

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION – WIRRAL GROUP

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 05 MARCH 2018

The Merebrook, Bromborough commencing 19.30hrs

Present:	Gordon Clarke	Chairman	(GC)
	Lyn Francis	Joint General Secretary	(LF)
	Linda Starkey	Membership Secretary	(LS)
	John Ackerman	Treasurer	(JA)
	Josie Nichols	Bookings Officer	(JN)
	Terry McKenna	Website Manager	(TM)
	Angie Holmes	Rambles Secretary	(AH)
	Helen Clarke	Committee Member	(HC)
	John Baker	Committee Member	(JB)
	Sue Martin	Committee Member	(SDM)

1. Apologies for Absence received:

Brenda Jones	Vice Chairman	(BJ)
Alice Cutts	Joint General Secretary	(AC)
Marcela Bellenand	Social Secretary 2	(MB)
Berny Goodheart	Committee Member	(BG)
Keith Morris	Footpaths Officer	(KM)

2. Approve Minutes previous meeting held 05 February 2018

Agreed as a true record. Proposed SM seconded TM

3. Matters arising from Minutes

None

4. Officer's Reports

See attached document.

5. Implementation of password access to route descriptions

TM reported that work was now ongoing to create the Route Descriptions archive on the website. The intention is that this will be "live" as soon as possible with access being restricted to Wirral Ramblers via a password. SM asked that once the huge task of archiving the Sunday Coach route descriptions had been completed consideration be given to the feasibility of creating an archive of Wednesday walk route maps.

6. New Leaders Handbook

Review of the Leaders Handbook and allied Ramblers Association guidance notes is continuing.

7. Venue for Christmas 2018 disco

The venue has now been confirmed as Wirral Rugby Club, Thornton Common Road on Friday 14 December 2018.

8. Review of committee roles

Documents for all Committee roles have now been created and these roles are now being reviewed in detail.

9. Purchase new microphone for Club nights

JA proposed that the use of the R.A.F.A microphone be tested at the upcoming Club night. If the trial was successful the committee felt that in principle it was better to use this existing equipment rather than purchase a new microphone.

10. Organisation of leadership/navigation course

The navigation course will be run by SM on Saturday 21st and Saturday 28th April at The Scout Hut, Eastham Rake. The course will be primarily aimed at “C” and “D” walkers and Saturday 21st will comprise a morning session covering an introduction to map reading and use of a compass. The afternoon will be a short walk from the Scout Hut to practice these skills. The 28th will be an all day session following a route through the Cheshire countryside.

A leadership course also being considered subject to a sufficient level of demand.

GC to send a group email to promote the navigation course and the information will also be shown the website.

GC/TM Action point 01/03/18

11. Review Action Log

The log was reviewed, and all items were either complete or on schedule.

12. Any other business

GC will publicise the new “Old Roan” pick up point in his next monthly group emailing. The information will also be available on the website.

GC Action point 02/03/18

JN queried the use of the emergency mobile no. on the coach. This was rarely used and a discussion ensued around setting up an alternative emergency telephone protocol. To be continued at the next committee meeting.

New Spring/Summer programme cards now available for collection from the usual points – Clubhouse, Sunday Coach and Wednesday Walks.

Confirmation date of future committee meetings and of the AGM 2018

9 April, 14 May, 4 June, 2 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November.

AGM 29 November

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.

Signed:

Gordon Clarke
Chairman

Lyn Francis/Alice Cutts
General Secretary

Officers Reports attached