

**Bearsden and Milngavie Ramblers and Hillwalkers
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2019**

PRESENT

Elaine Maclean (Chairman), Phil McElroy (Secretary), Moira Allan (Treasurer)
Fiona Taylor, Peter Allan, Karine Davison, Imogen Johnstone, Hazel Miller, Sheila Crawford,
Sue Swinson, Peter Bartos, Fiona Denman, Madeleine Blackley (Minute Secretary)

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

1. APOLOGIES

Pam Lee
Euan Kilpatrick

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. (A correction to bus costs.)

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. REPORTS AS CIRCULATED

Secretary's Report

Nothing to add to report.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to add to report.

MA proposed to attend the next Area meeting and it was agreed by the Committee that she raise the possibility of an increase in the budget for our group as our costs were increasing by £25 each quarter due to increases in bank charges.

Bank Charges and Electronic Payments

The details for electronic payments and the booking forms prepared by the sub group were now going online for payment of bus outings and social events. Clear instructions were attached and it was hoped that the majority of members would use this means of payment to reduce bank charges.

Further to increases agreed at last the meeting, because of received information from Allander Buses, the charge will now be £12 and £13 respectively.

Programme Editor's Report

Nothing to add to report.

Webmaster's Report

Nothing to add to report

A discussion took place on the website Menu, Title Bars, Links and Downloads as this was not always satisfactory depending on the equipment being used by individual members. Different equipment responded in different ways.

Action: FD to look into this to see if this could be improved.

See Website Upgrades (8) for further information on the "WordPress" software being considered to improve the website.

New Leaders Sub Group Report

Nothing to add to report.

Committee members were asked to encourage new leaders to come forward. There will be in-house informal training given to any new leaders together with leader packs etc.

There is a need for more leaders for C and C+ walks and PL will be sending out an email to existing A & B walk leaders to ask them to consider leading C walks (at C walk pace).

The sub group of SS, MA, FT and PL are happy to continue with this.

Membership and Mailing Report

Nothing to add to report.

There remains an ongoing problem as our Membership Secretary is not being notified of new members joining our group and it is extremely difficult to collate all the information, names, addresses etc. It was agreed that HM should have assistance/backup with this.

EM nominated SC to be a Mailing Assistant to HM and this was accepted by SC

Action : EM will notify the appropriate Ramblers Department of this appointment.

Social Events Co-ordinator's Report

Nothing to add to report.

A short discussion took place on encouraging members to pay online for social events and it was hoped that this would be achieved successfully.

Group Holiday Report

Nothing to add to report.

Area Representatives Report

Nothing to add to report.

5. ACCESS ISSUES RE NEW PIPELINE

There is nothing more definite to report on this as there is now no longer an Access Officer and no meetings took place. Although the work will take some time, it is expected that there should be access to the Clyde Coastal Path, Mugdock and the West Highland Way, and that more details of routes would be available on the website.

'Drumclog (hole in the wall) car park will be closed for approximately 3 months. In addition Mugdock Road from this car park to Mugdock South Car Park will be closed. Parking for the Water Works will therefore be much more limited, there is very limited parking available on Strathblane Road and also at the beginning of Drumclog Avenue (opposite access road to waterworks on Mugdock Road).'

Action: IJ to keep checking the current position and to update the Committee of any developments.

6. LEADER MENTORING

See Sub Group Committee Report for further information. (Item 4)

7. WEBSITE UPGRADES

FT had been liaising with one of our members, Frances Sibbet, who is a recently retired web content developer and, who on our behalf, is looking into ways of maintaining our website, in particular by means of an important outstanding WordPress upgrade. Frances had been in touch with various people in this regard and is investigating it further on the group's behalf.

After a long discussion on all aspects of website upgrades, i.e. costs of improvements, changes required, maintenance, merits of running our website in conjunction with Ramblers Scotland, etc, it was agreed that more detailed information and costings would be required.

Action : Frances Sibbet to source approximate WordPress developers for further details and costs, and is to be invited to attend the next committee meeting to pass on her findings.

