

	Present Marjory Anderson, Geoff Der, Yvonne Flynn, Malcolm Martin, Gareth Morgan, Anne Nicholson, Helen Sweeting.
1.	Apologies Frances Arthur, Terry Cassidy, Sandra West.
2.	Minutes of Committee meeting held on 26nd March 2026 a - Accuracy as record of meeting - Those present agreed that following deletion of "... and (ii) ask Ramblers GB whether Ramblers now require account login and how many Glasgow members actually have a login" from Geoff's jobs (Section 2 'Re #2' and 'ACTIONS'), the record was accurate and could be approved and uploaded to the website. b - Matters arising (ACTION points from 26th March Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda) <u>Re #2 Minutes of January 2026 Committee meeting</u> - Marjorie / Sandra to highlight the https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/offers-and-promotions link in the May newsletter including the need to login to the Ramblers website in order to access these - DONE. - Geoff to add to the Glasgow Group website the need to login to the Ramblers website in order to access member offers - DONE. - Sandra to send updated walk leader list to Geoff, with emails, to put into the email forwarder. – DONE. It was AGREED that keeping this list up to date should be the responsibility of the Walks Co-ordinator (currently Terry). - Sandra to list the various Secretary tasks – DONE – see 'Reports'. - Yvonne to: (i) draft a list of possible Social Fund uses for Committee feedback and (ii) ensure the final agreed list is included in the May newsletter with voting options and information on how the Social Fund includes both Walk Partnership money and Walk Leader recce expense donations - DONE. - Sandra to investigate how to remove Barry Pottle's name from the list of bank account signatories - DONE – Malcolm is now our key contact. - Sandra to obtain some ball park figures for an overseas holiday and then assess interest – IN PROGRESS. <u>Re #3 Succession planning</u> - Sandra / Marjorie to flag succession planning in a future newsletter, including the list of Secretary tasks – IN PROGRESS – for July / August newsletter. <u>Re #5 AGM</u> - Yvonne to contact Women's Library re availability (November Saturdays from around noon) and prices - DONE. - Yvonne to contact Jeannie Cranfield re speaking and availability - DONE. <u>Re #6 Risk assessments</u> - Committee members to share recent example risk assessments to enable decisions as to what a Glasgow Group template should include - DONE. <u>Re #7 Reports</u> - Yvonne to ask Karine Davison ((N Strathclyde Area Footpath & Countryside Officer) to include Helen in future requests for access updates. - DONE - Yvonne to check with Mike McManus (N Strathclyde Area Treasurer) whether submitting expense requests under £10 without a receipt would be acceptable – IN PROGRESS. - TO NOTE – following the discussion during our March meeting around people who are members of a specific Ramblers Area but not a Group, Geoff contacted Ramblers web support to ask if this was the result of the information which Ramblers GB requires from new members. He was told that it is a recognised issue and is because some have been

	recruited by a special offer or at events and these have not been allocated to groups in the normal way. Apparently, as an attempt to address this, this year's Ramblers General Council AGM passed the following Motion: <i>"This General Council is concerned that many members are not allocated to a local Group and may therefore not be fully aware of the walking, volunteering or social activities available to them. General Council therefore calls on the Board Trustees to remove the Area Group (Group 96) membership option from an Area that does not organise activities at Area level if that Area requests it. Existing members currently allocated only to the Area Group in that Area should also be allocated to their local Group."</i>
3.	Succession planning - Yvonne reviewed the Secretary task list as provided by Sandra (see 'Reports'). They break down into: (1) correspondence; (2) AGM papers etc, which needs co-ordination with the Membership Secretary re mailings; (3) Group committee papers etc; (4) comms – Newsletter and Facebook; (5) co-ordinating walk risk assessments; (6) general support. - It was AGREED that: (1) there needs to be a named 'Secretary' role on the Group committee – functioning as one of the officers and for bank sign-off; and (2) Sandra should be included in future discussions about the role since she is the one who understands it best and so is best placed to advise on how to divide it. - Marjorie has been assisting Sandra with the Newsletter and agreed to take over the main responsibility for this. - Helen wondered if we could therefore have two roles: (1) AGM / Group committee; and (2) correspondence. She also asked if there could be reduction of the number of email addresses (Secretary@; info@; glasgowramblers@). Geoff thought secretary@ was a useful address from which to send certain messages but that info@ and glasgowramblers@ could be combined. - Yvonne noted that Secretary is not the only succession planning role which we need to consider. <u>ACTIONS</u> - Sandra to ensure this topic appears on the Agenda of our next meeting.
4.	Use of Walk Partnership money / wider Social Fund - Six Group members responded to Yvonne's Newsletter question about use of the money, all saying subsidise a coach, with four also saying it could be put towards a social event. - It was AGREED that we should therefore consider a bus trip. - Yvonne noted that she had been quoted around £800 for a day's coach trip to Ayrshire in 2025 – much of the cost is for the driver. - Anne has been on bus trips with Glasgow Health Culture Walkers – they charge £10 and have two walk grades. There was some discussion over the amount which we could charge and It was AGREED that £10 would be a good way to trial a bus trip because it is a fairly small amount, so if there isn't enough interest then it's unlikely to be due to cost. Malcolm pointed out that £10 would go a good way towards paying for the trip if 30+ people attended. - There was also discussion of previous bus trips which have had to be cancelled due to lack of interest – it was AGREED that the walks would have to be really appealing and, probably, linear and difficult for people to manage in other ways. - Yvonne highlighted the need for walk leaders. - It was AGREED to sort out walks and then decide when to run the trip – probably in 2027. <u>ACTIONS</u> - Yvonne to speak to Terry re: asking walk leaders for destination ideas; and when. - Marjorie to contact bus companies for rough prices – one day, maximum 90 minutes drive to destination.

