

**Minutes from
Helensburgh and West Dunbartonshire Ramblers Group Committee Meeting held in
Helensburgh Parish Church, 31st August 2023 at 7pm.**

Present

Sheena Arendt, Mike McManus, Mike Carder, Peter Knox, Idris Scott, Ian McCall

1 – Apologies

Pat Anguelov, Bernadette Devine, David Clark, Mary McLachlan.

David was unable to attend so Ian chaired the meeting.

2 – Minutes

No comments.

Minutes were proposed by Mike C and seconded by Mike McM

3 – Matters Arising

The activity on the treasurer's report will be put under the Main Account section before going onto the website.

4a – Treasurer

The Main account stands at £745.43 against last year at £1001.28. Room hire and recce expenses are the only outlay.

The Social account is at £295.35 against last year at £390.65

4b – Access Officer

Nothing to report.

4c – Membership Secretary

We now have 103 members 1 down on last time. There are 4 new members, 4 did not renew and 1 resigned.

4d – Secretary

There is no news in this section but Mary has informed the committee that she will be resigning as secretary in November at the AGM so we will be looking for someone to take up this post.

4e – Group Chair

David asked if Ian could put the AGM and the Annual Outing in for discussion.

5 – Publicity

Publicity is going smoothly with only a small blip when the Helensburgh edition of the Community Advertiser missed out one of the walks.

6- Events

Area AGM

Our group are going to host the Area AGM which will be held in the small hall of Helensburgh Parish Church on the 20th January. There will be a walk afterwards. The group will be looking for volunteers to help with this.

Group AGM

The group AGM will be in November hopefully the 18th or the 25th. Ian will check if either of these dates are available. It will be the usual format, a local walk followed with the AGM. A speaker may be arranged if there is one available. Mike McM will issue the calling notice as usual.

Annual Outing

The annual outing is the 25th to the 29th September at Patterdale. There are several walks in this area but we need to know who is attending so that appropriate walks can be arranged. A note will go out to members asking for the names of those attending to be sent to Ian so that this can be done.

7- Walks programme

There was a discussion again on the subject coming from Ramblers Scotland that Walk Leaders having a Duty of Care towards members. Groups are losing leaders due to this. The hand book regarding this should be out in October so it was felt that we should wait and see what is proposed before anything can be done.

Pat will not be leading the walk on the 17th September but David will now lead this walk. Mike said that he is struggling a bit to fill the programme and there are a couple of gaps. Peter offered to lead filling in a gap on the 22nd October.

8 – AOB

Nothing arising.

9 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 9th November 2023 at 7pm in Helensburgh Parish Church.