

	Present Marjory Anderson (MA), Terry Cassidy (TC), Geoff Der (GD), Yvonne Flynn (YF), Gareth Morgan (GM), Helen Sweeting (HS), Sandra West (SW).
1.	Apologies Frances Arthur (FA), Barry Pottle (BP). The Committee wish to put on record our very best wishes for Barry Pottle's recovery and thoughts for his family. <u>ACTIONS</u> SW to arrange a card for Barry from the Committee.
2.	Minutes of Committee meeting held on 13th May 2025 a - Accuracy as record of meeting - Those present agreed that the record was accurate and could be approved and uploaded to the website. b - Matters arising (ACTION points from 19th March Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda) <u>Re #2 Minutes of May Committee meeting</u> - HS to amend March 2025 minutes re bus trip payments and RWH Travel payments and send to GD to post on website - DONE. - SW / YF to discuss the idea of remembering Catherine Watt's life during the Mag 11 anniversary walk – IN PROGRESS – SW will contact Alan Watt and arrange to meet. - GD to investigate / address Glasgow Ramblers website issues: (i) the placing of the walks list; (ii) visibility of the three lines (to see webpage tabs on the mobile version); (iii) possible Cotswold discount on the home page; (iv) clearer information on joining Ramblers; (v) remove text re twice yearly programme – IN PROGRESS. (i) A test of shifting the walks list from right to left on the large screen version in order to show it at the top of the page on phone screens looked odd so GD will move the list to the main section of the page, save as a draft and circulate to the Committee for comments. (ii) GD will need to contact the Ramblers GB's IT team re the colours / visibility of the three lines. (iii) GD noted that the Cotswold discount should appear on the list of benefits for members. This prompted discussion of whether we are aware of / listing all member benefits. YF agreed to ask Ramblers Scotland / GB for a full list which should then be promoted via the Newsletter and listed on the Glasgow Ramblers website. (iv) The main webpage now includes a link for joining Ramblers. (v) Text re a twice yearly programme has been removed. - SW / FA / TC to consider post-AGM walk – DONE – SW has spoken to FA who is happy to lead a walk. SW noted that if AGM numbers are similar to last year's then we may need two walk leaders. TC agreed to do this and to contact FA re a recce if necessary. <u>Re #3 Social and other events</u> - YF cancel the September trip with the bus company - DONE. - SW email those who had expressed interest in the trip and also include information on the cancellation in the June newsletter - DONE. - YF / others to approach members re attending the first aid course – DONE – SW reported that we now have 12 planning to attend. <u>Re #4 Social media / communication</u> - YF / SW to include feedback on the communication survey in the June newsletter - DONE. <u>Re #5 Succession planning</u> - MA and SW to work together on the comms handover to MA – DONE – the Committee has agreed that the newsletter should be circulated every two months (rather than monthly); MA and SW will work together on the next one. - All to raise committee membership and particularly the IT/website and Access Officer roles during walks – IN PROGRESS. TC noted that IT/website is the most difficult position