8. WALKERS SAFETY AND LEADERS RESPONSIBILITIES

A lengthy discussion took place and it was agreed that further safety precautions should be put in place for all walks. In Case of Emergency (ICE) forms, would be distributed to new members and these would be required to be completed and carried at all times when on Ramblers walks. Some existing members carry personal details already but if they do not, this was going to be a future requirement. As some members carry key rings containing personal details it was discussed if there was a possibility of obtaining an additional supply.

Signing in sheets would require the inclusion of mobile phone numbers for the benefit of the leaders in case of an emergency with the possibility of a separate contact phone number to be included also.

Back markers will be encouraged to wear high vis bands, especially for road walking.

Action: PM to obtain a supply of ICE forms for distribution.

FD to put a suggestion on the website to encourage use of High Vis jackets/bands by back markers.

9. PUBLICITY

As our resources are limited, it was agreed that this be discussed at next meeting in more detail.

Action: FT to look into the insertion of walk details in the Milngavie Week magazine.
8 – 15 June

10. FOREIGN HOLIDAY UPDATE

Nothing further to add to report

11. NEW FIRST AID TRAINING

Action : PM to express interest.

12. A.O.C.B.

National Trust Bearsden and Milngavie Members Centre were closing down and were disposing of possessions. We were given the opportunity to acquire certain items. It was agreed to take advantage of this.

Action : PB to purchase equipment (projector) at a cost of £50.

13. DAY, TIME AND VENUE OF MEETINGS

It was agreed that days of meetings should be rotated.

Action: to be addressed at next meeting.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held on **MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 AT 7.00 P.M. WAITROSE MEETING ROOM**

Reports for meeting on April 8th, 2019

Chairman's report-nothing to report.

Secretary's report-Barry Pottle, secretary of Strathclyde Area Council has emailed the Area Council members to inform us that Muriel Hanlon is stepping down as Area Training Officer due to personal circumstances. A suitable replacement who can take on the role will be discussed at the May Area Council meeting.

Phil McElroy 1/4/2019

Treasurer's Report

No 1 a/c – Main Account Balance at 31/3/19 - £457.80. Expenditure so far Recce Expenses £131.45, AGM Expenses £115.50, Admin £4.99, Website £38.04 and Training £744.98 Walk Programme Printing & Posting £327.74 and Scottish Council Hotel supplement £42.50. Account is within recommended limit.

No 2 a/c - Self-Funded Account Balance at 31/3/19 - £1586.39. Credits to a/c, Norway deposits £3426, Social events £2772 and donations £15.15. Funds paid out, Social events £3974.67, Norway 10% hotel deposit £1534.42, Norway refunds £162, Norway Currency purchase £ 1491.59 and Bank charges £49.80. There is still a sum of £217.37 of Norway funds in this account which means the account is within the recommended limit. Points to discuss- Bank charges-area budget.

Moira Allan 31/3/19

Programme Editor's Report for Committee Meeting 8 April 2019

Thanks must go to Pam, our new Walk Programme Co-ordinator for getting all the walk details in very promptly, such that all of the walks and buses have already been put together in final format. Once the social events are submitted to the Editor - due very shortly - the programme will be edited into its final form to be sent for printing, hopefully in the first week of April. It will definitely need an additional 4 pages which should cost an additional £7 in total. Fiona Taylor 27 March 2019

Access report for meeting on Monday 8th April 2019

Milngavie in Bloom The first session with Milngavie in Bloom has taken place. This was mainly weeding and distributing compost. The next session is on April 11th with a further date set for May 9th.

Imogen Johnstone 26/3/2019

Webmaster's report – April 2019

Since the last committee meeting I have tidied up the website as requested. I have put up the Minutes of the last committee meeting labelled 'Draft' until they are approved, and I have uploaded the new Ramblers Insurance Guide 2018/19 and the Incident Report Form.

My daughter has confirmed that she is happy to help me with any problems relating to the maintenance of the website through the software 'Wordpress' but she has pointed out that she is no IT specialist and her assistance would therefore be limited to this.

