

	Present Frances Arthur (FA); Annette Bonar (AB); Geoff Der (GD); Gareth Morgan (GM); Barry Pottle (BP); Helen Sweeting (HS); Alan Watt (AW); Catherine Watt (CW); Sandra West (SW). Also attending Jim Riddell (JR) joined during #6 discussions.
1.	Welcome and introduction of new committee members - CW welcomed all committee members and thanked FA and HS for taking on the roles of Membership Secretary and Minutes Secretary respectively. It was noted that Gerard McCrear (previous Secretary) will remain involved to support transfer of the Membership Secretary role. - CW noted that Steve Cartwright, although not a committee member, remains involved as a Walks Programme Coordinator and a GWEM (Group Walks and Events Manager) editor.
2.	Minutes of Committee meeting held on 5th October 2021 a - Accuracy as record of meeting - Those present agreed the record was accurate. b - Matters arising - None.
3.	AGM on 21st November a - Accuracy of the Minutes - CW noted that the minutes would be officially approved at the next (2022) AGM; it was agreed they were accurate. b - Group delegates to North Strathclyde Area meetings - It was noted that AW and GM had been elected at the Group AGM to fill two of the three places for representatives to the North Strathclyde Area Council. - BP, who has been attending as individual rep, suggested that it might be possible for him to fill our third group rep place and remain as a group rep (which would entitle him to two votes), but that it would be more honest to leave our third group place vacant. It was agreed to do this. - It was noted that Paula Wise had been elected at the Group AGM as representative to Scottish Council, which was due to meet by Zoom on 5th March.
4.	Committee roles other than Chair and Treasurer - CW and AW were elected at the AGM as (continuing) Chair and Treasurer respectively. - CW is currently also COVID officer – she described this as a light role, reporting if someone later tests positive. She agreed to continue the role. There was discussion of what to do if, as recently happened, someone refuses to provide contact details – continued and detailed under #8 below. - The Secretary role remains vacant, but this might be manageable because FA has taken on the role of Membership Secretary, supported by Gerard McCrear and HS has agreed to act as Minutes Secretary. CW thanked FA for agreeing to send group emails, which takes further pressure off the (vacant) Secretary job which she has been doing. FA noted that she has not yet had access to the Ramblers Insight Hub (an intelligence resource with a dashboard for membership

	secretaries) to date, but has been told it should be available from 13th Jan. GD asked for FA's email details so he could forward Membership Sec emails to her (they are still going to Gerard). CW now has the Glasgow Ramblers email address from Gerard, but its security needs changing because it is currently tied to Gerard's personal phone. • GD remains as Web-Master, Steve Cartwright and AW as Walks Programme Coordinators and Jim Riddell as Access and Countryside Officer (but is not a cttee member) • In Nov 2020 we agreed to suspend the publicity role. ACTIONS FA to provide email details to GD. CW liaise with Gerard over security for Glasgow Ramblers email address.
5.	Matters arising from the submitted reports apart from website • None – but some issues were highlighted. • Mag11 – decisions need to be made as to how best to hand this over to the (five) community groups which it covers – Gary Linstead may arrange for a 'Friends of ...' group for the path. • Treasurer – a second signatory to the a/c is needed to replace Gerard, mostly online; GD agreed to do this. • The Walk Leader's meeting date will be changed to 8th Feb (not 1st Feb as in Chair's Report). ACTIONS AW to arrange for bank a/c second signatory change. CW to circulate revised walk leader's meeting date.
6.	Website • It was agreed that GD would set up a group cttee email (to include Steve Cartwright and JR) – replies would include all cttee members without the need to enter / reveal personal email addresses. • GD noted that, like most local groups, we have a page on the Ramblers central website. Ramblers central website is currently undergoing a re-vamp and they want revised brief text for local group pages. Currently our central website page is very like our own Glasgow Ramblers front page. GD suggested that the new text for our own Glasgow website should include some basic information (e.g. walks in and around Glasgow; local meeting places; public transport / car shares; most walks about 60 mins max travelling) and benefits for new members (e.g. not having to organise your own walks; not getting lost). CW wondered whether it should be written for 'normal' times – GD thought so, otherwise revisions would be needed. AB asked whether text on the Ramblers central website had to stand for a long time or whether it could be amended – GD said it could currently be amended, but it was unclear how much control we would have once the new website goes live. AB wondered if there was a word limit – GD said that since the aim was for something mobile-friendly, it could not be long. AW showed a timeline for the new Ramblers branding and website. Changes to the logo are being phased in from Jan, website launch due in March but may slip. GD offered to draft our new local group text and circulate for comments. ACTIONS GD to set up group cttee email. GD to draft new local group text for main Ramblers website.

