

Bearsden and Milngavie Ramblers and Hillwalkers
Minute of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

Present:

Jenny Kane (Chairman), Phil McElroy (Secretary), Moira Allan (Treasurer), Peter Allan, Dave Clark, Peter Bartos, Fiona Denman, Hazel Miller, Sheila Crawford.

1. Apologies received from Thea Stanton, Fiona Taylor, Imogen Johnstone, Anne Maxwell, Janette Swanson and Karine Davison.
2. Minute of meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017 were read and agreed.
3. Matters arising: there were no matters arising from previous minutes
4. Reports:

Treasurer: There is a £350 surplus at present in the No 2 self-funded account which Moira would like reduced. She is suggesting further subsidising the future buses by reducing the cost from £11 per head to £10, which would use up approx £150.

Hazel also suggested further using the balance to purchase stamps, to stockpile for use when sending out the next programme.

Moira again indicated that Walk Leaders were not claiming recce expenses. This is a reason why there is a surplus in the Main Account. She asked if everyone could remind leaders to claim their recce costs.

Membership Numbers: Hazel confirmed that the numbers were now 307, not 304.

5. Proposed re-wording for C and D walk gradings:
Peter Bartos submitted a sheet with suggested wording. After discussion, it was decided that this will be passed on to Fiona Taylor for her to incorporate into her wording, if possible, for the next programme. The committee were happy for her to do this.
The committee agreed that the D walkers on a Wednesday were not necessarily the same people as the D walkers at the weekend.

Dave Clark asked for clarification re what walk to put alongside a C+ or easy B walk. The group thought that a B+ or A was appropriate here.

Dave asked that any walks for the next programme be with him by the end of March 2018. He indicated that he was fairly happy with the walks received so far, but as ever, more C walks were needed.

Caveat re item 5 above.

In the next programme the wording of walk gradings is on a pro.tem.basis until a full committee meeting convenes on Monday 4th June 2018 in order to ratify the final wording.

6. 30th Anniversary Celebrations update:
Braemar:
Jenny confirmed that final payments have been received from the 52 members attending the Braemar weekend and that Allander Travel have confirmed a 55 seater coach. Allander Travel have received the distances for the various bus requirements, but as yet have not asked for any deposit requirement.

Jenny would like thanks to be noted to Fiona Taylor for all her hard work in coordinating the walks programme and to Sue Swanson and Ronnie Swanson for their input. Thanks also to the volunteers who have agreed to lead our walks.

The bill from the Invercauld Hotel has now been received along with the rooming requests.

The Ceilidh on October 12th 2018:

There will be no further details until Mid September, at which time, this will be indicated on Breaking News. Jenny confirmed that there will be meetings with the sub-committee nearer the time. How to use the subsidy towards the Ceilidh and how this will be worded will be explained at these meetings.

7. Algarve Holiday update:

Peter B confirmed that the first deposit payments had been made for the 33 members attending, with 7 single rooms and 13 double or twin rooms being booked.

A programme of 10 walks has been created with levels from C up to B+.

Peter is happy that all is going ahead as planned.

Group Holiday for 2019:

Peter B is looking at possibly going to Norway in the first half of June 2019.

Comments were made re the close timing to the 2018 Holiday.

His reasons for this timing were as follows:

Costs lower at this time of year

Fewer mosquitoes

Long days

Flights from Edinburgh-2 different airline companies.

Peter B will put together a basic information package to gauge interest and this will go out with the next programme.

8. Social Event Suggestions:

Fiona D confirmed that the Greenbank Gardens update was put onto Breaking News this evening, which was timed to be just before the bookings open on March 8th.

Sheila asked for any further suggestions for the next and future suggestions. Phil is looking into a tour of The Lighthouse, while Sheila is investigating a tour of the Royal Yacht Britannia.

The following suggestions were made:

Tour of Holmwood House

Tour of the BBC

Peter B requested that evening events could please be on a different evening as they seem to always be on a Thursday. Sheila confirmed that she would look to a Monday evening for possible future events.

9. AOCB:

Milngavie week 9th June 2018.

Jenny is to write to say that this year Bearsden and Milngavie Ramblers will not be offering a walk as part of Milngavie Week, in order to allow some of the other groups the chance to offer a walk.

10. Date of next meeting:

It was decided to make this after the Braemar weekend.

Monday 4th June 2018 at 7.15pm was agreed.

Venue has been confirmed as Waitrose Community room.

