

	Present Marjory Anderson (MA), Frances Arthur (FA), Terry Cassidy (TC), Geoff Der (GD), Yvonne Flynn (YF), Gareth Morgan (GM), Helen Sweeting (HS), Sandra West (SW).
1.	Apologies Barry Pottle (BP). SW was thanked for having sent a card for Barry from the Committee
2.	Minutes of Committee meeting held on 23rd July 2025 a - Accuracy as record of meeting - Those present agreed that the record was accurate and could be approved and uploaded to the website. b - Matters arising (ACTION points from 23rd July Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda) <u>Re #2 Minutes of May Committee meeting</u> - HS to finalise May minutes and send to GD to post on website - DONE. - SW to contact Alan Watt and arrange a meeting to discuss ideas of how to remember Catherine Watt's life - DONE. Catherine's family are less keen on objects (e.g. benches, gates) which need looking after and will consider a walk. - GD to: (i) move the walks list to the main section of the Group website's home page, save as a draft and circulate to the Committee for comments; and (ii) contact the Ramblers GB's IT team re the colours / visibility of the three lines – DONE / IN PROGRESS. (i) Some simplification of the home page has been done. GD would like Committee feedback on the Cunninghame Group's home page – if positive, then he suggests something similar. (ii) The three lines on the mobile site are now more clearly visible. - YF to ask Ramblers Scotland / GB for a full list of member benefits; MA / SW to include this info in the Newsletter; GD to update list of member benefits on website – DONE / IN PROGRESS. After some going round the houses, this has resulted in a link to an updated list of all member benefits on the Ramblers GB website – see https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/offers-and-promotions. This link could be highlighted in our Newsletter and added to our website - TC to contact FA if it seems like a second AGM Walk Leader will be required - DONE. FA and TC have done a recce of the walk together, so TC could now lead a group if required. - Committee members (to continue) to raise committee membership and particularly the IT / website and Access Officer roles during walks – IN PROGRESS. To be raised at the AGM. - GD to include links to recent Ramblers training videos on the Walk Leader section of website; Committee members to keep a watching brief in respect of anything which would be useful on this page – DONE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. GD has tidied / revised the Walk Leader Resources section but cannot add the training videos because these can only be accessed via a personal login-in. Re #4 Governance – role of Groups and Areas in Scotland - SW to ensure Governance is retained as an agenda item – DONE and to be continued. Re #5 Use of Ramblers Worldwide Holidays ('Walk Partnership') Money - SW to include info on use of RWH financial contribution towards the costs of hosting the Sept 2025 first aid course in the 2024-25 Annual Report - DONE. Re #6 Reports - SW to ask Alan Watt what the Treasurer role entails - DONE. Alan Watt offered to help with the financial return if necessary – in fact it was completed without requiring his input. - TC to ask Walk Leaders to send recce refund requests to Treasurer@; GD to arrange to access this email account – IN PROGRESS. TC will ask Walk Leaders to send refund requests to SW's personal email; GD will check that our Group's Chair@... etc emails go to the correct people (although these are almost never used). - SW to inform the Area Treasurer of BP's current absence - DONE.

	- YF to contact all who have expressed interest in the Pitlochry weekend order to confirm numbers - DONE. The current number is around 35. Re #7 Walks and events programme - YF to contact Ramblers GB re mechanism of accreditation for group-based Walk Leader training - SUPERCEDED. Ramblers GB have now set up a mechanism for group-based accreditation. - HS to contact the Pearce Institute re availability for Walk Leader training - DONE. Pearce Institute Billiard Room booked 11.00-16.00 on Saturday 6th December. HS will check whether wifi is available since it will be required to show the training videos. - YF to set up a WhatsApp group as a forum for discussions / information about the Pitlochry weekend - DONE. - MA / SW to include biodegradability information plus a Newsletter reminder about not leaving food or skins waste - DONE. No further feedback has been received. Re #8 Request for our Group to host North Strathclyde Area AGM - YF to contact Glasgow Young Walkers for ideas about the Area AGM – and if not then to inform SW so she can approach Pollokshaws Burgh Hall re availability on the third Saturday in January - DONE. Glasgow Group will host this AGM which is to be held on Saturday 7th February; YF has booked the Pearce Institute's Fairfield Hall. <u>ACTIONS</u> - ALL to provide feedback to GD on whether he should simplify the Glasgow Group home page along the lines of that of Cunninghame's (their text is less wordy with clear links) – see https://www.cunninghameramblers.org.uk/. - GD to continue working on our home page on the basis of feedback. - MA / SW to highlight the https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/offers-and-promotions link in our Newsletter. - GD to add the link to our website - YF to ensure committee membership and particularly the IT / website role is raised at the AGM. - TC to ask Walk Leaders to send refund requests to SW's personal email. - GD to check that the Chair@... etc emails go to the correct people. - HS to check whether wifi is available in the Pearce's Billiard Room
3.	Minutes of Committee meeting held on 8th September 2025 a - Accuracy as record of meeting - Those present agreed that the record was accurate and could be approved and uploaded to the website. b - Matters arising (ACTION points from 8th Sept Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda) <u>Re #2 Minutes of the previous AGM</u> - HS to expand on the 'AGM 24/04' wording in the 2024 AGM minutes – DONE. A couple of sentences have been added to explain the 2023 AGM Motion which altered the Group Constitution re number of days required for: (i) giving notice of the AGM; (ii) sending in a proposal to alter the Constitution; and (iii) circulating any such proposals to members. HS raised another minor issue – AGM 24/08 heading re Independent Examiner dates. SW agreed to amend this on the version to be circulated to members prior to the 2025 AGM. <u>Re #3 Paperwork</u> - SW to check that the website links to the current version of the Constitution - DONE. The link is correct. - SW to send the postal notification in early / mid October and the email version at least a week before 25th October - DONE. Both versions already sent. <u>Re #4 Agenda</u> - GD, SW and YF to co-ordinate in order to post the AGM notification, Agenda and 2024-25 Annual Report onto the website once available – IN PROGRESS. GD will post: (i) the notification using the wording in the email version; (ii) the Agenda, as 'draft'; and (iii) the report once agreed.

