



**Minutes of Plymouth Ramblers Committee Meeting at Queen Annes's Quay, Flat 31,
Parsonage Way, Plymouth PL4 0LY**

Saturday 12 July 2025, 9.30 am.

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

Apologies: none.

1. Janet opened the meeting.
2. Approval of minutes from April meeting and matters arising: -

Minutes approved.

Matters arising: -

- Use of social fund and treasurers' account (i.e. group holidays) – Janet, Sue and Richard to hold a separate meeting to discuss/review account records, look at audit and scrutineers' requirements.
- Sharing of members email and phone numbers -future trips to state that email/phone numbers will be shared with committee. Olwen holds details and could forward a full list to a committee member if needed.
- First aid course – TBC
- PR holidays – investigations ongoing
- Committee meetings – time/day of week to be varied to suit. Saturdays not convenient for all. Zoom to be used on occasion.
- PR holidays-much discussion over how best to organise in future. One option could be that these are advertised by members but booking directly with holiday company to avoid payments to social account.
- Badges-metal pin badges no longer available, pens and stickers only. Woven PR badges could be purchased from an independent company. * **AP**-Jenny to investigate.
- Demographics-it is thought PR information is limited to male/female, Ramblers Head Office hold further details. ***AP** – Olwen might have access to age, disability?

3. Treasurers report and accounts –report issued with agenda. Budget and how to spend it was discussed, several ideas put forward: -
 - Committee meetings to be at a paid venue (i.e. Life Centre).
 - Recci walks, could claim petrol money but this could be costly over 12 months etc.
 - Travelling costs for other meetings that committee attend on behalf of PR (i.e. footpath officers meetings)
 - Walk leader training – pay professional.
 - Subsidising social events
 - First aid kit for walk leaders ***AP** – Janet to source cost.
4. Reports
 - (a) Membership secretary- 318 members to date.
 - (b) Walks secretary- report issued with agenda. Bev raised concerns over the lack of walks (see AOB). Evening walks very well attended.
 - (c) Rights of way-Dartmoor Way Focal points are carrying out their quarterly checks. Nothing further to report.
 - (d) Social secretary – report issued with agenda. Last supper popular this year. Sue is standing down at the end of the year. **AP**- role to be advertised.
 - (e) IT lead-report issued with agenda.
5. PR walking holidays
 - Pembrokeshire great success with many photos posted on facebook. Games and catering appreciated by all who attended.
 - Rhossili-16 out of 18 places filled. Possibility of refunds for the remaining unfilled places. Catering options to be considered nearer to the trip date.
6. Devon Area members day 20 September- David and Bev attending.
7. Date of next meeting – Tues 9th or 16th September. ***AP** – David to book venue and confirm time.
8. AGM-Monday 3rd November, Derriford Church Hall, Powisland Drive, PL6 6AJ. Agreed keep to this venue. Food options to be discussed at next meeting and last year's attendance numbers to be confirmed. ***AP**-Hall to be booked.
9. **AOB**
 - Brian Steele books-committee happy for link to the Plym Ramblers website. ***AP**-Lisa to check details with Brian Steele.
 - Walks library-David has an example from South Hams group which we could use going forward.
 - Social events – encourage members to organise 'one-off' events of particular interest to them personally. (i.e. Ron Smith -breakwater trip)
 - Social secretary – role to be clarified.

- New walk leader guidelines issued with agenda, contents to be discussed at a separate meeting, stats from Lisa needed beforehand ***AP** – David to organise v zoom. UPDATE – 30 July 1900 hrs.
- Sunday walks to be promoted. Drive in September when people are back from holiday. Reminders to be issued each month. Question raised if we should have a 'booking system' for each walk to record attendees/phone numbers etc?
- Charles zoom licence -ex gratia payment agreed.
- Olwen volunteered to organise xmas meal again.
- Last supper-re-sale table suggested, details regarding payment to be discussed at next meeting (i.e. donation to PR or to owner ?)

Meeting closed 11:40. Thank you to David for hosting.