

Bearsden and Milngavie Ramblers and Hillwalkers

Minute of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 4 December 2017

Present:

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

1. **Apologies** – no apologies were received.
2. **Minute of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 October 2017** were read and **agreed**.
3. **Matters arising:** there were no matters arising.
4. **Reports as circulated and attached: Agreed.**

North Strathclyde Area Council Meeting - Clarification on a number of items was sought from Karine, who confirmed that the Leaders Training in Rothesay did take place on 11 November. Our motion regarding a campaign to improve the cover of mobile devices proposed by Peter Bartos has been submitted to Liz Lawie, and will be put forward to the Scottish Council.

- Item 7 - Discussion on Group AGM's – the Committee discussed this and **agreed** that Imogen, as Footpath Access Officer, will include a report at future AGM's and copy it to Jim Lawson, Area Co-ordinator for East Dunbarton.
- Scottish Council – after discussion it was **agreed** that Karine will send apologies and inform them that no one is available from our Group to attend.
- General Council : Bangour University – 7/8 April 2018. **Agreed** Karine will attend.

Programme Editor's Report – Fiona Taylor advised that notification of Michael Lane's proposed walk around Mugdock on 21 April did not go in the next programme. It was **agreed** Fiona D will put this on the Web programme.

Social Report - Sheila confirmed that there will be 48 attending the Christmas lunch and walk, and she has been in touch with the Buchanan Arms Hotel regarding menu choices, table arrangements, and car parking at the Leisure Centre.

Quiz Night – will take place on **Thursday, 22 March in the Fraser Centre 7-9pm.**

5. 30th Anniversary Celebrations Update:

- **Ceilidh** – change of date – after discussion with Milngavie Bowling Club it has been **agreed** to change the date from 5 October 2018 to **12 October 2018**, which has been **accepted** by the Bowling Club. A donation of £60 will be sent to Milngavie Bowling Club to offset costs. The catering by Table 13 has been pencilled in and Jenny will contact them in the new year to confirm. The Celebratory Flyer is prepared and will go out with the next programme.
- **Invercauld Hotel, Braemar – May 2018** - Hotel has to be paid 28 days in advance, therefore the final payment from members need to be received by 15 February. Notification will be put on Breaking News by **15 January** in order to give time for drop offs.
- A meeting has been arranged for **Thursday, 18 January** with walk leaders and Sue Swinson to finalise walks and discuss logistics regarding transport, etc.

6. **Algarve Holiday 2018 – Update Peter Bartos**
Details are now on Breaking News and Moira will pay 10% deposit to the hotel by 15 January 2018. Flights are now available for booking. Details of bus transfers and a walking programme will be advised once numbers are confirmed.
7. **Webmaster Update** – Peter Allan and Fiona Denman have been working on this and to date they have put on the Gallery and Committee meetings. It is a work in progress transferring the programme of walks and there are still a few problems to be worked through.
8. **January's Leaders' meetings -**
 - the '**Open Evening**' is confirmed for **Tuesday, 23 January at the Fraser Centre from 7-9 pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to have an open forum and encourage discussion on walks; their format, gradings, etiquette, etc. Dave Clark will chair the meeting. This will be confirmed on Breaking News.
 - **Big Bus Leaders' meeting** – to be held on **Tuesday, 30 January in the Quiet Room, Community Centre 7-9 pm**.
9. **Proposed change of water supply from Burncrooks reservoir** – after extensive discussion it was **agreed** that Imogen would send a letter to Jim Gibbons, Councillor, East Dunbartonshire, voicing our concerns, and seeking further information on the proposal by Scottish Water to supply customers from Bankell Distribution Reservoir.
10. **Invitation to Scottish Parliament – 10 January, 2018** – after discussion it was **agreed** that Jenny Kane, would represent the Group.
11. **AOCB** - Imogen put forward a proposal made by Milngavie in Bloom Committee that our Group should take control of the whole Project, for which we have provided funding. After discussion however it was **agreed** that this would not be acceptable, and Imogen will advise them of this decision. We would, however, be prepared to seek volunteers from the Group to assist with the project.
12. **Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7 March 2018, in the Meeting Room at Waitrose, from 7pm to 8.45 pm**

Reports for Committee Meeting on Monday Dec 4th, 2017

Chairman's Report

The Directors of Milngavie Bowling Club have agreed to our booking on 12th October 2018 for our function.

Normally the Club expects a donation of £60 to offset costs. Papers will be issued nearer the time with the legally required attendance sheets etc.

Table Thirteen will be doing the catering and Sheila Crawford has kindly volunteered to provide music for the evening.

I have signed the contract for the Algarve 2018 trip.

Jenny Kane Chairman

November 26th

Secretary's Report-nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

No 1 a/c – Main Account

Balance at 24/11/17 - £357.28. First Area payment of £357 has been received. No increase from last year. Other income - £80 from Walking Partnership. Outgoings – Recce Expenses £130.65, Web costs £43.00, AGM costs £74.73, Stamps for programme posting £138.88.

No 2 Self-Funded Account

Balance at 24/11/17 - £4195.28. This includes £1620 of Braemar deposits and £800 of Algarve deposits. A further £200 of Algarve deposits have been received but not yet banked. Donations of recce expenses of £82.95 received. \$30 has been paid to Anne Maxwell for float for cards etc.

Moirra Allan 24/11/17

Programme Editor's Report-Nothing worth reporting really - next programme is being worked on.

Membership Secretary- No changes. The envelopes are ready for the inserts, but don't know if they all will be available in time to let the Christmas lunch folk collect their own.

