



Minutes of Plymouth Ramblers Committee Meeting at Jenny's

Monday 6th October 2025, 4pm-6pm

Attendees: - David Bricknell (Secretary), Richard Cockroft (Treasurer), Jenny Goss (Footpath Officer and minute taker), Lisa Hughes (IT lead), Bev Dickinson (Walks Secretary), Anthony Hoskin (member/ temp chair)

Apologies: -. Janet Gordon, Olwen Knowles, Sue Dyson.

1. Tony welcomed everyone to the meeting and agreed to act as chair. Lisa joined on zoom.
2. Minutes of July meeting approved.

Matters arising:-

- First aid course -TBC
 - Badges-Olwen has sourced an example badge for use on T-shirts/hats etc. Committee loved the design and asked if Olwen could pursue options and prices.
 - Demographics – NFA
 - First aid kit for walk leaders -TBC but agreed in principle.
 - Social Secretary –***AP role to be advertised***
 - AGM – Hall is booked. Food to be bought in from Morrisons (or similar).
 - Brian Steele books-NFA
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3. Treasurers report and accounts.
 - Report is ready for the scrutineer.
 - Accounts-currently the social fund account is held separately to the main account, concerns raised over the amount of payments for social events and the bookkeeping involved as a result. If amalgamated the social fund could swamp the main. Proposal- in order to reduce responsibility for social sec is for the organiser of events and holidays to have a cash book and pay monies into a separate account.
 - The Committee ratified the decision taken by email to delete the following non-committee signatories from the bank mandate with Unity Bank: Charles Greenlees, Valerie Galer, Sarah North, Janet Pryer, Stephen Whitney.

***AP-issue of PR holidays TBC**

4. Reports-(a) Walk Secretary/Walk leaders qualification – attached/below (b) Membership secretary – attached (c) Rights of way officer-attached (d) Social Secretary -attached (d) IT lead- attached (e) Chair-

Rhossilli bunkhouse - 15 people in total joined the trip. The trip was ultimately undersubscribed due to unexpected last minute changes. Thankfully all came together well in the end and we were an eclectic group with a couple of new faces. We had great weather and were able to walk every day and swim most plus it was good to get to know some new people.

Walk leader training - I have been in contact with Tavistock ramblers re: their plans for a training day for November 2025, similar to the joint event with PR last November. Having spoken with them about PR activity to reconcile our 'true' walk leader list, they are postponing their plan with a view to organising a joint event with PR early 2026.

Navigation and map reading - practical training. I have made enquiries with Simon Hall - suggested by the last person we used for our navigation training but who is no longer doing it. Simon has dates available January and February - I suggest late February – and potentially later - for weather and day length reasons.

The cost is £150 per day for a group of up to 15, plus £50 per day for use of Powdermills - a venue he normally works from and I think we have used before. We have enough money to cover the cost, and I think in principle should commit this expense - possibly 2 days. Richard suggested committing the money would help with us not carrying a surplus in our account and avoid having any clawback.

If we want to go ahead, suggest it's offered conditionally to people who have done the online training, to supplement this and provide the necessary practical training, knowledge and confidence to actually lead a walk.

First Aid training - I still have contact but not made a recent enquiry. What priority does the committee think this should take? A combined offer with the navigation so we are offering a holistic programme - or stand alone? Don't have an up-to-date cost for this but would imagine similar the walk leader.

***AP Navigation and first aid training for consideration by committee.**

5. AGM-David to send out papers etc by end of Oct.

***AP – microphone – enquire at church (David). Refreshments to be bought in from supermarket (cater for 40-45 members, last year 35 signed register) (Janet ?). Register and pens (Jenny).**

AOB-

6. South Hams Way 11/10 launch to be emailed to members.
7. AGM to be added to website homepage.
8. Social secretary's records are with Richard.
9. Walk leaders – add to AGM agenda for open discussion.
10. Sept drive for walks/Incentives for walk leaders? what are the barriers TBC
11. Pie Walk-Bev wished to organise group outing and will investigate costs.

Meeting closed at 17:40. Committee thanked Jenny for hosting.

Next meeting AGM – Monday 3rd November, Derriford Church Hall 7.30 pm. Next committee meeting - TBC