

South Gwent Ramblers

Minutes of the committee meeting held on

13 June 2000

Members present - Ken Phillips (KP), Ray Cantwell (RC), Fred Fee (FF), Val Clark (VC), Kath Sadler (KS), Keith Cooper (KC), Beryl Beer (BB), Andrew Wilmott (AM).

Apologies for absence from Adrian Sheehan

Minutes of last meetings

30 March 2000 - date wrong!

20 April 2000 - Val Clark was not present

Matters arising from the minutes

30 March

para 3a KP reports that Lower Wye Group have put the Rhossili coach ramble on their program and that they will liaise about special ramble in future.

para 4a BB thought that we should try to contact regular ramblers

who don't turn out for a while to see how they are. FF thought that we should contact long-standing members in serious cases for example when they were ill. KP will try to knock up some guidelines.

20 April

FF wished to co-ordinate a long and a short walk at a walk he is currently pre-walking. He will consult short walk leaders.

Area AGM see item 5 below.

Officers' reports

Secretary KP received much correspondence some of which was handed to interested Committee members - see attached list.

Treasurer BW was absent

Footpaths Officer RC

RC noted that John Ridley was still actively working on footpaths in the area. KC indicated that he was acting in his capacity as an Area representative and was now on the Welsh Executive. Adrian Sheehan had phoned KP to indicate that Area had received a letter from an RA member giving reasons as to why our group should not receive excess footpaths money owing to us from Area. Without seeing the letter no more could be done.

KP noted an obstruction met last week on a walk.

RC would like to see volunteers contact him to adopt a path. KC indicated that this was similar to pathcare and only require a spring, a summer and an autumn visit to the path to make sure that it was clear and in good condition. KP indicated that Matthew Hamar (MH - Countryside Officer for Newport) would be willing to take a group of volunteers out one evening to show them the ropes. KC said that he could cover paths close to his house (Cwmbrân). RC indicated that there were lots of paths in and around Newport. FF asked which ones needed looked after? **RC will invite MH to the next meeting .**

Rambles Officer AS was absent. KP informed us that Dinah Wallace had decided not to carry on organising the short walks. **KP will obtain a list of short walk leaders .** KC has a list of leaders' names and addresses and **will forward them to AS .**

Membership Secretary VC reported that the group is now 167 strong compared to 174 in MArch. She sent out lots of programs, has had 1 join and 1 rejoin. No up-to-date figures are available because of a computer malfunction.

Publicity Secretary KS continues to keep an eye on the provision of leaflets to libraries and noted that our poster in Tesco cyclically disappears and reappears - some sort of time allocation scheme presumably. BB noted that Rogerstone library was much more active recently, opening for longer and being better patronised; it had no leaflets. **KS will investigate. FF has still to obtain copies of posters .**

Area AGM KP reported that AS went to an Area meeting and

spoke to Kieron O'Hagen about the proposals for our organisation of the Area Ramble. Kieron concurred with the Cwmcarn location. **KP is to book Cwmcarn for Saturday 25 November** . the format will be a walk and then the AGM with refreshments. We presume that our Group pays and claims back from area.

London coach trip Kp reports that 28 have paid so far and that looks like about the final number. The numbers are short of those expected and there will be a shortfall. Kp offered to run a raffle and a quiz on the coach in an effort to raise funds.

Rhossili coach ramble In view of the amount of money guaranteed and the likely numbers going KP proposed to raise the cost of the coach fare to £6 from £5 to general agreement. There was some discussion as to the long walk fro which there was no clear leader. In the course of the discussion BB left the meeting. KP indicated that he could lengthen the short walk a little and we agreed to proceed on that basis for the moment. [RC recalled the last coach ramble to the Gower and vowed not to walk along the beach there!]

Any other business KC suggested that we have our AGM outside the Civic centre, at a room in a pub so that refreshments were available if not provided. KS suggested Witehead's Club which is reputedly a good venue. AW surprised everyone by owning up to being a member of their bowls club. **KP and AW to meet over a pint to discuss** .

Next Committee Meetings 13 July and 26 September

Footpath Report	
4/2/00	Notice of Footpath Diversion Order FP No. 9 (part) St. Brides. Confirmed erected. Site meeting attended in November 1999
4/2/00	Notice of Footpath Diversion Order FP No.15 (part) Caerleon. Footpath discussed with Matthew Hamar.
16/3/00	Notice of Footpath Diversion Order. PFP No. 18A (part) Caerleon. Lett route of path. No objections to new route.
17/3/00	Confirmation of PFP Diversion Order PF No 23 (part) Langstone. Prev Hotel Diversion now goes around the Hotel.
17/3/00	Confirmation of PFP Diversion Order Public Footpath No 8 (part) Kee Logical diversion to connect with FP at Green Lane.
22/3/00	Confirmation of Public Footpath Diversion Orders PFP No 6 (part) Lla Both discussed with Matthew Hamer. No problems.
27/3/00	Emergency Footpath Closures PFP No 53 Rogerstone PFP No 101 Gra footbridge from Wednesday 29th March for three months.
<p>PENTRE FARM</p> <p>Recent hearing at Abergavenny re Diversion won by Ramblers who were represented by an honorary solicitor. £10,000 costs awarded against Luke & Hughes.</p> <p>Police have visited members who made statements re the incident at Pentre Farm Crown Prosecution Service</p>	
27th March	Proposed PF Diversion PFs 9 & 10 (parts) Marshfield. No reason to object

17th April	Proposed PF Diversion order PFs 10 & 11 (parts) Coedkernew. Problem widened. Discussed with Matthew Hamar . No reason to object
4th April	Proposal Extinguishment Order Better to use pavement Discussed with
3rd May	Peterstone Gout Route across dam has been opened to walkers after clo
12th May	Notice of FP Diversion Order - PFs 9 & 10 (parts) Marshfield
12th May	Confirmation of PF Diversion Order PF 9 (part) St. Brides
16th May	Proposed FP Diversion Order PF 76 (part) Newport. Existing path bloc alignment to be moved from houses to link to FP adjacent to children's COMFREY CLOSE
18th May	Proposed FP Diversion PF 29 (part) Caerleon. Ty Coch Farm Privacy/s Moves path away from farm building.
18th May	Proposed FP Diversion Order PFs 9 & 28 (parts) Lower Machen. Legal farm buildings. OS confirms that in 1964 the main farm building obstru Disrepair. Both Fps to be diverted.

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