

**Minutes from
Helensburgh and West Dunbartonshire Ramblers Group Committee Meeting held in
Helensburgh Parish Church, 23rd March 2023 at 7pm.**

Present

Sheena Arendt, Mike McManus, David Clark, Mike Carder, Mary McLachlan, Peter Knox, Idris Scott, Bernadette Devine, Ian McCall

1 – Apologies

Pat Anguelov,

David thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

2 – Minutes

No comments.

Minutes were proposed by Mike Carder and seconded by Peter Knox.

3 – Matters Arising

Bernadette attended a navigation course in February.

Information on Ticks have been put onto the website and into the programme.

4 – Officers Reports

4a – Treasurer

The accounts are pretty static at the moment with room hire being the only outlay.

The Main account stands at £908 against last year at £1018.

The social account is at £328 and last year £532.

We are still not receiving income from Ramblers.

4b – Access Officer

David will take on any issues which arise concerning path management.

4c – Membership Secretary

We now have 101 members. Last time we had 110

7 did not renew membership

6 have resigned and

4 new members have joined us.

4d – Secretary

Nothing much to report as emails are now sent directly to the committee. An email offering walking breaks at the Fat Lamb Inn, in Cumbria was forwarded to the committee.

4e – Group Chair

David and Mike McM attended the Area AGM.

David also attended the Scottish council AGM which covered several topics. He mentioned the Out There Awards scheme which promotes inclusion for varying abilities. The committee felt that this might need special assistance to enable people to join the walks.

David will also attend the Shared Learning meeting on Monday 27th March via Zoom.

5 – Publicity

The usual advertising is continuing.

Ramblers have asked for a key contact to be nominated for their new website and walk manager site. Idris has accepted this role.

6- Events

Away Break

The committee discussed several places for the away break, The Cairn on Speyside, Fat Lamb Inn at Cumbria and Patterdale in the Lake District. It was agreed to go to Patterdale again as it offers good rates, ample accommodation, and walks to suit everyone.

Bernadette will contact the venue regarding prices and availability for 25th to 29th September.

Walk/Meal

David will organise a trip in June to Oban by train, walking to Dunstaffnage and back finishing with a fish supper.

Idris will also look at a July walk around Corrour with a meal afterwards

7- Walks programme

There are still enough walks coming in to cover the programme. Leaders, if possible, will put an extra walk into the programme if there happens to be a run of similar graded walks in the programme.

8 – AOB

Committee Roles

There was a question as to whether there should be a nominated person if a member of the committee is unavailable for a while. The committee felt that most of the roles could be covered but we would need someone to cover publicising the walks. Mike C will take on the job of emailing walk details to the community magazine when necessary.

Idris explained that there are 2 websites advertising the walks and other information. One is the Ramblers website (run by the head office) which takes you via a link onto their version of our group website. Content for this is put on by head office and a nominated person (Idris) can request any photos etc to be added.

The second one is Helensburgh and West Dunbartonshire Website which is administrated by Idris allowing him to choose which content is included such as walks, pictures etc.

Absent Members

Whether to email members who have not been out walking with the group for a long while was raised again. After a bit of discussion, it was decided just to leave it as some members are possibly happy enough just to support the Ramblers and keep up to date with some of the campaigns by paying the membership fee.

Paths

John Urquart has still not contacted David regarding the upgrading of some paths.

Constitution

Having been to the Area AGM David was interested in the running of the Ramblers groups and what is included in our constitution. Mary brought a copy for him and anyone else to look over. It was decided that the constitution would be put into the website for members to access.

Training

Members are interested in 2nd Level Navigation and First Aid Courses so David will let Jeannie know of this.

9 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 8th June 2023 at 7pm in Helensburgh Parish Church.