

Helensburgh and West Dunbartonshire Ramblers 25th AGM

Held in Helensburgh Parish Church on

19th November 2022 at 2pm

Present

27 members attended.

Trish thanked everyone for coming along, and welcomed John Urquhart to our meeting.

1. Apologies – Mike Carder, Bernadette Devine, Peter Knox, Maureen McDiarmid, Karen Hill

2. Minutes of the AGM held 27th November 2021.

No Comments on the minutes.

The minutes were proposed by David Clark and Seconded by Kevin Craddock.

3. Convener's Report

Trish reported that the group had another successful year and thanked David Reid for providing group statistics for several years. David is stepping down from this role.

The walk leaders are doing a great job but we are always looking for some new volunteers.

The monthly programme is working well and thanks to Mike Carder as Programme Coordinator and Mike McManus for emailing it out to all members. Thanks also went to Idris Scott for keeping the website up to date and publishing the walks.

The informal WhatsApp group continues to be a good way of communicating regarding walks, photos and transport sharing etc.

Trish reminded us that members meet for a coffee in Riverhill in Helensburgh on a Monday morning and all are welcome.

Last December we had a walk followed with a meal and then again in the summer which everyone enjoyed. There will be a New Year walk/meal in January 2023.

The weekend in Carrbridge went well despite the weather being a bit wild. Thanks to Ian for organising this.

Trish thanked David for volunteering to take over as Convenor.

4. Treasurers Report

Ian explained the workings of the two accounts and mentioned that leaders should claim for recce expenses.

Alan Dow asked if there was a form for expenses and Ian said that there was a template and it was better to claim after each recce had been done.

Copies of the yearly accounts were available for members.

TREASURERS REPORT 2021-2022

After 12 months of a full walks programme we are in a healthy financial situation with adequate reserves.

MAIN ACCOUNT.

The year finished with a balance of £986.43 in our Main Account against £1108.08 in the previous year which again shows our reserves are high.

Therefore, for the coming year we have elected not to receive Group Funding from the Ramblers.

Expenditure of £121.65 was higher than last year's total of £62.95, mainly due to Room Hire charges with the resumption of face-to-face meetings.

Publicity and programme printing costs remained low as we continue to distribute by email.

SELF FUNDING ACCOUNT

We finished the year with a balance of £390.35 against £540.45 for last year. This reflected further support of social events and day walks.

Ian McCall Oct 2022

Treasurer – Helensburgh & West Dunbartonshire Ramblers.

The accounts were proposed by Idris Scott and seconded by Richard Schooling

5. Ordinary Motions

Mary reported that there had been no submissions for these posts.

- a) Group business
- b) Motions to the Area Annual General Meeting
- c) Motions to the Scottish Council

6. Elections

Trish Schooling is stepping down as Convenor and Kevin Craddock is stepping down as Access and Footpaths Officer.

David Clark is willing to take on the Convenors role. All other committee members are happy to continue and we welcome 3 new committee members, Bernadette Devine, Peter Knox and Pat Anguelov.

The committee members were proposed by Alan Dow and Seconded by Christine Clark.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner(s)

Suzanne Caldwell is still happy to continue as independent examiner for the group.

8. Election of Representatives to:

- a) Area Council: - There were two vacancies for this post. Mike McManus will continue with one of the posts. There were no submissions for the second.
- b) Scottish Council: - No nominees for this post.

9. Membership

Despite having some lapsed memberships we also have new members so numbers remain much the same as last year. At the beginning of the year we had 106 members and at the end of the year 109.

10. AOB

The Area AGM will be held on Saturday 28th January in the Fraser Centre in Milngavie.

Dawn asked about the independent examiner and Ian explained that an independent examiner for the accounts had to be appointed before the end of the financial year.

David Clark thanked Trish for all her hard work on the Committee and presented her with some flowers and a voucher on behalf of the group.

John Urquhart gave a talk and slide show on the work of the Helensburgh and District Access Trust and The Friends of Loch Lomond. David thanked John for his talk and gave a donation from the group towards his work.

Everyone was invited to have a cup of tea or coffee and a cake.