5.	AGM - Yvonne has booked the Glasgow Women's Library, Bridgeton for Sat Nov 14th. - The format will be: 10-12.00 walk ending at the library; 12.00 lunch, followed by AGM business (c30 mins) and speaker. - Yvonne has been in touch with Jeannie Cranfield (Ramblers Scotland Community Development Officer) as a potential speaker – she has given a tentative yes. We will therefore need a back-up plan – another speaker or ourselves – Anne wondered if Group members might be willing to talk about good holidays or travels. <u>ACTIONS</u> - Yvonne to follow up with Jeannie Cranfield.
6.	Risk Assessments - Helen described how, following circulation of a few completed Glasgow Group risk assessment forms as exemplars, googling showed many Ramblers groups have adopted online forms which eliminate the problem of people having to email them to someone (currently Sandra) and that person being responsible for saving them for three years. These forms vary in both method and detail, with one from Hertfordshire Ramblers seeming a good model. She had drafted a template as a basis for discussion but only sent this to Yvonne and Sandra in the first instance. - Anne thought that an online form which just asked people to click answers shouldn't be too daunting. - Yvonne asked where they would go? Geoff said they could be stored on the website. - Helen wondered if it would be possible to set up a risk assessment form like a questionnaire in something like Survey Monkey which could then be uploaded. Geoff thought it probably could. <u>ACTIONS</u> - Geoff to ask some of the Ramblers Groups who use an online form how they do it. - Helen to circulate her draft template.
7.	Reports (taken as read – and included at the end of this document) <u>a. Chair</u> - Yvonne provided a verbal update. AGM – covered above (#5). Pitlochry trip – appears to have been a success: 31 participants; eight walks; sociable group meal. - Yvonne asked for discussion of future Group holidays - a Scottish weekend / foreign holiday. Sandra has been working on options for the latter but it's already clear that it would be more expensive than the Autumn 2025 Spain trip. Helen wondered if just joining something like a UK Holiday Fellowship holiday might be an alternative – she is aware of another local walking group which does this. She will ask whether they get reduced rates for early group booking. <u>b. Treasurer</u> - Malcolm noted that the quarterly funding (main a/c) and Walking Partnership (social a/c) monies had been received. - Geoff enquired about higher than usual recce expenses – this was due to Pitlochry recces <u>c. Membership secretary</u> - In Frances' absence it was noted that her report showed no change in membership since our last (March) meeting. <u>d. IT/website</u> - No report and no comments.

