



South Gwent Ramblers



Minutes of the Committee meeting held on
15 January 2015 at Newport Civic Centre

Members present - Phyllis Clayton, Fred Fee, Dave Fereday, Derek Humble, Joan Lang, Ken Phillips, Steve Atkins, Colin Wallace.

1. *Apologies for absence* from Roger Binding and Adrian Sheehan
2. *Minutes of last SGR Committee meeting* were adopted
3. *Matters arising from the minutes of the SGR committee meeting on 28 October 2014*
 - 3.1. Ken has been in touch with a First Aider who can provide a free first aid course for us at the Civic Centre at 7pm for two hours on any Thursday in February except for the 5th. A date of 19 February was agreed and Ken will book.
 - 3.2. Fred said that the Area Newsletter is on the SGR web site.
 - 3.3. The Barbecue date on the webs site and elsewhere is wrong - it should be Sunday, 2 August. Fred will correct it and circulate the Group with the change.
 - 3.4. Ken has amended the way in which the accounts are presented to include the prior year's figures as a comparison to the current year.
 - 3.5. Ken asked Dave if there had been any problems with walks and there had not been.
 - 3.6. The committee thanked Fred for the 2014 SGR calendar.
 - 3.7. Ken Poole said that he was coming to the Christmas dinner but did not turn up. Ken Philips had made it clear that payment would be expected whether members turned up or not. Ken Poole has not responded to three emails from Ken Phillips seeking the money or an explanation for the non-payment. The committee agreed that Ken Phillips could write a letter to Ken Poole. The letter would contain three points: Ken Poole should contact Ken Phillips; Ken Poole should pay up; and Ken Poole would be barred from SGR events if no payment is received.

4. *Matters arising from the 2014 SGR AGM*

Sue Shae and Ken Philips were present but not mentioned in the minutes and apologies for absence from Phyllis Clayton were not noted. The minutes were adopted with the proviso that Fred suitably amend them.

5. *Events calendar*

The following dates were agreed:

- 5.1. *Sunday 17 May, Buddleigh Salterton* Dave will lead the long walk, Mary a moderate walk and Ken a short walk. Ken will obtain details of what is offered by Bickton Park with a view to a visit there.
- 5.2. *Barbecue* Dave has booked the Boules for *Tuesday 21 July*.
- 5.3. *Sunday, 12 July Oxford* A coach trip with Ken leading a short walk, Joan a medium walk and Derek a long walk. The long walk may be a 10-miler from near West Isley to Maulsford (near Goring). There may be an opportunity to walk round the city to see the University buildings and even do a bit of shopping. Derek will reconnoitre. Ken will meet Derek and Joan to discuss the details of the arrangements.

- 5.4. *Monday 5 to Friday 9 October, Guernsey* A midweek trip away. Dave will lead the long walks and Sandra short coastal walks on the Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday there will be a tour of the island. Ken mentioned the Freesia Flower Nursery and the Sculpture Park as possible stops on the way round. Ken will meet Dave and Sandra to discuss details of the arrangements.

The following were proposed:

- 5.5. *June, Dewstow Grotto* Ken proposed a visit as part of an evening walk. Phyllis will investigate.
- 5.6. *September/October, Slimbridge Wildfowl Centre* Colin thought that Slimbridge could provide a guided "safari" and will look into it.
- 5.7. *Wells* Steve suggested a visit and walks, but Dave indicated that it was awkward to organise Sunday events in Welles because of the popularity of the Cathedral.

6. *AOB*

- 6.1. Colin received an email for Welsh Council saying that the last day for booking a place at the Welsh council is 31 January.
- 6.2. Sue Shea and Colin suggested Rivermead Centre, Rogerstone as a venue for the AGM. Colin agreed that they will investigate. Phyllis suggested Machen Village Hall and will investigate.
- 6.3. Dave received an email asking if a 9-year-old child and a guardian could come on a walk. The committee could think of no reason why not if someone accompanied the child and the child was fit enough for the walk. A precedent was mentioned of a member Chris Harris who, from time to time, was accompanied by his son on SGR walks.
7. *Next committee meeting* on Thursday 16 April, 7pm at the Civic Centre.