

Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group

Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Fat Cat, Sheffield
May 13th 2019
7.00pm

Present - Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Peter Robinson, Treasurer. Julie Sweeting, Walks Co-Ordinator. Tracey Lyne, Socials and Weekends Away Co-ordinator

Apologies: Bev Kenyon, Group & Membership Secretary. Jez Kenyon, Website Editor.

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of March 11th 2019

Proposed by Julie as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Peter. Wayne will ask Bev to not abbreviate as much, so anyone else reading the minutes can understand them.

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

None

3. Chairman's Report

Area meeting

Wayne and Jez attended the meeting also at the meeting where the Footpath officers and Footpath Committee. The Bradfield project is now under way this has proved to be difficult to organise due to trying to co-ordinate 30 volunteers from all the Sheffield groups, also the fact that the Council said at the last meeting on the 22nd Feb there was no money left in the budget till April, Ramblers agreed to pay for materials. Jez has put info on our website on who to contact at the council, if they spot a path issue. Peter, who is managing the country walk, said it was a pity to ruin so many ancient walls to put in kissing styles. Farmers in area have agreed with work.

Right of way meeting was in Deepcar, to pour over maps, with Rights of way officers from the council, to talk through issues. Network rail do not want to have to maintain the walkways and bridges, would prefer to close these to walkers. Derwent edge was repaired, but very badly, the council blamed poor contractors, but agreed to use better contractors next year.

Wayne went to the 70th Celebration of the Park act, this was starting at the Castleton YHA, Countryfile where filming, with Matt Baker, there was quite a few other groups in attendance, with at least 150 people present, even some in w/c's, and partially sighted, going up to Hollins Cross for a short 3 miles. This appeared on their Sunday show.

The celebration walk by our group on 27th April for the National Parks Act from Hope was cancelled due to poor attendance and bad weather. The event went ahead with about 300 attending.

4. Secretary's Report

All membership records are up to date. As at the end of April we have 247 active members and continue to see new faces on walks, there are 11 still pending payment.

If we get any bounce emails, after sending out an email, just put the contact into 'do not email group' for me to deal with and delete the email.

Bev can log on to this but continue to be unable to see any information for our group. Bev has had several telephone conversations with Ramblers membership team, but the problem has still not been solved - will try again this week. At the moment we still get a monthly spreadsheet with member details so it's not an immediate problem.

5. Treasurer's Report

Peter has applied to Area for our basic allocation and received this.

There is £1743.00 in the general account, we received £349.00 this was our allocation.

Peter has been in touch with David Gadd to get more info as he was very disappointed at the poor handover from Jill. Gave Tracey a list of which members had paid for the two upcoming weekends away.

6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report

Since the last meeting, there have only been two gaps in the walks calendar, with 4 walks being cancelled because of low numbers or bad weather. The annual Wednesday night walks have started again. The walk leader reports are coming in better; with over 75% (52 walks done and 39 reports received) Bev did a sterling job of covering the walks program while I was on holiday. The current calendar looks a little sparse but planning a walk leaders meeting soon.

7. Social Co-ordinator's Report

Past events: the pub crawl round Neepsend in April was a success, with 18 attending.

New events on calendar: Coming up 17th and 18th May Barrow Hill Festival, 19th to 21st July is Tramlines, 13th to 15th Sept Cleethorpes Rail ale festival.

Coming soon: There will be a Meal and/or pub crawl in June. Also coming soon is the Rising 'Sun Fest' Beer and Cider festival. We are planning a short walk round Rother Valley, followed by sports events and a barbeque.

Peter has a walk to Flambourgh Head on Sunday 7th July to see the reserve at Bempton Cliffs (to see the sea birds nesting with chicks) we are looking into the cost of putting a coach on for this event. Wayne will contact the Sheffield ramblers who organise coach walks to see if anything can be learned.

8. Weekends Away Co-ordinators Report

Past events: Jersey weekend away was 4-6 May, with 28 attending, thanks to Mark for organising this.

New weekends on the calendar

- 28-30 June will be Dent (member organised event by Colin)
- 7-9 Sept will be Llandudno (organised by Tracey)
- 11-13 Oct will be Leyburn (member organised event by Anne)
- 29 dec-2 Jan will be Whitby for New Year (organised by Tracey)
- 14-19 Mar 2020 will be a week in Madeira (member organised event by Ze)

9. Web Editor's Report

The website and email system are ok at the moment, there is a possible problem with large pictures on the gallery, though I think sometimes this is due to timing out, because they take so long to download. Have changed the gallery pages, on a small screen (such as a phone) you will only see the last 12 months, on a larger screen you will see 24 months, but at the bottom is a link to the whole gallery if you want to see this.

I have removed the Forum link from website.

10. Further Items for Discussion

No items for discussion

11. Any Other Business

Julie: There was an email about more first aid training, did not pursue this as struggled to fill the places last time. Maybe look into the possibility of Intermediate Navigation training later on in the year.

12. Date of Next Meeting

July 8th at the Fat Cat, 7.00 pm.