



South Gwent Ramblers

Minutes of the committee meeting held on
18 July 2002



Members present - Ken Phillips (KP), Brian Williams (BW), Ray Cantwell (RC), Adrian Sheehan (AS), Fred Fee (FF), Keith Cooper (KC), Ian Reese (IR).

1. *Apologies for absence* Val Clark and Kath Sadler
2. *Minutes of last meeting* - accepted after a date change - the meeting was on 27 April 2002 and giving KP due recognition for raising the matter in *para 4(f)*.
3. *Matters arising from the minutes*
 - a. *para 3* (KP) The Caldey trip was well attended and enjoyed despite the weather. Irene excelled herself in the London trip. KP will write to her to express our gratitude.
 - b. *para 4(a)* FF displayed proposed material for the display in the library. BW will try to organise the use of the display boards for a period to include the RA Welcome to Walking Week (16 - 22 September).
 - c. *para 5 Ruperra* KP noted that the Ruperra help day was usually a Sunday. To organise a day for South Gwent to help on a Saturday, we would have to supply names and numbers. KP's request for volunteers at the meeting fell on deaf ears. AS suggested a Sunday in October be proposed in the newsletter.
 - d. *para 6(d)(ii)* The license for the maps won't allow the software developers to grant us a group license for the walks software.
4. *Officers' reports*
 - a. *Secretary* KP - see attached correspondence sheet.
 - i. KC had filled in a questionnaire from the Seminar of the Welsh Council that asked for details of how we organise and carry out walks.
 - ii. IR noticed that the RA were asking for details of rambler-friendly pubs to include in the Year Book.
 - iii. AS noticed that he could get free labels for sending out a newsletter and would ask for them in future.
 - iv. KP will write to Ray Wensley's son offering condolences on behalf of the Group.
 - b. *Treasurer* BW
 - i. SGR has £2035 in hand as well as a bill for £117 arising from the London trip - £1611 nett.
 - ii. Group membership allocation is £306.61, about the same as last year. At BW's behest, John Ridley is chasing the RA to find out why, with more members, we did not receive more.
 - iii. BW has transferred the SGR accounts from Barclays to Unity bank. He asked Barclays if they could transfer cash to the new account and they said yes - for £20. So BW asked his own bank and they will transfer cash for nothing.
 - c. *Footpaths Officer* RC Pathcare is now underway and all interested parties have the literature (except HH who is too ill to continue with it). RC suggests twice a year is sufficient to patrol a patch. KP asked what was expected? KC suggested a refresher course with Dave McCabe (now Countryside Officer for Newport CC). RC will try to arrange one.
 - d. *Rambles Officer* AS
 - i. AS distributed a putative walks program which was discussed.
 - ii. Derek may lead the Christmas walk if Gill can't.
 - iii. AS asked for new short walks (from new leaders?).
 - iv. *Distances and gradings* KP had a complaint from a lady who found the short walk too much for her in an amicable exchange of emails. FF suggested that we could put on the web site some note of an expectation of minimum fitness required to walk.
 - v. KP will book the Christmas meal at Newport Golf Club.

vi. RC will organise another German walking holiday since the last one was so well liked.

e. *Membership Secretary* In Val's absence, KP reports that we now have 179 members.

f. *Publicity Secretary* KS was not present

g. *IT Officer's report* KC notes that a list of speakers available for talks &c at AGMs is available from the RA as well as a list of reasons for having electronic mail. The SGR web site recently had an email from Austria asking for details of walks which may be incorporated in a holiday!

h. *Area Delegate report* KC

i. A new egroup - Access Wales (Myneniad Cymru) now exists.

ii. Can KP write 200 words on the history and attributes of the group? KP said that John Ridley is more informed and in a better position to do so.

iii. A list of the duties of Area and Group Officers is on the RA web site.

5. *Any other business.*

It is our *20th Anniversary* next year, although nobody seems to know exactly when. We brainstormed ideas

(brainstormed is not quite the right word for any activity at the end of the meeting, but will have to do).

a. KP - more sweatshirts, T-shirts? Dinah Wallace knows of a good quality supplier, for example with sweatshirts at £11.50. FF - long sleeved T-shirt please.

b. KP will note the anniversary in the November newsletter.

c. BW has been given the name and location of the farm that used to provide charity barbecues.

d. IR suggests contacting original members.

6. *Next Committee Meeting* Wednesday 18 September.

Correspondence

1. R.A. E.C. Minutes - 19/20th Jan 2002	File
2. R.A. W.C.E.C Minutes - 27th Feb 2002	File
3. R.A. Distribution of Papers - Mar 2002	File
4. R.A. W.C.E.C. Bulletin 11 - Mar 2002	File
5. R.A. W.C.E.C. Minutes - 6/7th Apr 2002	File
6. R.A. E.C. Minutes - 16/17th Mar 2002	File
7. R.A. Countryside Update - Apr 2002	Ray
8. R.A. Future of Farming Report - Apr 2002	Action
9. R.A. First Aid Courses - Apr 2002	File
10. R.A. Footpath Campaigner - May 2002	Ray
11. R.A. Access Bulletin - May 2002	Ray
12. R.A. Personal Injury Cover - May 2002	Action
13. R.A. Countryside Update - May 2002	Ray
14. R.A. Town & City Walks - May 2002	Adrian
15. R.A. Ramblers Yearbook - May 2002	Action
16. R.A. R.A. Incorporation - May 2002	Brian
17. R.A. Access Bulletin - Jun 2002	Ray
18. R.A. E.C. Bulletin - May 2002	File
19. R.A. Data Protection Scam - May 2002	File
20. R.A. Walking Information Service - May 2002	File
21. R.A. New Countryside Guidance Notes - May 2002	File
22. R.A. Local Affiliated Organisations - May 2002	File
23. R.A. Footpath Campaigner - June 2002	Adrian
24. R.A. Database Questionnaire - May 2002	Keith
25. R.A. Footpath Week - Jun 2002	Ray
26. R.A. Welsh Annual Report & Accounts	Brian
27. Ruperra Trust - Letter of thanks	File
28. Countryside C.O.W. Make your Views Heard	Action
29. R.A. Festival of Winter Walks - Jun 2002	Adrian
30. R.A. Countryside Update - Jun 2002	Ray
31. R.A. Welcome to walking week - Jun 2002	Adrian
32. R.A. Access Bulletin - Jun 2002	Ray
33. R.A. Walks Database - Jun 2002	Keith
34. R.A. Group Programmes - Jun 2002	Adrian
35. C.C.W. Draft Maps - Jun 2002	Distribute
36. Ramblers Holidays - Offers - Jun 2002	File
37. Lower Wye Programme - Jul 2002	File
38. Ray Wensley - Jul 2002	File