	<u>Re #5 Treasurer's Report</u> - GD, SW and YF to co-ordinate in order to complete the financial forms - DONE. SW completed and submitted the report which appears to have been approved. <u>Re #6 Annual Report</u> - All to complete sections of the report and suggest photos – deadline 4th October - DONE. YF has circulated a (near) final draft. HS will message YF with a few minor issues spotted. Once finally agreed, GD will post the report on the website so member emails can include the link rather than a large attachment. <u>Re #7 AOCB</u> - GD to investigate cakes - DONE. Nice cakes are expensive. It was agreed that we should probably have two different cakes with '6' on one and '0' on the other – if our AGM numbers are similar to last year's then they will need to be shared between about 35 people. It was agreed that GD should work to a budget of £60. - SW / FA / TC to check catering facilities at Pollokshaws Burgh Hall – IN PROGRESS. This will be done late Oct / very early Nov. <u>ACTIONS</u> - SW to amend dates in AGM 24/08 heading on the draft 2024 AGM Minutes to be circulated to members. - GD to post: (i) the 2025 AGM notification using the wording in the email version; (ii) the Agenda, as 'draft'; and (iii) the report once agreed. - HS to message YF re Annual Report. - GD to post the final agreed report on the website. - GD to source two cakes, working to a budget of £60. - SW / FA / TC to check catering facilities and (see below) HDMI lead requirements at Pollokshaws Burgh Hall.
4.	<u>AGM</u> <u>a. Venue, catering, cake, final visit</u> - Pollokshaws Burgh Hall confirmed and paid for. - HS to sort tea / coffee / biscuits. - GD to sort cake (as above) - Final visit late Oct / very early Nov (as above). <u>b. Paperwork – notifications, minutes, annual report, financial statement</u> - Notifications sent out (as above). - Minutes sorted apart from 24/08 dates issue to be sorted by SW (as above). - Annual report almost finalised (as above). - Financial statement sorted (as above); a draft version to made available to Group members had been circulated by SW. The Committee agreed that, after minor amendments to explain some of the numbers and addition of the Independent Examiner sign-off, this was fine. <u>c. Speaker</u> - The speaker is still on-board and SW has confirmed that the venue has AV equipment – we assume the speaker will bring his own laptop but possibly not an HDMI lead. <u>d. Walk</u> - Recced (as above) – FA and TC will lead the circular walk in opposite directions if numbers merit two groups. <u>e. Anything else</u> - SW has Ramblers buffs, badges etc left over from Scottish Council which could be made available to AGM attendees. - SW has asked Ian Brooke, and he has agreed, that he will once again chair those parts of the AGM where YF is a candidate for election. - It was agreed that we should project the Annual Report and Financial Statement when these are discussed, to save bringing printed copies.

	- It was agreed that appeals for new Walks Leaders and Committee members should be made when presenting the report. <u>ACTIONS</u> - HS to sort AGM refreshments (other than cake). - SW to add a few additional minor explanations and the Independent Examiner sign-off to the Financial Statement to be circulated to members. - SW to ensure someone takes Ramblers buffs etc to the AGM in her absence. - A Committee member (?YF) to bring a laptop in order to project AGM documents. - TC and YF to appeal for new Walk Leaders and Committee members when presenting the report.
5.	Succession planning - Largely discussed above. - It was agreed that we also need a temporary Treasurer. - It was agreed that this should remain as an Agenda item. <u>ACTIONS</u> - Temporary Treasurer role to be raised at AGM. - SW to ensure Succession Planning remains on the Agenda.
6.	Governance – role of Groups and Areas in Scotland - No progress – YF is now attending N Strathclyde Area meetings. - It was agreed that this should remain as an Agenda item. <u>ACTIONS</u> - SW to ensure Governance remains on the Agenda.
7.	North Strathclyde AGM - Largely discussed above – Glasgow Group are hosting but Area will lead on the planning. <u>ACTIONS</u> - ALL to help with planning / walk leading as required.
8.	Reports (taken as read) <u>a. Chair</u> - No comments. <u>b. Treasurer</u> - No comments. <u>c. Membership secretary</u> - FA noted that most leavers are either: long-time members whose names are not familiar and do not join walks; or recent joiners whose names are also not familiar and have not joined walks. <u>d. IT/website</u> - Discussed above. <u>e. Access and countryside</u> - YF has very recently been informed that Glasgow City Council have now approved reinstatement of a Local Access Forum which is therefore likely to be running within weeks. HS expressed an interest. <u>f. Secretary</u> - No comments.
9.	Walks and events programme <u>a. Walks Programme</u> TC reported that November dates are filling up, but the Xmas lunch is so far the only