Webmaster Report

The outgoing and incoming webmaster's have been working together in preparation of the handover of duties. The Breaking News and Gallery pages are available to both parties. A few more weeks of handover are required when the new programme information will be added to the Walking Programme and Social Events page.

Peter Allan 28/11/2017

Access Report for B & M Ramblers and Hillwalkers committee meeting 04.12.17

WHW project with Milngavie in Bloom. We are continuing to help maintain and further develop the planting at the beginning of the West Highland Way, with ramblers attending sessions in October and November.

By the time of this meeting those involved will have attended a thank you soup and sandwich lunch organized by Milngavie in Bloom

EDC Access Forum

The December meeting of the Access Forum has been postponed to next year, with date suggested. Affects of the proposal to change the Water Supply to many areas from Burncrooks Reservoir to Bankell Distribution Reservoir

I have recently received attached paper written by the Friends of Milngavie Reservoir about the proposed works and would like to have a discussion about the effects on access (and other issues

affecting walkers) so that if people feel it is appropriate that I can make some sort of submission.

IJ 28/11/2017

Social Report- No Social report, but numbers for Christmas Lunch are currently at 45 and I will be emailing the Buchanan Arms with the menu choices on Mon 4th.

North Strathclyde Area Council Meeting

In Friends Meeting House. Elmbank St. Glasgow. on Sat.11th Nov.2017

1. Apparently Leader Training in Rothesay on Sat.18th November 2017 which was notified at short notice on 10th Nov. This was possibly because places were not taken up as expected, and due to the early start of 9.30am .

2. First Aid courses again mentioned and now being looked at by Muriel Hanlon, Area Training Officer.

3. Area Funding received from Central Office.

4. Area AGM in Lenzie on 20th January 2018 Possible Speaker, Anne Glen. Rural Spaces in Scotland.

Vice Chairman to be added to list of Officers.

Annual Report link on AGM booklet.

Motions:

a. To amend Standing Orders to provide for the Area Training Co-ordinator to be an additional Officer.

b. To be submitted to General Council, proposing a change in Membership Forms allowing members to put in any skills they may have. This would be a voluntary not a compulsory question.

c. Our motion. To mount a campaign to improve the cover of mobile devices to ensure the safety of walkersProposed by Peter B. ...was submitted by me to Liz Lawie to be taken to an Officers meeting on Monday 13th November , and hopefully onwards for Scottish Council.

5. Scottish Council: Aberdeen.Timbertops [formerly Treetops] Sat10th / Sun.11th March 2018

6. General Council: Bangor University . Sat 7th/ Sun 8th April 2018. Karine probably attending this.

7. Discussion on Group AGM's :

It was advised that as we have a Footpath Access Officer in Imogen, that position should be noted and a report included, at our AGM. Also, reports to local Groups from these Officers, should be passed to Jim Lawson as Area Co-ordinator for East Dunbarton, in order to be aware of the wider picture in area.

NEXT MEETING: 3d Feb 2018. Place tbc.

KMD 27/11/2017

Walking holiday in Algarve 4th - 11th September 2018 (7 nights)

Information sheet 2

Destination: Burgau, a small coastal town in western Algarve (southern coast of Portugal) approx. 15km west of Lagos, at the edge of the Costa Vincentina National Park.

Hotel: The group will be staying in Hotel Praia do Burgau. A small hotel (47 rooms) on a cliff at the edge of the town and above a beach.

Rooms: Our group has reserved 15 double/twin rooms and 8 double rooms for single occupancy. All the rooms have private facilities. Individual rooms, which may vary in position/size will be allocated by a draw. The meal plan is half-board, both breakfast and the evening meal will be taken in the hotel. The price p.p. per night is 60.25 € in a shared room and 98.50 € in a double room with single occupancy.

Holding deposit: An amount of £50 p.p. will payable to Bearsden and Milngavie Ramblers by all who wish to remain on the participants' list. It should be received by Moira Allan, preferably by a direct transfer to our a/c No 20211028, sort code 60-83-01, not later than 15th December 2017. The payment reference is 'Algarve'. It will be refunded only to those who withdraw before 15th January

2018. The funds will be used for local transport.

Reservation: The first hotel deposit of 10% of the total cost, amounting to 42.80 € p.p.(shared room) or 68.95 € p.p (single) will be due by 15th January 2018. The second hotel deposit of 40% of the total cost will be due by 15th June 2018. Both deposits will be paid in Euros collectively by our group. The amounts in £, payable preferably by a direct bank transfer to our account, will be advised nearer to the dates, to reflect the exchange rates.

The balance of the cost (50%) will be payable to the hotel individually, on arrival there.

Cancellation: The hotel deposits are not refundable. A withdrawal before 15th June 2018 will forfeit the 10% deposit. A later withdrawal or a no-show will forfeit 50% of the total cost of the accommodation.

Transport: The holiday is coordinated with Jet2 flights: dep. Glasgow on Tuesday 4th Sept. at 06:40h to Faro (arr. 10:05h).; the return is from Faro at 11:05h , arr. Glasgow at 14:30h. Flights are to be booked individually. Transfers in Glasgow are not arranged. Local transport in Algarve will be organised, including transfers from/to the Faro airport (2 hrs).

Insurance: Each participant is expected to have an adequate private travel insurance. Valid European Health Insurance cards (EHIC) should be taken.

Walks: A programme of walks will be arranged, ranging from C to B grade. The walks will be led by members of the group and transport by buses/minibuses will be organised. Bookings for the walks will be taken on the day before the walk.

Contact Peter or Helena Bartos on 0141 9561706 or p.bartos@ntlworld for any further information.