7.	Upcoming events • CW noted that members have all received details of these. • North Strathclyde AGM (20th January) - CW noted that Paula Wise will attend. • Scottish Council - AGM (5th March am). Dick Balharry Memorial talk (4th March) - will be delivered by reps from Mar Lodge, which is currently undergoing re-wilding – anyone can sign up. Volunteer-led committees (5th March pm) – will include ‘Recruiting walk leaders’; and ‘Creating a walks programme’ at which Steve Cartwright will explain how Glasgow walk leaders enter walk details themselves which then go straight onto GWEM (Group Walk and Events Manager). • Motions if any to be submitted to RSSC (Ramblers Scotland Strategic Committee) by beginning of February. None - BP noted that these should really come via our AGM, not the cttee.
8.	Walk and Events Programme a - Walks October to January - any Incidents • As noted in her Chair’s report, on the Thomas Semple Trail (18th Dec) which CW was leading, a member walked into a road sign when looking down to cope with mud, and fell backwards. An Incident report was completed and sent to Ramblers and reply received. CW will contact Renfrewshire Council to point out this hazard. b - Possible Speakers, specialist walk • CW noted the success of the 2021 zoom talks. There was some discussion around whether this was due to lack of alternatives because of the COVID lockdown – but it was agreed to give it a try this year. CW suggested: Prof Dee Heddon (UofGlasgow Drama Dept, ‘Walk Create’ project); someone re outdoor nurseries; someone with tick expertise. She will contact Prof Heddon, suggesting some time in March. • CW will also approach Simon Cuthbert, who delivered one of the 2021 talks, to lead a geology walk. c - Introductory walk • CW has been contacted by Ramblers Scotland asking whether we want to propose a leader and walk as part of their introductory walks programme. It was agreed that we should be represented – SW agreed to lead a Pollok Park walk. d - GWEM (Group Walk and Events Manager) update • AW reported that the main Ramblers website re-vamp also includes an update to the GWEM ‘walks manager’ for easier use on phone / tablet, perhaps with photos, so more attractive. The aim is for the new system to be easier to use so walk leaders can add their own walks – which Glasgow are doing anyway. The revised GWEM will be phased in over the next few months – in the meantime walk leaders should continue to upload walks as at present, any on the system will transfer over automatically. AW noted that information on this is available via ‘Assemble’ – anyone interested can contact him. e - Walk leaders meeting 8th February – Agenda • CW noted that the walk leader list needs updating – but there should be around 20-22 which is enough to develop a programme. The walk leader mtg will discuss ... • How many walks to publish in advance. GD reported that he had received complaints from people who say they can never get a place on a walk. AW noted difficulties due to reduced numbers of walks offered and restrictions on walker numbers. GD thought we could still upload details of all walks planned. BP thought it might look odd if there were long gaps between walks. FA described how another group offers ‘pop up’ (short notice – e.g. if the forecast looks good) walks. CW thought this sounded like a good idea, although it still depended on having enough walk leaders. She said she was aware of several who were unlikely to lead again, but would send personal emails to previous walk leaders.

