



Minutes of Plymouth Ramblers Committee Meeting at Down Thomas

Saturday 11 January 2025, 2.00pm

Attendees: - David Bricknell (Secretary), Richard Cockroft (Treasurer), Sue Dyson (Social Secretary), Janet Gordon (Chair), Jenny Goss (Footpath Officer and minute taker), Lisa Hughes (Webmaster), Olwen Knowles (Membership Secretary), Sarah North (Walks Secretary).

Apologies: - Bev Dickinson, Charles Greenlees, Tony Hoskin

1. Janet opened the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves for the benefit of the new committee members.
2. Appointment of Treasurer- Richard Cockroft – proposed by Janet, seconded by David.

AP-Charles to be contacted for a handover/how to access funds and confirm who are signatories.

AP-Lisa needs to pay mailerlite but not sure how? Social account to be used as an interim measure until procedure confirmed.

AP- Need to establish how the social fund and treasurers fund can be used (i.e., can organised PR holidays be put through treasurers' account?).

3. Appointment of Walks Secretary – Bev Dickinson – proposed by Sarah, seconded by Sue.

AP-Janet to check how to add committee members and terminology with 'Ramblers'.

4. Minutes of 2024 AGM approved.
5. Minutes of Sept 2024 meeting approved.

AP-David to check constitution rules around voting/proposing/seconding new members and how many of the core '3' members have to attend each meeting.

AP-minutes from committee meetings to be added to website from now onwards. Data protection rules to be checked.

AP-Lisa to create a separate email address for Janet.

6. Treasurers report and accounts (see Agenda). Question was raised as to whether the money raised from RW Holidays could go to the social account?

7. Reports (see Agenda)

- (a) Membership Secretary- 310 members at present. Olwen to email list of new people to David every month. A new member has requested to only be contacted by post? welcome letter to be issued but directed to website thereafter as issuing by post is not cost effective.

AP-Olwen to find out if personal email addresses of members can be shared with committee?

- (b) Walks Secretary-training held in November successful with outdoor/practical training to follow. All trainees have been registered. Any walks being cancelled should give 24 hours notice.

AP-email to all members offering the follow up navigation training – possible leads Simon Gent/Steve Martin? Janet/Jenny to contact Helen at Tavistock Ramblers to arrange navigation day.

- (c) Rights of Way Officer – nothing to report, next meeting March.

- (d) Social Secretary – 25 people attended the Christmas lunch which was very successful. Christmas Carol walks were also well attended. Sarah thanked Sue for the excellent programme.

- (e) Publicity -NA. Ron Smith does not usually attend committee meetings.

- (f) Webmaster -Lisa's action was to find a platform to share docs, this is ongoing.

8. Training – walk leader covered above. First Aid possible further course, to be free to walk leaders then other members to pay?

AP-Janet to investigate first aid course, and if the Outdoor Partnership could provide funding.

9. AOB

- Cost of hiring room for meetings can be covered by Ramblers, although most were happy to pay small contribution.
- 90th Anniversary of Ramblers – suggestions for celebrations included walks of varying lengths then lunch at the Burrator Inn/Plume of Feathers or similar, possibly a joint venture with other groups (i.e., Tavistock). Skittles evening.

AP – Sue to check with Burrator Inn, Richard with Plume of Feathers.

- Reminder to members to nominate PR when booking holidays with Ramblers worldwide.
- Tim Spray (Devon Area Footpath Secretary) is holding a meeting regarding Group parish balance and ongoing viability. David and Jenny to attend.

10. Date Time and Venue for next meetings

- (a) Sat 5th April 10-12am East End Development Trust Community Centre, (David to confirm address)
- (b) Sat 19th July 10-12am, location TBC
- (c) Sat 20th Sept 10-12am, location TBC

Meeting ended 15:50pm. Thanks to Sue for hosting.