

DUNCANRIG RAMBLING CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 13th March 2023 at 2 pm at Secretary's Home.

Present: Ken Murray (Chairman), Andy Bennett, Mike Casey, Marion Davidson, James McGowan, Linda Mullen, David Sawer, Ronnie Taylor. Co-opted: Cathie McGrillan (Auditor)

1. Apologies for Absence: None

Auditor's Report: Accounts completed satisfactorily. Increase in Bus Booking Fee recommended.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Committee Meeting: 23rd January 2023. Proposed by James, seconded by Ronnie.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes:

Item 4.2 AGM venue confirmed as Westwood Baptist Church. Gratuity of £50 agreed.

Item 4.7 Reply sent regarding carrying of throw rope

4. Reports from Office Bearers:

1) President: Continuing excellent support from members and visitors for our fortnightly walks.

2) Secretary/ Membership/Correspondence: Membership remains at 84. Driver's Gratuity will remain at £30 per outing.

3) Treasurer: Bank Balances: Treasurer's Account £3,322.04: Business Banking Account: £9,717.15 including May Weekend & Mallorca monies. Annual interest of £5.25 received and no cash in hand. Coaches continue to run at a loss despite being well supported.

4) Bus Convenor:

5th February: *Largs*: 46 members plus 2 visitors: no call-offs: 28 Club 20 Ext Total Cash: **£628**

19th February: *Achrie Toll*: 48 members plus 5 visitors: 4 call-offs: 36 Club 13 Ext Total Cash: **£633**

5th March: *Garvald*: 52 members plus 1 visitor: no call-offs: 30 Club 23 Ext Total Cash: **£680**

The last 3 walks have averaged 51 on the coach with average of 31 on Club walk and 18 on Extended walk.

5) Route Spokesperson: Recces for the next few walks are complete. Any problems have been resolved.

19^h March: Yetts o Muckart – Recces completed – no issues

2nd April: Gifford: Extended walk reced. Club walk requires second recce.

16th April: Loch Leven Recce organized for 23rd March

14th May: Lochgoilhead: Recce arrangements in hand

28th May: Glen Tilt: In hand but leader may need to be contacted

May Weekend: Recces completed. Day 2 Extended Walk will be weather-dependent.

6) Social Convenor: Hot roll with tea/coffee provided from Club Funds on 25th June, Langholm Walk. Linda will liaise with Gordon.

- 7) **Health & Safety:** Medical cards to be distributed to members.
 - 8) **Photography, Website & Facebook:** Domain name of www.duncanrig.com will soon cease. Renewal of www.duncanrigramblers.co.uk will be due shortly. Minutes of Committee Meetings will be uploaded to website.
 - 9) **Almoner:** Card sent to member who had recent hospital stay.
5. **Social Events:**
- a) **May Weekend:** There are now 37 in the group. Recce completed. Awaiting invoice from hotel.
 - b) **Trip Abroad:** Confirmed for 8-15 September with Jet2 from Glasgow to Palma staying at the Pollensa Park Hotel, Puerto Pollensa, Mallorca. There are 33 members plus 3 visitors confirmed in the group. Andy is devising the walking programme
6. Arrangements for the AGM: Venue confirmed. Paperwork will be sent to members including change in Constitution to Item 7: Bus Booking Rules as agreed. Committee will recommend the Bus Booking fee be raised to £15 for members and £17 for visitors. Annual Membership will remain at £20. Treasurer is demitting office. Announcement will be made on coach seeking a replacement.
7. **AOCB:** None
8. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 22nd May 2023