Glasgow Ramblers Committee Meeting 24th October, 2022

	Present Frances Arthur (FA); 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).
1.	**Interim arrangements - chairing** Barry Pottle agreed to chair the meeting (whilst remaining unwilling to accept the title of Group Chair).
2.	**Apologies** Annette Bonar.
3.	**AGM** **a - Notice** • A draft Notice, prepared by BP, had been circulated to all Committee members prior to the meeting. • It was agreed that the meeting zoom link should be added to the AGM notification email as well as being included in the attached 'Notice'. • CW has drafted a document re the speaker (Dee Heddon) and HS a description of the linked walk – these will be included in the meeting papers. • BP noted that motions to the constitution can't be raised by members the required 28+ days in advance because the notice goes out under 28 days in advance of the AGM. This is apparently an issue with almost all Ramblers Area and Group constitutions, as it is in the models of those constitutions published by Central Office. BP suggested we may wish to consider amending ours in future. This issue does not apply for ordinary motions since they only require to be submitted 7+ days in advance. • It was agreed that the email address to be used for submission of motions should be info@glasgowramblers.org.uk and that an email fulfills the requirement for these to be in writing. • AW agreed to be named as the contact for anyone having zoom difficulties. • It was agreed that the next group newsletter should repeat the call for volunteers, but at the start rather than end. • Subject to the above points, the draft Notice was approved. **b - Agenda** • A draft Agenda, prepared by BP, had been circulated to all Committee members prior to the meeting. All present agreed no changes needed to be made to the draft agenda. • CW confirmed that Ian Brooke would be happy to take over as meeting Chair for the committee elections. • JR asked whether, now our group membership is (just) over 300, we should have four Area reps. BP noted that it would need to have been 300 on 30th June as, in terms of the Area Standing Orders, that is the date at which the number of representatives from each Group should be determined. It was agreed that obtaining this information at short notice would be too difficult. **c - Report** • A draft Annual Report, prepared by BP, had been circulated to all Committee members prior to the meeting. Some edits / amendments suggested by AW had also been circulated. All agreed on the draft prepared by BP with most of the edits / amendments suggested by AW plus a small number of additional suggestions made during discussion of the document. • A suggestion that we should include a table of numbers of past year walks according to grade was rejected on the basis that it would involve checking back through each as

	described in the archives. (NOTE - GD subsequently produced this table and one of walks by day of the week by downloading the data from GWEM. As this was contrary to the decision made at the Committee meeting, all Committee members were informed, and none objected to this information being incorporated into the report. This was therefore done.) **d - Financial Statements** • Financial Statements, prepared by AW and certified by the Independent Examiner (Gerard McCrear), had been circulated to all Committee members prior to the meeting. These were approved for circulation with the AGM papers. **e – Nominations / Committee** • Chair – it was agreed not to put forward a nominee. It is possible that a nomination could be made from the floor of the meeting. Otherwise this could remain vacant and BP would continue to ask if Committee members were happy for him to act as Chair on a meeting-by-meeting basis – with the possibility that someone might take over as Group Chair during the year. • Treasurer – it was agreed that BP be nominated. • Secretary – it was agreed that SW be nominated. • All other Committee members apart from AB agreed to continue. CW reported that Yvonne Flynn has agreed to join the Committee; AW will ask Terry Cassidy if he is also willing. • Independent examiner – Gerard McCrear had indicated that he was not willing to be nominated again. AW offered to check whether this role can be held by a Committee member. • Area Council (three representatives) – it was agreed that GM be nominated. • Scottish Council – Paula Wise, who had been the Group representative for 2022, had indicated that she was not at present willing to commit to attending an in-person meeting in Stirling. It was agreed to wait to see if there were suggestions from those present at the AGM, failing which, the Committee would fill the vacancy. **f – Motions** • None received so far. **g - Meeting arrangements** • Meeting papers need to be received by all members 14+ days before the meeting, so by 1st November. • BP will finalise documents and email them to SW who will print and send out hard copies to those for whom no email addresses are held – FA has provided a list. • CW / AW will send email notifications to all other Group members.
4.	**AOCB** None.
5.	**Next committee meeting** • **Tuesday 17th January, 2023 – zoom meeting**