Fiona Denman 1/4/2019

Sue Swinson's Committee Report 08 04 19

1. Confirmation of internal courses emailed to John Nicholls 26/02/19.
2. New Leaders Sub Group Report FT, PL, MA & SS Wednesday 06 March Plan to attract and support new leaders (especially leaders for C walks)

Attract New Leaders

1. Place an advert for new leaders in forthcoming programme and on Breaking News SS/FT
2. Email existing leaders after the programme has gone out to:
 - a. request they highlight the need for new leaders on their walks and encourage walkers to come forward to become leaders
 - b. ask A & B leaders to consider leading C walks (at C walk pace) PL
3. Committee members to encourage walkers to come forward as leaders

1. Collate a leaders pack
2. Prepare 'pick up and go' sample walks
3. Link with experienced leader
4. Pre walk routes with new leader
5. Provide 'in house' further training opportunities
6. Give details about training provided by Ramblers Scotland

Sue Swinson 1/4/2019

Membership and Mailing Report April 2019. Numbers

As of 1st April there are 308 members. During the last 60 days, 11 members joined and 2 left Circulation of Programmes. The notice about online banking is to hand, the address labels have been requested from head office and I anticipate that the programmes will be available very shortly. The programmes may be in the post by the time of the meeting. Head Office Changes. Not one of the new members in the last 60 days made contact before joining. The weekly notification of new members is still happening but when I checked that the addresses were attached to the page on Dashboard I found only the first 12 characters of the address were visible. Laura Scarlett has been informed and a reply is awaited.

Hazel Miller. 01/04/19

Social Events Co-ordinator's Report Moving Image Gallery workshop-March 20th

This was an extremely interesting event attended by 19 members. This is a free resource in what was the Kelvin Hall and is open to anyone. The young man who guided us through the workshop was very helpful and extremely encouraging regarding any future visits. We were helped through how to use the equipment and find various film clips. We watched some old films including a family holiday on the West Coast of Scotland in the 60's, young men running through the West End of Glasgow to get to a football match at Firhill, the building of

the Clyde Tunnel and the West End of Glasgow in the 20's and 30's. There is a full programme of events for the next programme and we only have to organise one event for the September to December programme.

Sheila Crawford 3/4/2019

Group Holiday Organiser's report Our programme of walks was checked by the hotel staff when Ragne was there and minor alterations suggested. Meeting of prospective walk leaders will be held in order to review the programme and for the leaders to adopt their routes. Further negotiations regarding local transport have led to : a. Transfer from Oslo airport to Venabu will be by train to Lillehammer and then by coach to the hotel. Return transfer will be by a local bus company to Ringebu and then train to the airport. 28 of the 30 participants will be on the the train and 25 will use the senior fare (50%) while we shall aim to get the 'minipris' tickets (approx. 75%) for the young ones. b. Local transport will be by the hotel's minibus and by train (Ringebu-Lillehammer & back for the day-excursion to the Ringebu stave church and to Lillehammer). Another information sheet with all the updates will be issued to all participants in the near future. Destinations for the potential trip in 2020 are being researched. Peter Bartos 3/4/2019

Walks Programme Co-ordinator-nothing to report

Ramblers Scotland Scottish Council Dunblane 9th/10th March 2019

Beautiful scenery in beautiful sunshine, strong wind and bitterly cold.

Doubletree/ Dunblane Hydro varied in temperature but the bedrooms were heated and controlled by guests!

Approximately 129 delegates ,plus 7 Members of Ramblers Scotland Staff, and 10 Ramblers GB Staff.

Ben Dolphin, President ,spoke of his pleasure in walking ,although that used to be almost always solo . He maintains his enthusiasm & we were privileged to see some beautiful photos.

Updates from Ramblers GB CEO Vanessa Griffiths. Ramblers Scotland Director, Jess Dolan ,and Campaigns & Policy Manager , Helen Todd.

Digital & Data transformation –roadmap for 2019/2020

Laura Scarlett gave a report on progress.

Overall Plan: Aim: to bring all areas together for everyone to use via data centre.

“**Assemble** – an area for volunteers – is 2/3ds there.

Data warehouse –almost there . ONE password needed.

Route Plan – to come.

Self-serve : Ramblers Intelligence. Comparison...Pathwalk..- share possible problems
Led walks dashboard.

