

Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Ramblers Association

Strathkelvin Group held Online Using ZOOM

On Thursday 10th December 2020

Present: James Lawson. Ann Martin, Neil Kitchener, Christine Kitchener, Mary Rocks, Barbara Martin, Stuart Ferguson, Joan Darling, Evelyn Leishman, Archie Leishman, Marjory Dunn, Ian McCallum, Martha Thom, Mary Brown, Matt Millar, Maggie Nutley, Ann Bain, Robert Bain, Anne Wilkie, Hillary Sneddon, Bob Cole, Iain Walker.

1. Welcome: Jim welcomed everyone to the 28th Strathkelvin Group AGM and introduced our speaker, Jeannie Cranfield from Ramblers Scotland.

2. Apologies: Pauline Anderson, Frank Duffy, Christine Duffy, John Hinton, Elke Hinton, John McDonald, Rosemary McHugh, Mary Campbell, Harry Corbett, Ella Corbett, Aileen McLay, David Mackenzie, Gordon Brown.

3. Introductions: Jim this year's AGM is different. It is the first Strathkelvin Ramblers AGM to be held online making use of ZOOM. Jeannie Cranfield from Ramblers Scotland is also kindly hosting the AGM. The booklet containing the agenda, 2019 AGM Minutes, Annual Reports and Accounts was emailed to members. Those without email were sent a letter by post.

4. Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting: These were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Barbara Martin; Seconded by Ann Martin.

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.

Walking and Social Programme (including Short Walks) was devastated by the Covid-19 Rules. Hopefully the walks and social events will take place at a future date when we are freed from the restrictions. They were relaxed slightly in September 2020 but only for walks. The hotel in Oban going bust was a blow.

Question – Can Ramblers advise a safe way to book group trips to prevent money being lost if a company goes into liquidation.

Answer – Not much Ramblers can do. I personally would use a Credit Card or take out insurance in future. I would never prebook a holiday using a cheque again.

Training Ramblers were running a few courses on-line.

Communications – our website has proved its worth along with email (we would like to have an email for all our members) it makes getting in touch so much easier. Articles in Kirkintilloch Herald Pinterest page on our walks worth reading.

Scottish Council at North Berwick took place just before the Covid-19 restriction and as always was a hectic agenda but provides a chance to influence Rambler's policy and network.

The Treasurers Report and Accounts shows our finances are sound. The Footpath Report and Social Reports give details of what was achieved before Covid-19 restriction came into force.

7. Motions: None

8. Election of Committee Members and Representatives:

Election of Committee Members and Officers:

ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Position	Candidate
Chairperson	James Lawson
Vice Chairperson	Vacant
Secretary	Vacant
Minute Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Robert Bain
Programme Co-Ordinator	Neil Kitchener
Membership Secretary	Stuart Ferguson
Transport Convenor	Robert Bain
Footpaths Officer	James Lawson
Halls Convenor	Barbara Martin
Webmaster	Archie Leishman
Ordinary Member	Martha Thom
Ordinary Member	Anne Wilkie
Ordinary Member	Marjory Dunn
Ordinary Member	Ann Martin
Independent Examiner	Richard Britton

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	Archie Leishman.
Observer	James Lawson

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

The Chairperson thanked Liz Paterson who was not seeking re-election for the work down on both the Committee and Sub-Committee. Ann Martin for all the work done as the Group Secretary and Anne Wilkie for work done as Group Membership Secretary. Both Ann Martin and Anne Wilkie were staying on the committee as Ordinary Members.

The Chairperson congratulated those re-elected and Stuart Ferguson our new Group Membership Secretary. Welcome aboard.

9. Speaker from Ramblers Scotland: Jeannie Cranfield

Jeannie gave an update on Ramblers.

Topics covered included

Access – Windfarms new construction and entrance roads, Hill Tracks, New Planning Bill, Access Officer Courses, Maps and getting ALL paths shown (starting with Arran and West Dunbartonshire), Paths for All funding for paths, etc, Active travel, future courses – H&S vs Access; Responsible Access; walk leader courses – First Aid – Navigation, Rural Areas, New Brand,

10. Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)

Notification: North Strathclyde Area AGM is on Thursday, 21st January 2021 @ 07:15 for 07:30 start.

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting thanking Jeannie Cranfield for the interesting talk/update on Ramblers and the members for attending.

11. Close: 08:20 pm

James Lawson (Jim)

Chairperson Strathkelvin Ramblers