

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Glasgow Ramblers Group Committee Tuesday 2nd March 2021

The meeting was held on Zoom

1. **Present** – Gerard McCrear, Alan Watt, Catherine Watt, Gareth Morgan, Geoff Der, Annette Bonar, Betty Stowe, Barry Pottle, Bobby Robb. Jim Riddell also attended.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2021**

- a) The minutes were deemed to be accurate
- b) Matters arising - covered elsewhere

4. **Reports received from** - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Winter Challenge, Magnificent 11 Website, NS Area Meeting meeting were attached to the Agenda for the 2nd March
The Website report was received after the Agenda was circulated – “There's not much to report on the website. I've simplified the menu structure slightly removing the "contacts" section and redistributing its contents to either the members section or to Ramblers links. Alan's proposal to refresh the photos on the website was in the most recent newsletter but there has been little response.” Nothing to report from the Access Officer. A discussion but nothing else to add.

5. **Events around Scottish Council.** Those who attended the Dick Balharry Memorial talk from Pammy Jopal, the founder of Backbone, all thought that her presentation about working with the BAME community in the outdoor environment was inspirational. The Order Paper was circulated but no amendments to the Motion had been suggested by the due date. We had a brief discussion about the four Motions. A report on the Scottish Council events on the 5th March will be available at the next meeting.

6. **Walk Programme**

a) Geoff said he would put something on to the website which was more up to date and more encouraging.

GD

b) It was felt that we should be ready to restart walks, along similar lines to those at the end of 2020. There are three walks that were recced and then cancelled. All three of these are within the boundary of the city. The stay-at-home message will be lifted on the 5th April and there is a chance that group walks may start from the 26th April

c) Circular walks – following on from the Winter Challenge we have several circular walks which some of us will write up. This would be a useful resource for other Ramblers Groups, our members and visitors to the city.

CW

Alan and Geoff will cooperate to put these onto the website.

GD/AW

[For info - After the meeting Gary Linstead suggested writing them up with a map and a short description. He would pass them on to Glasgow Council and he thinks they might then ask Friends of Groups to apply for funding to produce a leaflet.]

7. **Other Matters**

a) Draft leaflet for the Magnificent 11 at the printers and, when Gerard collects them, one will be sent to each committee member. We said we would send a pdf but the actual leaflet is preferable. **GM**

b) Ardrishaig – Bobby said that all bar one of the people who had paid a deposit are still happy to go. The person who has not responded is no longer a member and the known email address did not work. They will get their deposit back if and when we can make contact.

c) On 16th March Simon Cuthbert, will deliver a talk on Glasgow's Rocks and Landscape – A Ramble through Deep Time. This will be by Zoom and members can get the link from Alan.

AW

d) There had been limited response to the request for photos for the website. The current photographs include lots of former members and need updating. Alan offered to look through previous blogs to find some more recent photos.

AW

e) Barry kindly agreed to keep updating Facebook including link to www.walkglasgowparks.wordpress.com

BP

8. AOCB Scottish Walking Awards 2021

It was felt that we should make some nominations for the launch of this new national Award to celebrate the people, organisations and communities who are supporting others to enjoy an active lifestyle.

Social Housing Association Walking Companion - nominate Cassiltoun Housing Association for the huge improvements and involvement of the Woodland Officer and volunteers in improving Castlemilk Park and other green spaces and woodland in their area

Most Improved Walking Place – nominate The new canal path at Claypits LNR

Public Sector walking Champion – nominate Gary Linstead

Nomination have to be in by 31st March

CW

COP26 Meeting in Glasgow November 21

There was a brief discussion about the event which will bring thousands of people to Glasgow. Alan offered to email Ramblers Scotland to find out if they have any plans and if there is a role for Glasgow Ramblers and other local groups.

AW

9. **Next meeting** by Zoom on Tuesday 13th April at 6.45pm

AW