	• Numbers on walks, which have been restricted since COVID – this may be reviewed. • Provision of contact details by all those intending to come on a walk. BP pointed out that, particularly at the moment, a walk leader may need to cancel a walk at very short notice. It is therefore important to have contact details, ideally mobile numbers, from all walkers, including those joining at the start of the walk. AB noted that contact details are also required for tracing, should a walker later report they have COVID and that it was therefore reasonable, given current regulations, to tell someone who refused to provide details that they could not walk with the group. There was also discussion of whether joining a walk should be contingent on provision of a negative LFT. It was decided that this would not be reasonable because: walking is an outdoor activity; people may not be able to access testing kits; and results would be self-reported and therefore not necessarily correct. AW suggested that some standard wording could be added to the information on each walk re: need to contact the walk leader before turning up for a walk; contact details; and COVID issues. He agreed to draft something based on text he has been using and circulate for comments. • First aid course – certification from the previous BASP (British Assoc Ski Patrollers) course, which was very good, runs out soon. • Types / grades of walks – many recent walks have been city / parks and easy / leisurely – to discuss moving to more moderate / strenuous. f - Weekend away next September • A Braemar weekend was originally planned for 2020. CW has been thinking of trying to (re)organise this for Sept. One of the walks would be the Lairig Ghru which Steve has said he could lead. It was agreed that the weekend would be flagged in the newsletter with the suggestion that walkers arrange their own accommodation. ACTIONS CW to contact Renfrewshire Council about hazardous road sign. CW to contact Prof Dee Heddon about her doing a talk for the group. CW to contact Simon Cuthbert about leading a geology walk. CW to let Ramblers Scotland know that SW will lead a Glasgow Group introductory walk in Pollok Park. CW to email previous walk leaders to ask if they are willing to continue. AW to draft and circulate text re need to contact the walk leader, providing contact details and COVID issues. AW to investigate First Aid courses. CW to add info re potential Lairig Ghru w/e in September to newsletter.
9.	15th March
10.	AOCB • None.

SUBMITTED REPORTS

Secretary's Report January 2022

Ramblers GB newsletter – Walks Manager, New Brand & Image launch 2022,

Covid updates, Webpages on Assemble, Responsible walking, Free interactive map,

Ramblers Scotland Newsletter in October, November, December covered the following points:

Mapping Scottish Paths, Legal fight Access Glenborrodale, Geology Walk,

Out there Award, Scot Council dates & Events, Join RSSC, Safe Winter Walking, Oppose Network Rail crossing level crossing,

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Chair's Report, The Magnificent 11 and Walks Programme updates

Chair

In the Minutes from October, I said that I would get in touch with the member who had asked if she could get her money back from the Ardrishaig Weekend. I contacted her and she quite understood that because we had a booking for the whole of the hostel, a refund was not available.

As minuted, arrangements for the AGM were made, all the necessary documentation prepared and distributed by email or by post for those members for whom we have no email addresses. Many thanks to Alan, Gerard and Barry.

The AGM was held as planned and the attendance was good. We expressed out thanks to Gerard, Bobby and Betty for serving on the Committee. Gerard hung on until the 10th January to ensure a smooth transition. He will be greatly missed as secretary.

After the AGM Stuart Whittaker, the Woodland Officer from Cassiltoun Housing Association, gave an excellent talk about the History of Castlemilk .

On the Saturday following the AGM, Stuart took us on a walk starting with a fascinating tour of The Stables and then through the Castlemilk Woodlands. I wrote to Stuart thanking him for his presentation and the walk.

Magnificent 11

The installation of the posts and roundels was completed. The leaflet was printed and the distribution has been started. To date this has been to Friends of Groups, Ramblers Scotland, North Strathclyde Area, our own members on walks and to people who sent a SAE.

The Magnificent 11 group (TM11) met on the 6th January to discuss a launch. We decided to ask Cameron McNeish, a former pupil of Kings Park Secondary if he would open the trail and if so suggest a date. The route was developed by Glasgow Ramblers with Gary. Now that the waymarking of the route is complete, we need to hand maintenance over to the community. A Facebook page *Friends of The Magnificent 11* would link Friends of Linn, Kings and Castlemilk Parks, Fernbrae

Meadows and Carmunnock Heritage Community. Ideally the administrator should live on the southside and close to the route. These groups will hopefully take responsibility of maintaining the sections crossing through the five groups.