	activity in December. Both SW and HS are considering offering a December walk. • Ten have signed up for group-based Walk Leader training on 6th December – all current Walk Leaders, some of whom have actually completed the training themselves. It was agreed that: (i) HS would post this as an event on our website as “<i>open to all Glasgow group walk leaders as well as anyone else who may be thinking about becoming a walk leader</i>”; and (ii) we would publicise the event at the AGM. <u>b. Any incidents or anything to report</u> • None. <u>ACTIONS</u> • HS to post Walk Leader training on our website. • TC / YF to publicise Walk Leader training at the AGM.
10.	AOCB • None.
11.	Next meeting • To be agreed after AGM since it may involve new Committee members.

SUBMITTED REPORTS

Chair

Yvonne's highlights and updates from July to 10 October

Area Council

I attended my first meeting of the North Strathclyde Area Council on September 18. The meeting was hybrid but I joined by Zoom. Members of the Area Council, of which Barry is the Secretary, were saddened to learn that Barry was in hospital and asked the Chair Adrienn Hortobagyi to pass on their wishes for a speedy and full recovery.

Glasgow Ramblers were among several groups to offer to host the AGM for the North Strathclyde Area Council which is due to take place in early 2026. Our offer was welcomed and accepted on the grounds that the venue proposed was a convenient and attractive option for delegates with good opportunities for a winter walk. As a result I have booked the Fairfield Room in the Pearce Institute in Govan for the morning of February 7. We will need to do some planning around teas/coffees and refreshments. Delegates will bring their own lunch. We have also offered to lead a walk after the official business. Glasgow Young Walkers will also lead a walk so that delegates have the choice of two.

Local Access Forum

There has been no progress on setting up the Local Access Forum (LAF) though I continue to be in touch with Jessy Field, the council's Outdoor Access Officer. She is still waiting for the proposal to reinstate the LAF to go to committee for approval. As she very much wants Glasgow Ramblers to be part of the LAF when it is set up, we should go ahead and recruit a member to sit on the Forum as our Outdoor Access Champion. Perhaps we could appeal at the AGM.

Pitlochry

Planning for the walks programme for the Pitlochry weekend continues apace. There is good engagement and enthusiasm among the walk leaders and most of the walk slots are filling up with some of the recess done. There are currently 33 people booked to go. We plan to have the full draft walk programme by the end of the year and open it for bookings from the attendees in January.

First Aid Course

One of the highlights of the past few months for me has without doubt been the First Aid course on September 14 at the West of Scotland Cricket Club in Partick. It was attended by 12 of our walk leaders, committee members and regular walkers and run by British Association of Ski Patrollers. It was practical, hugely informative and great fun. It is great to know that at least 12 of our members are now proficient in all aspects of first aid in the outdoors.

Yvonne Flynn - October 2025

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Treasurer

Due to unforeseen circumstances there was no treasurer report at our last meeting in July. A copy of balances and transactions from 8th May to 30th September 2025 was provided for the Committee and is available upon request.

Bank account access has been updated to enable management of the account in Barry Pottle's absence. Both Geoff Der and Yvonne Flynn have been granted access to submit and authorise payments on our bank account.

Sandra West - October 2025

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Membership Secretary

Since 23/07/25, membership figures are as follows:

Joiners:	New to Ramblers	20
	Members who have moved to Glasgow Ramblers	0
	Members who have moved to the Area	0
	Reinstated / Rejoining members	2
	Total joiners	22
Leavers:	Members who have resigned	25
	Members whose membership has lapsed	6
	Members who have moved Group	1
	Members who have left the Area	1
	Total Leavers	33

On 10/10/2025 the total membership for Glasgow Ramblers is **375**, this is a decrease of 9 since the last Committee meeting in July 2025.

Frances Arthur - October 2025

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IT Website

- i) Revamp of home page for mobile use so that walks appear higher up - work begun by simplifying existing home page. Test of new home page to be done and circulated.
- ii) Visibility of menu three lines in mobile view - done.
- iii) Cotswold discount and other discounts - awaiting full list of discounts. But this is appropriate for the members section of the website not the home page.
- iv) Walk leader resources - page updated. Can't include direct links to training videos as these are only accessible after logging in to Ramblers central web page.

Geoff Der - October 2025

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Access and Countryside

See Chair report.

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Secretary Report / Correspondence

Date noted – 2026 Ramblers Scottish Council, in Edinburgh, on 14th March.

Sandra West – October 2025