

Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Ramblers Association

Strathkelvin Group

Held at Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare Club in Joe Cooke Room

On Monday 13th November 2023 @ 7:00pm

Present: James Lawson; Martha Thom; Rosemary McHugh; Marjory Dunn; Mary Rocks; Carol Jakar; Iain Walker; Archie Leishman; Evelyn Leishman; Matt Millar; Stuart Ferguson; Rose Shaw; Margaret Gibb; Denise Rodger; Anne Stevenson; David Kennedy; Pauline Andersen; Hazel MacFarlane; Elke Hinton; Geraldine McCann; Christine Cameron; Barbara Martin; Bob Cole; Joyce Northide; Caroline Logan; Mark Hamilton; Gillian Bentley; Alan Gemmell; Jenny Burgon; Neil Kitchener; Anne Wilkie; Alan Thomson; John Hinton; Robert Bain; Ella Corbett; Aileen McLay.

1. Welcome: Jim welcomed everyone to the 31st Strathkelvin Group AGM and the second to be held in person since Covid-19 restrictions were relaxed.

2. Apologies: Alan Hughes; Rena Scott; Robert Cloggie; Ann Martin; Ann Bain; Lyne Ralph; Christine Corson.

3. Introduction:

- Notification of the 31st 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 30th AGM, 2023 Annual Report.
- As requested at last AGM there is a microphone this year, also papers are printed on A4 to make it easier to read and the page numbering made clearer.
- Asked that everyone please add their name to the Attendance Register (Sederunt)

4. Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting: These were accepted as a true record. Proposed by David Kennedy; Seconded by Christine Cameron.

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.

It is good that there is a full walk programme for High Walks and Thursday Walks. However getting a full programme of low-level walks is still proving to be difficult.

Social events – Lots of events all well supported e.g. Christmas Lunch, Christine and Neil once again run a series of successful canal trips on 'The Duckling'.

Getting finance for paths improvement at Milton-of-Campsie was discussed at length.

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

7. Motions: None

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 Cameron
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 is maintaining the Strathkelvin Website in the short term until a new Webmaster is found.

Independent Examiner

Richard Britton

Proposed by Iain Walker and seconded by Matt Millar

ELECTION of GROUP REPRESENTATIVES to NORTH STRATHCLYDE AREA COUNCIL

Position	Candidate
Representative 1	Vacant
Representative 2	Vacant

ELECTION OF GROUP REPRESENTATIVES TO SCOTTISH COUNCIL

Position	Candidate
Delegate	James Lawson

Proposed by Margaret Gibb and seconded by Christine Cameron

Observer David Kennedy
Proposed by Elke Hinton and seconded by Jenny Burgon

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

The Chairperson congratulated and all those re-elected.

9. Break for tea / coffee with Biscuits, Etc.

10. Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)

Notifications:

North Strathclyde Area AGM and Members Walk 2024

The AGM of North Strathclyde Area of the Ramblers Association will be held on Saturday 20 January 2024 at 10 am for 10.30 am in the small hall at The Bridge (entry point), Helensburgh Parish Church

Scottish Council AGM & Event 2024

Will take place on Saturday 16th March 2024 at the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld.

The 2024 Scottish Ramblers Gathering

The Isle of Bute from Friday 26 April to Monday 29 April 2024.

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