

Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Ramblers Association

Strathkelvin Group

Held at Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare Club in Joe Cooke Room

On Monday 18th November 2024 @ 7:00pm

Present: James Lawson; Barbara Martin; Christine Cameron; Carol Jakar; Marjory Dunn; Rose Shaw; Mary Murphy; Bob Cole; Stuart Ferguson; Archie Leishman; Evelyn Leishman; Moira Lang; Alan Gemmell; Steve Cartwright; Geoff Bell; Gillian E Lang; Jenny Burgon; Jim Dougall; Eileen O'Donnell; Neil Kitchener; Elke Hinton; Rosemary McHughes; Aileen McLay; Martha Thom; Ella Corbett; Alan Hughes; Iain Walker; Robert Bain; Pauline Andersen; Gillian Bentley; Marion Myatt; Margaret Gibb; Anne Wilkie; Anne Stevenson; John Hinton.

1. Welcome: Jim welcomed everyone to the 32nd Strathkelvin Group AGM and asked members to either switch off or mute their mobile phones.

2. Apologies: Ann Bain; Caroline Logan; Alan Thompson; Hazel McFarlane; David Kennedy.

3. Introduction:

- No fire alarm is planned so if the alarm goes off then please leave quickly.
- Notification of the 32nd Strathkelvin Group AGM was emailed to members.
- The booklet on your seat contains the Agenda; Minutes of 31st AGM held on Monday 13th November 2023; copy of the 2024 Annual Report.
- The AGM papers are printed on A4 to make it easier to read.

4. Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting: These were accepted as a true record. Proposed by John Hinton; Seconded by Christine Cameron.

5. Matters Arising: None

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

The report lists all the current members of the committee and position/s held.

While it is good that there is a full walk programme for High Walks and Thursday Walks it is regrettable that there is a shortage of walk leaders for Low Level Walks.

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

Getting finance for paths improvement at e.g. Milton-of-Campsie was discussed. Please note if bidding for finance from 'Paths for All' for path work that they do not approve of styles as not everyone can use them.

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

First Aid Training – Neil requested a show of hands off those interested in attending – 20 plus members raised their hands.

Question – where can we walk locally – no car - discussed at length.

Pocket Mountain Books suggested for information on local walks eg.

40 Favourite Walks – Lanarkshire – Pub 2023

40 Favourite Walks – The Campsies and The Kilpatrick Hills – Pub 2022

7. Motions: None

8. Election of Committee Members and Representatives:

ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS & INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Position	Candidate
Chairperson	James Lawson
Vice Chairperson	Neil Kitchener
Secretary	Martha Thom
Minute Secretary	Pauline Anderson
Treasurer	Robert Bain
Programme Co-Ordinator	Neil Kitchener
Social Events Co-ordinator	Christine Cameron
Membership Secretary	Stuart Ferguson
Access Officer	James Lawson
Halls Convenor	Barbara Martin
Webmaster	Robert Bain
Ordinary Member	Marjory Dunn
Ordinary Member	Jim Dougall
Ordinary Member	Geoff Bell
Ordinary Member	Gillian Bentley
Independent Examiner	Richard Britton

Proposed by Christine Cameron and seconded by Moira Lang

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 Anne Stevenson and seconded by Martha Thom	

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

The Chairperson congratulated all those elected.

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

10. Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)

Notifications:

North Strathclyde Area AGM and Members' Walk 2025.

The AGM of North Strathclyde Area of the Ramblers Association will be held on Saturday 25 January 2025 at 10 am for 10.30 am in the Craigieburn Suite (downstairs smaller hall), Cumbernauld New Town Hall.

Scottish Council AGM & Event 2025.

The Merchants House in Glasgow on Saturday 15 March 2025. Registration will open on Eventbrite from 13 December 2024 and you'll receive all the details by email.

The 2025 Scottish Ramblers Gathering,

Will take place in Rhu near Helensburgh from Friday, April 25 to Monday, April 28.

Presentation of Card & Gift Voucher to Ella Corbett – The Card and Gift Voucher are our THANK YOU to Ella for many years spent organised the catering at Strathkelvin Ramblers events like AGMs. It was very much appreciated by the members who enjoyed the refreshments.

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 to Gillian Bentley and her team for providing refreshments tonight. Finally thank you to members for attending the AGM.

11. Close: 08:35 pm

James Lawson (Jim)
Strathkelvin Ramblers Chairperson