

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION – WIRRAL GROUP

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 1 October 2018

The Merebrook, Bromborough commencing 19.30hrs PENDING APPROVAL

1. Approve Minutes previous meeting held 2 July 2018

Agreed as a true record. Proposed: Footpaths Officer. Seconded: Social secretary 2.

2. Matters arising from Minutes

None.

3. Officers' Reports

See attached document.

4. Christmas Disco

It has been necessary to change both the venue and date of the Christmas disco. The Christmas Disco will now take place at the Heswall Squash Club on Saturday 15 December 2018. Tickets are now available priced £10 which includes a buffet.

5. Constitution

The draft Wirral Ramblers Constitution has now been revised to reflect various points previously raised by the committee. It was agreed that it should be presented to the AGM for members' agreement. If the members agree it will then be forwarded to Area to be presented to their AGM in February as Area has to agree its adoption.

Action point 01/10 2018

6. AGM

The Chairman's monthly group email included information about the proposed motions for the AGM and the forthcoming vacant committee posts. Also, nomination forms for committee posts. This information will also be available at the usual points and on our website.

7. Reports for the AGM to Chair

Members were reminded that their reports for inclusion in the AGM Agenda booklet should be with the Chairman A.S.A.P.

8. Proposals re Bequest

The Website Manager outlined the response from Plas y Brenin to his request for information about potential courses. They are flexible about about the type of course (first aid, navigation, hill walking and leadership) length and location. It was agreed to pursue more information about first aid course and investigate offerings from other organisations. The Chairman reported that he is continuing to investigate ways of marking the memory of the member who has left a bequest to the club.

9. Emergency telephone protocol Sunday coach

There was lively discussion about the protocol. This subject is to be discussed further at a future meeting.

10. The Wirral Housing Plan

The Footpaths Officer outlined Wirral Councils plan to build 12,000 houses over the next 15 years and the potential impact on Green Belt land and footpaths. This plan is currently the subject of a public consultation. It was agreed that the Footpaths Officer will submit a response to the Consultation on behalf of Wirral Ramblers expressing our concerns over the loss of Green Belt land and footpaths.

Action point 02/10 2018

11. Review Action Log

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

12. Any other business

Committee Member (D) reported that the 2018 Footpath Watch is virtually complete and will be passed to Robin Tutchings shortly. It was noted that the Footpath Watch has shown that some of the issues reported to Robin Tutchings last year have been remedied thus demonstrating that this is a worthwhile exercise.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:40.

Confirmation date of future committee meetings and of the AGM 2018

5 November. AGM 29 November

Signed:

Gordon Clarke
Chairman

Lyn Francis/Alice Cutts
General Secretary

Officers Reports attached

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION – WIRRAL GROUP

Committee meeting held: 1 October 2018

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Bookings Officer

Overall, the coach bookings have been disappointing in September. A full coach for Dinas Mawddy, was followed by 45, 39 and 37 seats taken for Grasmere, Castleton and Barbon respectively. But we had 55 on the Amlwch coach which balanced out the numbers for the month (average of 46 per coach).

The Treasurer

The Treasurer presented the unaudited accounts for the year to 30th September 2018. These show a surplus of £1,594. Coaches produced surplus of £568, the clubroom £89 and Wednesday walks contributed £472. Ramblers Holiday commissions were £170. The General Reserves of £8,039 are adequate. In the year we received a legacy of £15,000 of which we have spent £270 on ID key rings; the balance is held in a restricted reserve.

Vice Chairman

No report

Social Secretary (2)

September event: Kayaking on Liverpool docks. It rained all the time but we had a good time even though there were only 5 of us.

October event: Ice skating in Deeside Leisure Centre. A few bookings already

November event: Indoor climbing probably in Caernarfon plus lunch.

December: Christmas disco Heswall Squash Club.

Rambles Secretary

The Spring/Summer 2019 programme is underway and will be ready for the November committee meeting.

Membership Secretary

In September 6 people joined Wirral Ramblers. The total membership at the end of September stands at 757.

Footpaths Officer

No report

Website Manager

The new programmes for the Sunday Walks, Wednesday C Walks and Social have been added to the website. An additional 80 or so Route Descriptions in respect of 2017 and 2018 to date, have been added to the Sunday walks RD archive.

01/10/2018