies to hand. GDPR issues are being addressed as they arise. A security code has been re-introduced for access to membership emails and the June list may include contact details which will be adhered to.

**Hazel Miller.**

**28/05/18**

### **Ramblers Social report for 4th June 2018**

#### **Quiz Night - Thu 22nd March 2018**

Another successful night with 36 folk attending. The team names this year were items that you should have in your rucksack and the practical round was origami and how to make a butterfly, which proved to be challenging for some! Thanks again to Tom Menzies, my colleague from school, who always enjoys the night and is very happy to be the Quizmaster.

#### **Gardens Tour of the NTS Greenbank and Lunch - Thu 22nd April 2018.**

This was a lovely event, with 20 members attending for lunch and then the Tour, led by Head Gardener – Graham. The huge variety of Daffodils and Narcissi was absolutely stunning and we were able to buy some plants to take home, which many of us did. Thanks to Imogen for organising this lovely event.

**Tour of Auchentoshan Distillery** – Monday 21st May 2018. There were 18 out of a maximum of 20 members attending the tour and an enjoyable and informative experience was had by all. For £10 per person, each member received the tour plus 2 free gifts. Thanks again to Imogen for arranging this Tour.

#### **Forthcoming events:-**

**June**-Monday 11th-Tour of Holmwood House. To date there are 7 members attending.

**July**-Monday 2nd July- Tour of the Royal Yacht Britannia To date there are 10 members attending.

**August** – Monday 20th August – Evening Treasure Trail walk around Milngavie. The recce for this has now been done and it should be an enjoyable event.

**September** – Tues 25th September – 10.30am-Tour of CRM's The Lighthouse

**Sheila Crawford**

**28/5/2018**

#### **Webmaster's Report**

All areas on the website are up to date. In light of the recent GDPR, a link has been put up to the Ramblers Privacy Policy. I have also been in touch with Felix Wilkey, the Data Protection Officer at Ramblers for advice about photos already on the website and any future photos. He advised me to put a statement on Breaking News asking anybody unhappy about having an existing photo in the gallery to get in touch with me. Nobody has so far done so. As regards future photos he is still to get back to me as to whether verbal consent will be enough for our group or whether we will need walkers to complete a Media Consent form or some version of it. Hopefully he will have been in touch before the committee meeting. **Fiona Denman, Webmaster.**

**Programme Editor-nothing to report**

**Access Officer-nothing to report**

**Walk Programme Co-ordinator-nothing to report**

**North Strathclyde Area Council Meeting on 19th May 2018.  
Rainbow Room. Quaker House. Elmbank Cres . Glasgow at 10.30am**

1. Some discussion on Safeguarding Children on Walks and whether the relevant age, which seems to be 18 overall, should apply to us in Scotland ? Can marry at 16.
2. Area AGM January 2019 to be held in Coatbridge. This has yet to be confirmed.
3. Treasurer: Just as for Groups, there is also a method applied to the Area Council Reserves, and total money in hand, after which there is claw-back . NSAC has greater than 100% of Expenditure, therefore there is money in hand to be allocated to perhaps, First Aid, Path Repair [materials and labour] and which also can be offered to Groups for replacement of equipment perhaps, or Group projects , and for projects in their area and local Community.

A request from Helensburgh & West Dunbarton was received for path work at £50 per section, for Peaton Hill Community Nature Reserve . Money to be handled by Rosnethe Anvil Trust. An award of Up to £1,000 was agreed.

4. Jim Lawson, Attended Scotways AGM in Perth – Dewar’s Ice Rink- on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 !  
One project of interest is that they are creating an interactive map of all of the Scotways signage with a photo of each sign. Two photos of signage erected jointly by Strathkelvin Ramblers and Scotways ,were copied to Scotways for inclusion.
5. A. Data Protection: Guidelines from Ramblers still changing even at this late date. Still watch this space !  
  
B. Programmes are NOT Marketing and therefore can be sent by post.  
  
C .If person is not opted in, Photos are NOT a problem if that person NOT identified by name .  
  
D . Many Groups have already produced a form for their own use to keep inline with the date of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.  
Groups should have some power for their individuality.
6. Family Walks: Bit of disappointment that more leaders have not come forward. One walk been done by those who offered , but no new leaders have resulted from these walks. Saturday Walks not well attended. Edinburgh FW Group seem to find this too.

**Next Meeting : 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 in Quaker House. Elmbank Street. Glasgow . 10am for 10.30am.**