	because it requires particular skills; a few names were suggested. GD reported that he has been tutoring the new person responsible for Cunninghame Ramblers' IT / website. YF thought getting involved in our Glasgow Ramblers' website with GD tutoring would be a good opportunity for anyone interested in developing their IT/content management skills. It was agreed all Committee members should (continue to) raise committee membership and particularly the IT/website and Access Officer roles during walks. <u>Re #6 Governance – role of Groups and Areas in Scotland</u> • BP to circulate his notes from the 13th May Ramblers Scotland meeting on the role of groups and Areas - DONE. • SW to ensure Governance is included as an agenda item for the next group committee meeting - DONE. <u>Re #7 Reports</u> • TC to buddy new member as walk leader when appropriate – DONE – TC helped post the walk information and accompanied this member on the recce and walk. • GD to set up a Walk Leader Resources section on our Group website – IN PROGRESS. GD pointed out that there already is a Walk Leader section. YF asked if it could include links to recent Ramblers training videos; GD agreed to do this. It was also agreed that Committee members should keep a watching brief in respect of anything which would be useful on this page. • SW to include info on use of Ramblers Worldwide Holidays ('walk partnership') financial contribution towards the costs of hosting the first aid course in the Annual Report – IN PROGRESS. See Agenda item 5 below. <u>Re #8 AOCB</u> • BP to check out Teams access via our current free "Microsoft for Non-Profits" membership – IN PROGRESS – YF has access to Zoom which she can use to set up meetings in BP's absence. <u>ACTIONS</u> • HS to finalise May minutes and send to GD to post on website. • SW to contact Alan Watt and arrange a meeting to discuss, among other things (see #6 below), ideas of how to remember Catherine Watt's life. • GD to: (i) move the walks list to the main section of the page, save as a draft and circulate to the Committee for comments; and (ii) contact the Ramblers GB's IT team re the colours / visibility of the three lines. • YF to ask Ramblers Scotland / GB for a full list of member benefits; MA / SW to include this info in the Newsletter; GD to update list of member benefits on website. • TC to contact FA if it seems like a second AGM Walk Leader will be required. • Committee members to (continue to) raise committee membership and particularly the IT/website and Access Officer roles during walks. • GD to include links to recent Ramblers training videos on Walk Leader section of website; Committee members to keep a watching brief in respect of anything which would be useful on this page.
3.	Succession planning • Discussed above (see bottom of page 1 - Re #5).
4.	Governance – role of Groups and Areas in Scotland • In the absence of BP and with no updates from Ramblers GB, this was not discussed. It was agreed that it should be retained as an agenda item.. <u>ACTIONS</u> • SW to ensure Governance is retained as an agenda item.

5.	Use of Ramblers Worldwide Holidays ('Walk Partnership') Money - Glasgow Ramblers receives a financial contribution every time one of our members books a holiday with RWH Travel. - The Committee had previously discussed this money both going into the 'Social Fund' (separate from the main bank a/c) and contributing to payment for the first aid course. Ramblers GB guidance is that social funds be used for day walks, holidays and socials. SW has spoken to some other groups who have used theirs for things like gates on walks for which they have a particular interest / involvement. Both BP and GD had recently expressed an opinion that social fund money should not be used for training. - YF emphasised that we must report on what the money has been used for, since some who have contributed to it (via their Ramblers Worldwide Holiday payments) have asked about this. It was agreed that since the first aid course falls within the current (2024-25) budget, the RWH fund could be legitimately used towards the costs of hosting the first aid course in Sept. However, given the RWH funds will be transferred to the Social Fund in future, we might need to rethink how best we use this money going forward in order to meet the Social Fund criteria. <u>ACTIONS</u> - SW to include info on use of RWH financial contribution towards the costs of hosting the Sept 2025 first aid course in the 2024-25 Annual Report.
6.	Reports <u>a. Chair</u> - No report and no comments. <u>b. Treasurer</u> - No report. - There was discussion on how to deal with the finances in BP's absence. SW and GD are both signatories so could authorise payments. It was agreed that SW should ask Alan Watt (previous Treasurer) what the role entails. - GD wondered where requests for recce expense refunds went? It is to BP's personal email. It was agreed that in BP's absence, Walk Leaders should be asked to send requests to Treasurer@ which GD could arrange to access. - It was agreed that SW would inform the Area Treasurer of BP's current absence. - YF noted that we may need someone to stand in and prepare the annual accounts. <u>c. Membership secretary</u> - No comments. <u>d. IT/website</u> - No report and no comments. <u>e. Access and countryside</u> - No report. - YF noted that she has still not heard from Jessie Field (GCC) who has agreed to let YF know when she has set up a Local Access Forum. <u>f. Secretary</u> - Re numbers update: (i) first aid – it was agreed that SW would email all 12 who have expressed interest as a reminder and to check availability; (2) Pitlochry – TC has heard that accommodation is already fairly limited. YF noted that numbers are now quite high (32 plus two non Glasgow Ramblers members, also at least four regulars not on list) and that we now need to close the list. YF will now contact all who have expressed interest in order to confirm numbers for social events. <u>ACTIONS</u> - SW to ask Alan Watt what the Treasurer role entails. - TC to ask Walk Leaders to send recce refund requests to Treasurer@; GD to arrange to access this email account. - SW to inform the Area Treasurer of BP's current absence.

