

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION CONWAY VALLEY GROUP AGM

9TH OCTOBER 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT/APOLOGIES

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KEVIN SLATTERY	JOHN PAYNE
JOANNA SLATTERY	JEAN FOULKES
ANDY WILSON	DEREK CUTHBERT
JEAN WILSON	MONICA
SHAUN LAYTON	HEIDI
CHRISTINE LAYTON	DOREEN WHITE
RUTH CONNOLLY	
DAVID CONNOLLY	
ROGER LEE	
MARGARET NORWOOD	
IRENE BARRATT	

Kevin gave an introduction to start the meeting and thanked Jean and Andy for providing hospitality to host the 2021 AGM.

MATTERS ARISING – NONE

WRITTEN REPORTS – NONE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kevin commented that there was not too much to report on over the last 12 months mainly as a consequence of COVID 19 restrictions and there had been little contact with COUNCIL regarding the general running of the association. Kevin remained verified as chairman of the Conwy Group.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT – JEAN

Jean provided a balance sheet and explained that total funds amounted to **£803.66** comprised of **£151.05** Self-Funded, £560.61 in Main account and **£92.00** restricted (Gate Fund donation to be refunded. The £92 in restricted funds could be refunded to the donors if they ask for their money back.

“As yet none of the donors of the donations adding up to £92 have asked Jean for their money back. What did take place, was that the lady who gave us £500 asked for, and received her money back.

Perhaps £92 could be refunded is nearer the mark”

Jean states that this leaves us with **£92** in a bit of limbo

Out goings comprised of **£55.28** for Flickr Account (group on line Photographs), **£16** for footpath Maintenance consumables and **£8** Recce expenses.

FOOTPATH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kevin reported that path work was generally carried out monthly but only 8 sessions had occurred this year due to COVID. 3 Stiles had been installed and another 3 repaired. Approximately 120km of footpath had been covered by the efforts of 8 (registered) volunteers leading to a work input total of 180-man hours.

There was good communication with Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) through several contacts and it was reported that CCBC viewed our Flicker Path work voters to assess what work we had carried out (Thanks expressed to Andy for input to the Conway Valley Ramblers' website. Reports are made back to Ramblers' Headquarters detailing works completed.

PROGRAM COORDINATORS REPORT

Andy reported that we had a quiet year with 14 walks and 1 away trip to Brecon Beacons and a trip pending for next year to Monmouthshire (hotel already booked). There was also the possibility of 2 nightly break opportunities being pursued further by Andy for the group>

Due to increasing bureaucracy and imposed requirements to input walk details multiple times Andy advised that he was no longer prepared to continue as Program Coordinator and that he was stepping down.

Group discussion followed regarding additional bureaucratic requirements imposed by national on the mandatory need for Leaders to do Risk Assessments and carry out Recces etc; a disclaimer in which individual members took their own responsibility for participation in group walks was proposed as an alternative resolution.

Regarding walks program there was now the additional request to input details for a third time to the "Group Walks & Event Manger" (GWEM) there being no direct link to automatically duplicate inputs from other area of data input.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT – NONE

Role may be adopted by Jean aligned to role as treasurer (see Appointment of Officers below)

Discussion evolved regarding possible membership consent by email to be personally be featured on Facebook Pages. There was an old Face Book page that required closing down (Andy?)

PUBLICITY OFFICERS REPORT – NONE

Margaret commented that she could pick up some of the role as activities increase but advertising in local papers proved erroneous particularly with timings etc. Possibilities of FACEBOOK publicity and how this could be managed and whether Leaders would be OK to have personal 'phone numbers published were discussed. Access to a group Facebook page and concerns regarding personal confidentiality were expressed as areas of concern.

It was suggested that we could have ONLY nominated Facebook Telephone contacts if individuals were happy to engage that role?

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were duly elected:

POST	MEMBER WILLING TO STAND:	PROPOSED BY:	SECONDED BY:
Chairman	Kevin Slattery	Margaret Norwood	Ruth Connolly
Programme Co-ordinator(s)	Joanna Slattery & Shaun Layton (*1)	Jean Wilson	Andy Wilson
Treasurer	Jean Wilson	Joanna Slattery	Shaun Layton
Secretary	Andy Wilson	Irene Barratt	Margaret Norwood
Footpath Secretary	Kevin Slattery	Dave Connolly	Margaret Norwood
Membership Secretary	Jean Wilson	Joanna Slattery	Christine Layton
Publicity Officer	Margaret Norwood	Ruth Connolly	Shaun Layton
Webmaster(s)	Joanna Slattery & Andy Wilson	Roger Lee	Irene Barratt
Committee	Dave Connolly & Doreen White	Christine Layton	Ruth Connolly
Auditor	Roger Lee	Joanna Slattery	Irene Barratt

***1 Joint role agreed BUT subject to further discussion between Shaun & Joanna.**