Membership Dashboard & Comparison tool gives Data transparency. Encrypted on personal card [10.000 members to have App by end of Summer] The

Ramblers Members app should be available for download during April, both in

App Store and Google Play Store. Apple or Android smartphone.

- iOS 8.0 or more recent
- Android version 5 or more recent.

These Reports were interspersed with question and adoption of Annual Report.

Time of 45 mins to attend Learning Set Workshops. I went to Forum for General Council delegates. Led by Kate Ashbrook ,Chair, Board of Trustees & Vanessa Griffiths CEO Ramblers GB. I found it more of a discussion on what was wanted at General Council than preparation for it.

After dinner, The Dick Balharry Memorial Talk was given by Peter Cairns, a conservation photographer. Entitled SCOTLAND the big picture. He considers Scotland to be one of the most ecologically depleted nations on earth. His vision for the future of a bolder and wilder Scotland, is not with less people, but where natural processes flourish and ecosystems are working in all their complexity to give life to the land , seas , and all dependent species, including us .

That's the BIG Picture. The talk was accompanied by some wonderful photography.

Sunday:

Up at 7am to discover it had snowed during night and it was a very heavy grey sky,

Formal business. Approval of order paper, motions. elections.

Motion to note. We are now Ramblers Scotland – already used during meeting, Constitution to be amended to remove Association.

Some emphasis on campaigning both as an organisation and as individuals over the weekend.

In Conversation :with 5 members from Nizhny Novgorod Mountain Club. Russia, A group which has recently joined European Ramblers. Again some wonderful and scenic photos , interesting to see huge amount of preparation and training for their treks , treks rather than just a weekend walk.

3 Females and 2 males , we were treated to a couple of Russian songs with guitar accompaniment.

After an update on development of our leadership framework by Katy Robinson, Programme Manager, we had a session on Ramblers values.

In Groups, words were suggested...Tolerant, Sympathetic, Accepting / Open-minded, Self analysis, Query self and group, Trust, Discovery, Support.... I personally don't think many of them apply !

Our table won – sweeties ! with -

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There was a two hour walk after the close of the day. I had intended to do, this but although the snow had stopped and it was thawing a bit, I had only taken heavy trainers instead of boots, so like quite a few, I had a leisurely coffee before driving home late afternoon.

KMD. April 2019.



The Nizhny Nougorod Mountain Club

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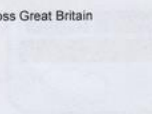
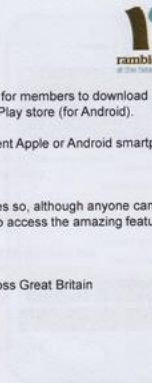

Choose Sign up, put in your email address, enter a password of your choice (not the same one as the Ramblers website) and click on Sign up.

You will be taken into the Insight Hub and you will also receive an email asking you to verify your account.

Please note the Insight Hub is not supported on Internet Explorer or Edge so it is best to use a different browser - Firefox or Google Chrome. From our experience Firefox is the best option as Google Chrome has very faint horizontal and vertical scroll bars (not something we can do anything about).

Also we have set aside Wednesday afternoon each week to complete any necessary updates so the Insight Hub may be unavailable at this time.

If you have any questions or constructive feedback, please email InsightHub@ramblers.zendesk.com



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We have put in place additional security features so, although anyone can download the app, only members will be able to access the amazing features and benefits.

The app will include:

1. Details and location of group led walks across Great Britain
2. Improved walk register
3. The ability to manage your details
4. Digital version of your membership card
5. Offers
6. News and features





Search and view all GB group walks and events which are published on GWEM by map or by words

Featured articles from Walk magazine and other interesting content.



Select a walk and see full details.

Each walk or event offers the ability to take register and/or submit a photo when you do a recce so your walk looks nice in the app





New style walk register has 'tick list' capability for ease and speed. This list is only available and visible to members from within that group. You cannot see another groups members. No contact details are available – names only.

You can also identify the walk leader by adding a star.



A digital version of your Ramblers membership card.

You can also update your details using the app My Profile



Offers - our fundraising team is working with a range of suitable organisations to source new offers for Ramblers members.

Features - articles, gear reviews, blogs and lots more.

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