Walks Programme

I have one Incident to report. On the Thomas Semple Trail, at the beginning of the walk on a short section along a verge, a member looking down because it was very muddy, walked into a road sign and fell flat on her back. After a short stop, the member felt able to continue the walk resumed but they finished the walk halfway round and was accompanied by another walker. An Incident report was completed and sent to Ramblers. A reply has been received. I will contact Renfrewshire Council to point out that anyone taller than 5ft 4in would have to duck to get under the road sign. The walk on the 8th January was aborted before the reaching the canal because everyone in the group was not coping with the icy pavements and roads.

We're offering on average four walks a month but most of these are fully booked. Walks have been run twice but still oversubscribed. There walks going on to GWEM for 3 to 4 weeks ahead and the monthly newsletter adds two or three.

A Walk Leaders meeting was arranged for the 18th January but I am going to change it to Tuesday 1st February to give more time to contact walk leaders and get a reply. From Jeannie Cranfield of Ramblers Scotland, I received a list of 30+ people who are registered on Assemble as walk leaders with Glasgow Ramblers. I shall email everyone this week asking them if they intend to continue as a walk leader and offer a walk within the next six months.

Catherine Watt, Chair
8th January 2022

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Treasurer's Report for Glasgow Ramblers Committee Meeting 11 Jan 22

Main Account **Balance at 02/10/21** **£1565.91**

Income	Expenditure	
Quarterly payment from Ramblers		£567.00
Donation from RWH Travel Ltd		£40.00
	AGM postage costs	-£46.64
	Recce expenses	-£17.36
	Zoom meetings Oct, Nov, Jan	-£43.17
	Mag11 Stat and leaflet postage	-£82.22
	Miscellaneous hardware for Mag11	-£24.96
	Core Image Mag 11 leaflet printing	-£347.00

Balance at 8/01/22 **£1611.56**

Self-funded account	Balance at 02/10/21	£911.55
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Income	Expenditure	
Members donations of expenses		£64.00

Balance at 08/01/22	£975.55
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Notes

1 Our budget request to Ramblers for the financial year 21/22 was granted in full. This amounts to £2265, the first quarterly payment being £567 as shown above.

2 Gerard and Barry are currently the second signatories for our two UTB bank accounts. We should nominate someone to replace Gerard.

Alan Watt

Treasurer 8/1/22

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Membership Report January 2022

Since the last GGC the membership figures are:

New to Ramblers	12
Rambler members who have moved to Area	3
“ “ “ “ “ “ to Group	1
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Members who resigned from Ramblers	5
Lapsed membership of Ramblers	6
Members who have moved Group	1
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Membership total is 287 on 7th January 2022 which is an increase of 2 since the last GGC

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Website and Group Email address

An alternative would be for me to set up an email group committee@glasgowramblers.org.uk which would include all the committee members.

Can we add to the agenda an item on the Glasgow Group webpage on the Ramblers central website?

To explain a bit in advance, everyone on the committee knows about our group website, but may not know that the group also has a page on the Ramblers central website. Ramblers are changing their main, central, website and requiring each group to update their page on it. At the moment our page contains much the same text as our front page on our own website (but with a different photo).

I'm suggesting changing the text to include more concrete information about the walks we offer and benefits to members. This might be: walks in and around Glasgow (obviously), by public transport and via car share, meeting at Partick or Glasgow mainline stations, walks typically within 1 hour travel time from Glasgow. The benefits to new members might be: not needing to do the research, organisation or navigation for walks, finding out about walks they were not aware of.

All of this is a bit difficult at the moment as we would want to describe the 'normal' situation rather than the current mid pandemic situation.

I would offer to draft some text for the page if we can agree, in principle, the approach above.

Geoff Der January 2022