	<u>e. Access and countryside</u> - Helen noted a very recent message from Jessy Field (GCC Outdoor Access Officer) reporting no progress on reinstating the Local Access Forum due to difficulties getting the nominated Councillors agreed. - Following the 27th May Ramblers Scotland Access Sub-Committee meeting, Gavin Corbett (Ramblers Scotland Policy Manager) has spoken with Helen about a fairly low-level drive (emails) to identify those in local Groups with interest, but not necessarily expertise, in access. <u>f. Secretary</u> - In Sandra's absence, her report was noted and it was agreed that we should ask if she could follow up the possibility of someone from the South Glasgow Heritage and Environment Trust as a future speaker – potentially for the 2026 AGM if Jeannie Cranfield is not available, otherwise more theoretically for a future AGM. <u>ACTIONS</u> - Helen to check out Holiday Fellowship rates etc. - Sandra to follow up the possibility of someone from the South Glasgow Heritage and Environment Trust as a future speaker.
8.	Walks and events programme <u>a. Walks Programme</u> - Terry was absent and Committee members noted gaps in the summer walks programme. <u>b. Any incidents or anything to report</u> - None. <u>c. Events programme</u> - Pauline Wernick is hoping to have the summer lunch on Friday 17th July – potentially Seamill Hydro.
9.	AOCB None.
10.	Next meeting Thursday 3rd September at 7pm - zoom.

SUBMITTED REPORTS

Chair

Yvonne’s updates from 26 March to 4th June 2026 will be given verbally at the meeting.

Yvonne Flynn - 1st June 2026

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Treasurer

A copy of balances and transactions from 22nd March to 2nd June 2026 was provided for the Committee and is available upon request.

Malcolm Martin – 2nd June 2026

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Membership Secretary

Since 26/03/26, membership figures are as follows:

Joiners:	New to Ramblers	24
	Members who have moved to Glasgow Ramblers	0
	Members who have moved to the Area	0
	Reinstated / Rejoining members	1
	Total joiners	25
Leavers:	Members who have resigned	13
	Members whose membership has lapsed	9
	Members who have moved Group	1
	Members who have left the Area	2
	Total Leavers	25

On 29/05/26 the total membership for Glasgow Ramblers is **363**, no change from the last Committee meeting in March 2026.

Frances Arthur – 29th May 2026

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IT Website

No update for this meeting.

Geoff Der - 1st June 2026

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Access and Countryside

Locally - still no news on the to-be-reinstated Glasgow Local Access Forum. I emailed Jessy Field (GCC Access Officer) a few days ago and have had no reply.

Ramblers Scotland - I attended my second meeting on 27th May. It still feels very overwhelming with other members who have been involved for years. But it's also quite interesting - topics including new Scottish Government manifesto commitments (including for core paths on OS maps); the power of the farming lobby; how to deal with 'repeat offenders' re denying access via barbed wire, locked gates, etc; and how to raise understanding of access issues among Ramblers members.

Helen Sweeting – 27th May 2026

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Secretary Report / Correspondence

- 1) Invite to Castlemilk Park Steering Committee. We did not attend.
- 2) Walking Partnership
 - a) Payment for departure dates from 1/11/25 to 30/4/26 circulated
 - b) Response from newsletter question. Six responses in total, all saying subsidise a coach. Of the six, four also suggesting contribution to a social event.
- 3) Note that the South Glasgow Heritage and Environment Trust are hosting a Magnificent 11 Heritage and Environment Walk. This could be a possibility for future speaker.

4) Secretary Tasks

Group point of contact

- Email accounts glasgowramblers@gmail.com and info@glasgowramblers.org.uk delete, reply, forward emails (mainly to Membership Secretary) as required. Far fewer from Ramblers as they now send out their correspondence to all volunteers. Many are junk mail wanting to improve our website, I block and delete these. Also get emails from walks and events where organisers aren't using email, they default to the info@ address. Respond and forward as required.
- Compile and send out papers for committee meetings
- Compile and send out papers for AGM

Communication

- Newsletter, write articles, compile and distribute via email. Also PDF copy to Geoff for
- the website
- Facebook, when walk leaders share their walk photos
- No longer engage with Twitter

Access to Insight

- Our members details, addresses emails etc. Used for sharing correspondence like newsletters and AGM papers. Only Secretary and Membership Secretary have access. This could be an issue when splitting up tasks.
- Our walk leader training
- Membership Secretary information

Support

- Risk Assessments, retain for three years options being discussed at next committee meeting
- Blog, for those not doing their own (around 4 walk leaders contact me)
- Committee as required
- Events as required

Mailing

- AGM papers
- Magnificent 11 leaflets (we still have 100s of these)
- Very occasionally walk programmes

Finance

- Signatory for bank account
- Update, sign and approve as required

Walking Partnership

- Group contact, circulate twice a year to committee members

Sandra West - 2nd June 2026