

**Minutes from
Helensburgh and West Dunbartonshire Ramblers Group Committee Meeting held in
Helensburgh Parish Church, 10th October 2024 at 7pm.**

Present

Committee Members

Sheena Arendt, Mike McManus, David Clark, Idris Scott, Pat Anguelov,

Group Members

Peter Knox, Fiona MacPherson, Roy Lewis, Miles Walsh, Alan Dow

1 – Apologies

Mike Carder, Ian McCall, Bernadette Devine

David thanked everyone for coming.

2 – Minutes

No comments.

Minutes were proposed by David Clark and seconded by Mike McManus.

3 – Matters Arising

The walk meal in Doune and the buying of First Aid kits are still ongoing.

4a – Treasurer

Ian was unable to attend the meeting but has emailed his report.

The Annual Accounts 2023-2024 have been submitted to the Area Treasurer on 5th October. Accounts were also submitted to the External Examiner Suzanne Caldwell and currently awaiting approval.

The Main Account stands at £912.73 (last year £745.43) and the Social Account is at £435.35 (last year £295.35)

4b – Access Officer

Pat said that the only issue that she was aware of at the moment is that the Helensburgh to Balloch path is still blocked.

4c – Membership Secretary

This time we are 2 members down bringing the total to 97.

4d – Secretary and

4e – Group Chair

David had received emails including “Where to access support” and “Links to training Queries”.

There were emails regarding running introductory walks and recruitment (see A.O.B).

The walk magazine will now be sent digitally. Some members at the meeting were not very keen on this.

5 – Publicity

The Community Advertiser as always is still doing well advertising our walks.

6- Events

Some members have just returned from our annual outing to Pickering. This went well and was enjoyed by the participants.

It was suggested that we should have another walk/meal before Christmas.
Our AGM. will be held on the 9th November in Helensburgh Parish Church at 2pm.

7- Walks programme

The walks programme is coming along as usual although there were a couple of gaps in September.

8 – AOB

David had made members aware of the vulnerability of our group due to the difficulty in finding committee members and new walk leaders. Several will be needed to keep the group running.

Mike C has indicated that he will be stepping down as Walk's Programme Coordinator at the AGM.

Jeannie Cranfield has emailed with some suggestions including – roles in the group being shared, becoming a flexi group, a sub group, or perhaps join another group.

The group discussed how this should be addressed.

Social media encouraging new members was suggested but it would need someone to manage it. This could be done by a member who does not necessarily walk regularly. A meet up group or using the 'Over the Hill' WhatsApp group may be easier to manage.

This will be further discussed at the AGM with the possibility of recruiting new walk leaders and committee members.

It was felt that starting up the Walk Leaders Meeting again may be beneficial to the group. It was thought that a letter rather than an email inviting members to the AGM might attract more people, and they will hopefully attend.

9 – Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be set at the AGM.