

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION – WIRRAL GROUP

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 5 November 2018

The Merebrook, Bromborough commencing 19.30hrs – Approved

1. Approve Minutes previous meeting held 1 October 2018

Agreed as a true record. Proposed Committee Member (B). Seconded: Web Manager

2. Matters arising from Minutes

None.

3. Officers' Reports

See attached document.

4. Use of club reserves

The Treasurer reported that the club general reserves currently stand at £8,000. The Ramblers Association direct that our reserves should not exceed £5,500. The Treasurer explained that our overheads have dropped in recent years and this was likely to continue. He proposed that in light of the excess reserves, charges be dropped for Wednesday Walkers from 1 January 2019. This was agreed.

5. Coach Programme Spring/Summer 2019

The Rambles Secretary presented the coach programme for Spring/Summer 2019. It was agreed it is a good balanced programme and was approved. The Rambles Secretary will now request leaders for the programme.

Action point 01/11 2018 6. Clubroom programme

The Spring/summer 2019 clubroom programme is almost complete. The treasurer asked for the organisers to be reminded that we do have the funds to pay for speakers if required.

Action 02/11/2018

7. First aid training

The web Manager and Committee Member (D) reported on their investigation into the provision of first aid courses to club members; there are a few viable options. It was agreed to defer a decision as to which course to go with until the next committee meeting.

The Web Master also reported back on his investigation into the provision of first aid kits to club members. He offered a couple of options it was agreed to go with the small kit which is

approved by Ramblers Association. It was also agreed that these kits will be offered free to all walk leaders across the club. They will also be offered to all club members at cost.

Action 03/11/2018 8. Donate a Gate

It was agreed that the Chair and Footpaths Officer will approach Robin Tutchings, Wirral Rights of Way Officer to discuss the possibility of instigating a Donate a Gate scheme or something similar in Wirral.

Action 04/11/2018 9. Hoylake RNLI

It was agreed that the Club will make a Donation to Hoylake Coast Guard station to mark our appreciation of their assistance to one of our members following a recent accident.

Action 05/11/2018 10. Leader's Handbook updates

A couple of comments have been received following recent publication of the revised Leaders Handbook. The points raised were discussed but it was felt that they were adequately covered by the Handbook and no amendment is required.

11. Disco Update

It was confirmed that ticket sales are progressing well. As there is a month until the Disco hopefully more tickets will be sold.

12. Dates for next year's committee meetings

It was agreed that the date for the first committee meeting of 2019 would be Monday 7th January. Committee Member (D) will book the current venue (The Merebrook, Bromborough) for that date.

Action 06/11/2018 13. Procedure for updating circulation lists

The Chair confirmed that he updated the main circulation list when notified of changes to members' details.

14. Review Action Log

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

15. Any other business

It was agreed that the Footpaths Officer should attend meetings of the Wirral Green Space Alliance on behalf of Wirral Ramblers and report back to the committee.

The Chair reported he had received a letter from a club member thanking all the club volunteers for their hard work in keeping the club running so effectively.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:20.

Confirmation date of the AGM 2018 and next committee meeting

AGM 29th November next committee meeting 7th January 2019

Signed:

Gordon Clarke
Chair

Lyn Francis/Alice Cutts
General Secretary

Officers Reports attached

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OFFICERS' REPORTS

Bookings Officer

October was a good month with 50, 51, 44 and 53 places taken on the coaches for Sedbergh, Tintwistle, Orton and Llangollen respectively. We even had to close the waiting list for Llangollen.

The Treasurer:

No report

Vice Chair

No report

Social Secretary (2)

November event: Indoor climbing in Liverpool at Awesome Walls.

Plus, a cinema outing Bohemian Rhapsody and dinner at Wetherspoons

December: Christmas disco Heswall Squash Club.

Rambles Secretary

The Spring/Summer 2019 programme is ready for presentation to the November committee meeting.

Membership Secretary

Three new members joined during the month of October. Total membership stands at 756.

Footpaths Officer

In September, our members completed the second annual survey of all rural and semi-rural footpaths on the ROW network in Wirral. Steve Martin has completed an analysis of the results to establish the extent of any improvements made following our first survey which has been submitted to the Chair and myself. It's pleasing to report that these surveys confirmed that the general standard of provision and maintenance of ROWs in Wirral is high. I will agree with the Chair how we should follow up our members work and Steve's report with the council and particularly to ask for action to be taken on the matters we consider to be a priority, particularly where no action has been taken following our first report.

I submitted an objection on behalf of the group to the Wirral B.C. Local Plan - Development Options Review focussing on the impact it would have on local walkers, visitors to the area, loss of amenity and recreation etc.

Through the Chair I was approached by the Wirral Green Space Alliance, an energetic campaigning group representing around 15 local and Wirral wide preservation societies including The Wirral Society and Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces that are currently coordinating responses to the Development Options Review. I have been copied into the responses from some of the groups which are highly professional.

I believe it appropriate for us to become a member of this group and am proposing to attend the next meeting at Irby Library at 18.30 on 8 November. We have a common cause with them and it helps to raise the profile of our group. One or two other committee members may wish to join me or provide cover for me if I'm unable to attend future meetings.

Website Manager

No report

05/11/2018