



# South Gwent Ramblers



## Minutes of the committee meeting held on 20 November 2003

*Members present* - Ken Phillips, Brian Williams, Adrian Sheehan, Fred Fee, Kath Carter.

1. *Apologies for absence* from Howard Harvey, Kath Sadler and Val Clark
2. *Minutes of last meeting* were adopted
  - 2.1. *Matters arising from the minutes*
    - 2.1.1. *Item 3.1* The allowance for private transport should be *22p per mile or the cost of the petrol used*. Fred will amend the form.
    - 2.1.2. *Item 4* No feedback on the strategic framework.
    - 2.1.3. *Item 4.4* Brian received £50 from ramblers for a Walk-and-Talk event. Kath suggested a visit to the Wetlands; Brian suggested a family coach trip; and Adrian would talk to Alun Booth about a short leisurely walk.
  - 2.2. *Matters arising from the AGM*
    - 2.2.1. *Item 5.5* Kath Carter's suggestion for a "Map and Compass" evening will be furthered in the Spring when longer nights will make an outdoor practical night more amenable. Ted Clevely suggested a film show: Fred was already thinking of having a slide show and agreed to organise one for Wednesday 28 January.
    - 2.2.2. *Item 7* Brian noted that Alun Booth has agreed to continue as auditor.
3. *Proposed activities*
  - 3.1. Adrian noted that we are short of long leaders.
  - 3.2. Because of the shortage of leaders, we will have to scrap the walk for 28 December.
  - 3.3. The following events were put forward:
    - 3.3.1. Mary Raymond suggested a day out to Exmouth, pencilled in for 23 May.
    - 3.3.2. Fred was willing organise a walk to the *Goose and Cuckoo* for lunch in September.
    - 3.3.3. Ken said that he could organize and other trip to Paignton again the October for £31, or, as an alternative, a trip to Newquay: he knows a good hotel there, and could do a short walk in the morning and a trip to the Eden project or walks round gardens in the afternoon.
    - 3.3.4. Ken will try again to organise the trip to the Severn Bore when the Bore is at its highest in April. After seeing the Bore, we will go to Gloucester docks.
    - 3.3.5. Westernbirt is a possibility for September or October.

3.3.6. A possible coach ramble to the Gower in July would allow a linear walk, again organised by Ken.

3.3.7. The trip to Margam is a possibility for June.

3.4. All the trips are provisional as are the dates. The committee's preferences were for the Severn Bore, Exmouth, Margam, the Gower, the Goose and Cuckoo in that order with Westonbirt/Slimbridge and Paignton/Newquay bringing up the rear.

#### 4. *Officers' reports*

##### 4.1. *Secretary* Ken presented a correspondence list:

1.	R.A.	W.C.E.C. Bulletin 17	October 2003	File
2.	R.A.	W.C.E.C. Minutes	29 September 202003	File
3.	R.A.	Report of Area and Group Activities	2002/2003	File
4.	S.G.R.	Letter to Area Secretary	October 2003	File
5.	S.G.R.	Letter to Palace Hotel	October 2003	File
6.	N.A.W.	Review of Development Scheme	October 2003	File
7.	R.A.	Countryside Update	October 2003	File
8.	R.A.	Access Bulletin	November 2003	File
9.	R.A.	Progress Report on G.C. motions		File
10.	R.A.	Updated Memorandum and Articles of Assoc.		File
11.	R.A.	Summary of E.C. Meeting	October 2003	File
12.	R.A.	Reduced membership rates	October 2003	Discuss/File
13.	R.A.	Footpath Campaigner	October 2003	File
14.	R.A.	Distribution of papers	October 2003	File
15.		Invoice from N.C.C.	November 2003	Brian
16.		Letter from Palace Hotel		File
17.	R.A.	Consultation paper: Sports Tourism	November 2003	File
18.	R.A.	Code of Practice R.O.W. for L.H.A.	November 2003	File
19.	R.A.	Removal of Obstructions on R.O.W.	November 2003	File

##### 4.2. *Treasurer* Brian

4.2.1. The R.N.L.I thanked us for a cheque for £20 *In memoriam* John Ridley.

4.2.2. Dave and Stella Collard thanked us, having received our cheque for the barbecue.

4.2.3. Ramblers Holidays sent us a cheque for £40 for publishing their advert in the Newsletter.

4.2.4. Refreshments for the AGM cost £24.01.

4.2.5. We now have £1477.91 in hand

4.3. *Rambles Officer* See the discussion under *Proposed activities* above. At the last Area meeting, an appeal for volunteers for vacant posts was made – none were forthcoming from this meeting.

4.4. *Membership Secretary* reports that we now have 198 members.

#### 5. *Any other business*

5.1. Ken noted that the Christmas lunch would have to be finalised soon, and he would therefore be taking orders for the lunch at the Christmas dinner.

5.2. Adrian had a letter from Islwyn Ramblers noting a problem at a church on a path from OS268912 to OS264908, about which Torfaen Council were reluctant to act. Adrian would write to the Council to add weight to Islwyn Ramblers concerns.

6. *Next Committee Meeting* is on 12 March 2004.