	YF to contact all who have expressed interest in the Pitlochry weekend order to confirm numbers.
7.	Walks and events programme <u>a. Walks programme</u> - TC reported that there are some thin patches in Aug and Sept – he has moved a walk to 9th August. He also noted that there are three consecutive Aug dates (14, 15, 16) with walks listed. It was agreed that this should not be a problem since the walks are all very different. <u>b. Walk Leader training</u> - It was agreed that training on a group basis (Ramblers videos plus discussion) would be useful; several Walk Leaders have said they would prefer this. - SW thought Ramblers GB may provide additional materials for group training sessions. - TC wondered how accreditation would work with group training? GM noted that the Ramblers GB email says Walk Leaders could get together to train, which suggests there must be a mechanism for accreditation in these circumstances. YF agreed to contact Ramblers GB about this. - YF noted that we need to sort a venue and date – the deadline is the end of the year. It was agreed that HS would contact the Pearce Institute about availability on Saturdays 29th Nov or 6th Dec. <u>c. Pitlochry weekend</u> - YF reported that Walk Leaders have been agreed. - TC wondered if there could be some sort of forum to discuss issues – e.g. accommodation. It was agreed that YF would set up a WhatsApp group for all who give their permission. <u>d. Any incidents or anything to report</u> - No incidents. - YF reported that a member had contacted her re other members, including Walk Leaders, leaving food litter on a walk. It was agreed that this may be because some people believe all foods and skins biodegrade quickly and that the best way to handle the issue would be to include information plus a reminder not to leave food or skins waste in the Newsletter. <u>ACTIONS</u> - YF to contact Ramblers GB re mechanism of accreditation for group-based Walk Leader training. - HS to contact the Pearce Institute re availability for Walk Leader training. - YF to set up a WhatsApp group as a forum for discussions / information about the Pitlochry weekend. - MA / SW to include biodegradability information plus a Newsletter reminder about not leaving food or skins waste.
8.	Request for our Group to host North Strathclyde Area AGM - SW noted that this would require us to arrange a venue and provide a walk. - GM explained that the Area AGM is usually the third Saturday in January; about 30 usually attend. - YF agreed to contact Glasgow Young Walkers to see if they have any ideas – otherwise we could repeat our Nov 2025 AGM venue (Pollokshaws Burgh Hall) and walk. <u>ACTIONS</u> - YF to contact Glasgow Young Walkers for ideas about the Area AGM – and if not then to inform SW so she can approach Pollokshaws Burgh Hall re availability on the third Saturday in January.

9.	AOCB • None.
10.	Next meeting • Re AGM – Monday 8th Sept 2025, 7pm. • Committee meeting – Weds 15th Oct – 7pm. • Via Zoom / Teams, depending on who they are arranged by.

SUBMITTED REPORTS

Chair

Nothing new to report

Yvonne Flynn July 2025

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Treasurer

Report not available due to unforeseen circumstances

Barry Pottle July 2025

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Membership Secretary

Since 13/05/25, membership figures are as follows:

Joiners:	New to Ramblers	19
	Members who have moved to Glasgow Ramblers	11
	Members who have moved to the Area	0
	Reinstated / Rejoining members	1
	Total joiners	31
Leavers:	Members who have resigned	16
	Members whose membership has lapsed	6
	Members who have moved Group	0
	Members who have left the Area	1
	Total Leavers	23

On 11/07/2025 the total membership for Glasgow Ramblers is **384**, this is an increase of 1 since the last Committee meeting in May 2025.

Frances Arthur July 25

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IT Website

No report.

Geoff Der July 25

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Access and Countryside

No report.

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Secretary Report / Correspondence

1. Numbers update

- First Aid Course = 12
- Pitlochry = 32, plus 2 non GR members, also at least 4 regulars not on list

2. Filming, scheduled for Meikle Bin walk

Did not take place as the walk was cancelled. There was brief discussion about doing it on another walk but this did not go ahead.

3. North Strathclyde Area

Completed the survey on knowledge sharing events.

4. Castlemilk Park LNR Steering Group

Sent our apologies as no committee member was available to attend.

5. Newsletter

Decision has been taken to change publication from monthly to bi-monthly.

Sandra West July 25