



South Gwent Ramblers



Minutes of the committee meeting held on 20 July 2004

Members present - Ken Phillips, Brian Williams, Adrian Sheehan, Fred Fee, Val Clark, Howard Harvey, Keith Cooper, Ian Reese.

1. *Apologies for absence* from Kath Sadler and Kath Carter

2. *Minutes of last meeting* were adopted

2.1. *Matters arising from the minutes*

2.1.1. *Item 3* Mary Raymond did us proud at Budleigh Salterton.

2.1.2. *Item 4* The Map and compass evening was very well supported with a great presentation enjoyed by all – well done Ian.

2.1.3. *Item 5* Booking is still open and 28 have so far signed up to the weekend in Paignton.

2.1.4. *Item 6.4.1* SGR are hosting the Area AGM with Adrian organising a walk and Ken and Val organising refreshments. Ken will book the Cwmcarn venue.

2.1.5. *Item 6.4.2* The John Ridley commemorative walk was well attended.

2.1.6. *Item 6.4.9* About 100 turned up to help Madge celebrate her 90th.

After asking for comments on the Volunteer Structural Review, only one person responded – Barry Mitchell. We discussed various minor matters arising from RA charitable status: Adrian and Keith were happy to take our views to Area.

3. *Officers' reports*

3.1. *Secretary* Ken went through 37 (!) items that he had received from RA as follow:

1	R.A. Distribution of papers 1/1/04 – 31/03/04	File
2	R.A. Welcome to walking week	Adrian
3	R.A. Countryside Update - March 04	File
4	R.A. Countryside Update - April 04.....	File
5	R.A. E.C. Meeting - March Bulletin.....	Discuss/File
6	R.A. Footpath Campaigner - April 04.....	File
7	R.A. Access Bulletin - April 04.....	File
8	R.A. Staff Employees of R.A. - April 04	File
9	SGR Letter to G.G.R. Secretary re Waymarking the Future Report - April 04	File
10	SGR Memo to Adrian Sheehan	Discuss
11	R.A. Memo from Beverley Penney re Royal Welsh Show - April 04.....	File
12	R.A. Footpath Campaigner - May 04.....	File
13	R.A. Access Bulletin - May 04.....	File
14	R.A. Ramblers Holiday List	File
15	NCC Letter from Newport City council re unitary development plan - May 04 ..	Discuss/File
16	R.A. Footpaths Week 2004 - Lobbying Phase	Discuss/File
17	R.A. Changes to Memorandum & Articles of Association - May 04	File

18	R.A.	E.C. Meeting - May Bulletin.....	File
19	R.A.	Poster Blanks.....	File
20	R.A.	Countryside Update - May 04	File
21	R.A.	Access Bulletin - June 04.....	File
22	R.A.	Footpath Campaigner - June 04.....	File
23	R.A.	Annual Report 2002/03.....	Brian
24	R.A.	Report & Financial Statements 30/9/03	Brian
25	R.A.	Minutes of E.C. Meeting - 17/1/04.....	File
26	R.A.	Minutes of E.C. Meeting - 20/3/04.....	File
27	R.A.	Minutes of E.C. Meeting - 16/4/04.....	File
28	R.A.	Minutes of E.C. Meeting - 18/4/04.....	File
29	R.A.	Year book insertions 2005.....	File
30	R.A.	Countryside Update - June 04	File
31	R.A.	Volunteer Structure Review - Update.....	Discuss/File
32	R.A.	Access Bulletin - July 04.....	File
33	R.A.	Footpath Campaigner - July 04.....	File
34	R.A.	Guidance Notes re Disability Discrimination Act.....	Discuss/File
35	NCC	Notification of footbridge replacement & SGR reply	File
36	NCC	Notification of Stopping Order on Footpath & SGR reply.....	File
37	NCC	Notification of Footpath Diversion & SGR reply	File

3.2. *Treasurer*

3.2.1. Brian noted that RA had 20,000 members compared to an estimated total of 140,00 walkers. On subject, the current account contains £1426.61, an increase of about £340 of which almost all, £336, is the Area allocation from subscriptions. The allocation is £10 more than last year and does not proportionately represent the increase in SGR membership. Adrian asked if our membership had increased proportionately to other groups. Area is still trying to work out how to apply John Ridley's formula for allocation. Brian will dig out the formula and Keith will put it on a spread sheet.

3.2.2. Ken still has the money collected so far from payments for the Paignton trip and will give the total collected to Brian when booking ceases.

3.3. *Footpaths Officer* Fred agreed to handle footpaths correspondence

3.4. *Rambles Officer*

3.4.1. Adrian presented the programme containing walks volunteered so far. Ken indicated that he would organise a walk to the Hidden Gardens at Glewstone for 5 September. Fred can have the programme copied.

3.4.2. Ken has a list of the walks that our leaders have done and he will send it to current leaders.

3.4.3. Adrian will brand one of the walks a Walk and Talk event.

3.4.4. Ian suggested that we have more slide shows and we agreed to incorporate a slide show with the AGM.

3.5. *Membership Secretary* Val reported numbers at the end of May – 202 (92.3% renewal) and at the end of June 2000.

3.6. *Publicity Secretary* The library exhibition went well and we are to have another.

3.7. *IT Officer's report* Keith reported that the web site is still getting regular hits, but not so much email. Adrian asked about the Area web site and if it was to be kept going. Keith responded that nobody had noticed that it had gone.

Keith also brought to our attention courses for leadership, first aid &c run by the RA. Area will fund a couple of places on such courses with prior approval.

Next Committee Meeting is on ~~7 October 2004~~ [recently brought forward to 30 September]
Date for AGM 11 November 2004