

Members present - Phyllis Clayton, Fred Fee, Joan Lang, Derek Humble, Ken Phillips.

1. *Apologies for absence* Dave Fereday, Brian Turner, Adrian Sheehan, Dawn Bishop and Roger Binding
2. *Minutes of last meeting* were adopted
3. *Matters arising from the minutes*
 - 3.1. *Re para 3.1* Ken has a brochure listing what the Red Cross provide by way of First Aid training with some items less relevant than others.
 - 3.2. *Re para 4.2* Ken reminded us that he has entered details for our Group on the Walking Partnership scheme run by Ramblers Worldwide Holidays. Anyone using Ramblers Worldwide Holidays can apply for funds to be sent to the Group by registering their holiday with the Walking Partnership scheme before they leave. A further reminder will appear in the Newsletter
4. *Officers' reports*
 - 4.1. *Secretary* Colin Wallace was not present
 - 4.2. *Treasurer* Ken reported that bank balance at 23rd January 2014 was £1452.66. Our bank balance at 19th March 2014 is £1452.66. As you can see we have not spent anything or received anything. Our budget includes amounts for First Aid Courses and Walks Leaders Courses and we need to decide on our plans for these projects
 - 4.3. *Footpaths Officer* Derek - nothing to report
 - 4.4. *Rambles Officer* Dave Fereday sent the following report for the meeting. The forthcoming walks programme is almost ready with one medium walk and two evening walks (7 and 29 May) to be filled, but no easy walks have yet been volunteered.
 - 4.5. *Membership Secretary* Joan reported no change membership, the number being 136
 - 4.6. *Publicity Secretary* Fred tendered his resignation and will stay in post until a volunteer comes forward.
 - 4.7. *IT Officer's report* Fred said that he had kept the web sites up-to-date.
5. *Events calendar*
 - 5.1. *Okehampton* — The weather was awful this year. However 2014 hasn't been the greatest so far. Derek retained his archery title and will now be known as Robin!! Colin & David won the Table Tennis (they will be opening a shop for all the prizes they win). Peter & Helen won the Tennis this year. Ted reports that the new spa was fantastic and the bubbles reached parts of his body only Heineken had done previously.
 - 5.2. *Skittles* — Jan Wagenaar booked the 13 March event and will book the 13 November event later in the year. Whiteheads have agreed to cancel the £100 bond they originally asked for. However we have paid the £30 deposit needed to secure our booking.
 - 5.3. *Scotland* — Ian is leading a joint trip with the NOGs to the Outer Hebrides for 12 days from 10 May.

- 5.4. *1st Coach Trip – Weston-super-Mare* is booked for 22 June. Ray and Cath will organise a walk from Sand Bay and then continuing to Weston. The short walkers can get back on the coach after Sand bay and ride to Weston. Peter suggested Weatherspoons for a meal. Ken has tried to get Weatherspoons and Brewers Fair to provide a meal but to no avail. The committee agreed with Ken that we did our own thing.
 - 5.5. *Boules* – Dave has booked the Wheatsheaf for Tuesday 15 July.
 - 5.6. *Barbecue* – Joan will be book Tintern barbecue for the 10 August. Ken will collect the names. Ken will ask Koirin, Doug and John to sort the food. Derek has agreed to lead the walk.
 - 5.7. *2nd Coach Trip – Laugharne* is booked for 27 July. Dave and ken will sort out what the itinerary will be. Dawn and Tony have agreed to lead the medium walk.
 - 5.8. *Week Away 6-10 October – Barmouth* is the venue. IOW tours will organise the hotel and transport. Hotel is the Min Y Mor. The cost of the trip is £280 including tips with a £25 deposit. Derek, Koirin and Ken will sort out the Itinerary which is expected to include a trip to Cader Idris for the long walkers with drop-offs on the way for other members, then a day off, possibly with an optional long walk and finally a “panoramic” walk which can accommodated walkers of all grades.
 - 5.9. *Westonbirt Arboretum - Christmas Lights* The coach trip to see the lights was suggested by Paul Mellor. Ken saw his photos of the lights and was sufficiently impressed to endorse his suggestion. Ken will look into a trip there in December.
6. *Next committee meeting* is on Thursday 19 June at 7pm in Newport Civic Centre.