

Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Ramblers Association

Strathkelvin Group

Held at Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare Club in Joe Cooke Room

On Monday 14th November 2022 @ 7:00pm

Present: James Lawson; Carol Jakar; Rena Scott; Robert Cloggie; Archie Leishman; Evelyn Leishman; Alan Hughes; Rose Shaw; Pauline Andersen; Anne Wilkie; Stuart Ferguson; Joyce Northide; Alan Gemmell; Robert Bain; Ella Corbett; Aileen McLay; Elke Hinton; John Hinton; Matt Millar; Marion Mycett; Mary Brown; Maggie Nuttley; Moira Lang; Joan Darling; Margaret Gibb; Iain Walker; Martha Thom; Rosemary McHugh; Marjory Dunn; Christine Cameron; Neil Kitchener; Hugh McFarlane; David Kennedy; Mary Murphy; S Meiklejohn; Bob Cole.

1. Welcome: Jim welcomed everyone to the 30th Strathkelvin Group AGM and the first to be held in person since Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed.

2. Apologies: Barbara Martin; Shirley Cowan; Jenny Burgon; Caroline Logan; Ann Martin; Christine Duffy; Frank Duffy; Mary Rock; Hilary Sneddon; Ann Bain; Gordon Brown; Mary Campbell; David McKenzie.

3. Introductions: Notification of the 30th Strathkelvin AGM was emailed to members. Those without email were sent notification of the AGM by post.

The booklet on your seat contains the Agenda, Minutes of 29th AGM, 2022 Annual Report (includes Social, Footpath and Treasurer's Reports). Please note the page numbers are at the top of each page.

4. Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting: These were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Neil Kitchener; Seconded by Martha Thom.

5. Matters Arising: None

6. Chairperson's Report on behalf of the Committee:

The report list all the current members of the committee and the Programme Subcommittee.

Social Events have resumed commencing with Christmas Lunch at the Glazert House Hotel on Sunday 12 December 2021. Please see page 11 for Social Events Report. Special mention of the work and generosity of Neil and Christine in organising 'DOON THE WATER' trips in their canal boat.

Both the High Walks and Short Thursday Walks have a walk every week. However, easier Saturday Walks are still proving a problem due to a shortage of walk leaders. The Programme Co-ordinator is issuing walk details on a weekly basis and the Webmaster adds them to Ramblers Walk Finder.

The Footpaths Report shows what is being done regarding local paths.

Discussion on Annual Report – a long discussion of the issues around walks and suggestions put forward by members took place – e.g., lack of easy walks on Saturdays.

Members asked if Neil and Christine would be doing canal excursions next year. Looks Like they have a fan club.

Robert presented the Treasurers Report and Accounts which show our finances are healthy and answered members questions.

7. Motions:

Motion 1:

Increase in Car Mileage Allowance - It is proposed that the Car Mileage Allowance, which was last raised in 2016, be increased to 12p per mile, with a maximum charge of £12.00 in the light of increased motoring costs in the interim period.

Proposed by Neil Kitchener, seconded by Anne Wilkie.

Following a short discussion on the motion an alternative motion was proposed:

Motion 2:

It is proposed that the cost of car sharing be left to the driver and passenger/s to agree on,

Proposed by Phil Hyde, seconded by David Kennedy

After a lengthy debate motion 2 was put to the vote and lost.

Motion 1 was then put to the vote and carried.

8. Election of Committee Members and Representatives:

ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Position	Candidate
Chairperson	James Lawson
Vice Chairperson	Vacant
Secretary	Martha Thom
Minute Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Robert Bain
Programme Co-Ordinator	Neil Kitchener
Social Events Co-ordinator	Christine Kitchener
Membership Secretary	Stuart Ferguson
Transport Convenor	Robert Bain
Access Officer	James Lawson
Halls Convenor	Barbara Martin
Webmaster*	Vacant
Ordinary Member	Anne Wilkie
Ordinary Member	Marjory Dunn
Ordinary Member	Pauline Anderson

- Archie Leishman did not seek re-election but has agreed to help maintain the Web Site.

Independent Examiner

Richard Britton

Proposed by Matt Millar and seconded by John Hinton

ELECTION of GROUP REPRESENTATIVES to NORTH STRATHCLYDE AREA COUNCIL

Position	Candidate
Representative 1	Vacant
Representative 2	Vacant
Representative 3	Vacant

ELECTION OF GROUP REPRESENTATIVES TO SCOTTISH COUNCIL

Position	Candidate
Delegate	James Lawson
Observer	None

Proposed by Elke Hinton and seconded by Mary Murphy

All the above were elected unopposed with no dissent from members present.

The Chairperson congratulated Pauline Anderson on being elected as an Ordinary Member and all those re-elected.

9. Break for tea / coffee and home baking.

10. Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)

Notifications:

North Strathclyde Area AGM is on Saturday, 28th January 2023 @ 10:00 for 07:15 start and is a face-to-face meeting at The Frazer Centre, Milngavie.

Scottish Council AGM is on Saturday, 4th March 2023 and is a face-to-face meeting at The Stirling Court Hotel.

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting thanking the committee for all their hard work throughout the year in keeping the Group functioning. Those leading Walks, organising Social Events. A special thank you for Ella and her team for providing refreshments.

Finally thank you to members for attending the AGM.

11. Close: 09:00 pm

James Lawson (Jim)

Strathkelvin Ramblers Chairperson