

SWANSEA RAMBLERS GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14 MAY 2025 HELD AT THE
ENVIRONMENT CENTRE AT 6.30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew Morgan (AM)(Chairman)	Karen Gibbs (KG) (Committee Member)
Catryn Edwards (CE)(Secretary)	Christine Rees (CR) (Committee Member)
Lynne Esson (LE)(Treasurer)	Richard Beale (RXB) (Committee Member)
Morag Eddyshaw (ME) (Vice Chairman)	Clive Rees (CXR) (Committee Member)
Clive Scott (CS) (Committee Member)	

1. WELCOME FROM CHAIRMAN, CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND APOLOGIES

Apologies - received from Dave Stephens, Mike Clinch, Rob Johnston, Peter Jones, Roger Brown and Myra Lewis

Chairman's Report - The Chairman prepared a report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

The following comments were received and discussed at the meeting

Weekend Walking Trips Away - October 2025

KG reported that 38 members had been booked into the hotel and that 6 others had taken other accommodation. Within 1 hour of the members being notified by email of the weekend away all the hotel rooms had been taken and KG requested 3 more rooms from the hotel. These were granted. Due to the short period of time that the hotel imposed to confirm the booking only the consent of the Chairman was sought, with notification and a request for consent of the committee by email. The secretary confirmed that in the past a committee report had been presented to the committee for approval. This was deemed to be unnecessary by some members and it was **AGREED** to check the Ramblers policy on weekends away and whether the prior approval of committee was required or a 'for information' report to the committee.

ACTION AM

The Chairman made the suggestion in his report that once members had reserved their places on a weekend away, a note of the trip is added to the website so that non-members may be encouraged to join Swansea Ramblers on future trips away. It was **AGREED** to place the weekend away on the website after closure of bookings with a note on the website that bookings were closed and any member interested in attending would be placed on a waiting list.

ACTION AM

Paths in Northern Gower and Annual Budgeting - No comments arose from the Committee on these matters.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2025

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None except that the Publicity Officer reported that he had sent out a press release on the path maintenance report.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The report was circulated prior to the meeting which included membership figures for the last two months which stands at 370 at the end of April. The report included upcoming online courses and the Secretary mentioned to Committee that one of our members who had carried out first aid training for us and other organisations was prepared to do so again and had suggested dates in September. The Chairman confirmed he would send out a group email to ascertain interest in a first aid training course and a refresher course.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. Nothing further was added.

May 2025

<u>16/03/2025</u>	<u>£2222.68</u>	<u>Our funds at last meeting</u>
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Deposits

None

Payments

Web hosting 12 months	£158.40
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<u>31/03/2025</u>	<u>£2064.28</u>	<u>Balance on Statement 204</u>
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Deposits

Basic allocation final payment	£237.00
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Payments

Committee Room Hire	£36.00
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Gower Show Attendance	£16.20
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<u>30/04/2025</u>	<u>£2249.08</u>	<u>Balance on Statement 205</u>
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Deposits

None

Payments

None

<u>Balance</u>	<u>£ 2249.08</u>	<u>Our funds as at 14/05/2025</u>
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Items Pending**Funds allocated for**

Path maintenance tools	£368.27
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<u>Balance (Adjusted)</u>	<u>£ 1880.81</u>	<u>Our funds as at 14/05/2025</u>
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The Treasurer requested the Path Maintenance Team Leader, if he required further path maintenance tools, to produce a paper on what tools were required and the costs. As we are in a new fiscal year unspent funds from the allocation of the previous fiscal year will need to be reapplied for so that we do not have an ongoing allocation without spending it.

ACTION CS

6. PUBLICITY REPORT

The Publicity Officer produced a report to inform the Committee he would be away on holiday at the time of the Gower Show in September and asked if anyone would be prepared to attend and distribute leaflets and Ramblers' accessories e.g. Ramblers pens. The Treasurer agreed to do so as she was in any event attending the Gower Show and could represent Swansea Ramblers on its stall. A further request was made for someone to assist the treasurer. The Publicity Officer had some materials which he would hand over to the Treasurer.

ACTION LE/RXB

7. FOOTPATH OFFICER'S REPORT

The Footpath Officer provided a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting on progress made last month and this month on a number of on-going matters including Felindre, Ilston, Loughor-Pontardulais, Mynydd Bach and Penlan, the land at the rear of the Rake and Riddle and Llwynbrwydrau.

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report was presented.

9. **SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT**

The account balances were circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Treasurer had nothing to add.

10. **PATH MAINTENANCE TEAM REPORT**

The Path Maintenance Team Leader prepared a report which was circulated prior to the meeting. Nothing further was added.

11. **WEEKEND AWAY OCTOBER 2025 - TENBY**

KG confirmed that 38 members had booked in the hotel with 6 others in other accommodation. If the weekend away is added to the website a note needs to be included that the weekend is fully booked and that interested members will be added to the waiting list.

ACTION AM

12. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – START TIME**

The Social Secretary submitted a report to the Committee requesting that the committee meetings start at the earlier time of 6 p.m. The point was raised that this matter had come before the committee previously and was rejected due to the likelihood of heavier traffic with an earlier start time together with difficulty in parking. The matter was again discussed and a number of members agreed that the traffic was much worse for a 6 p.m. start and particularly on sunny days like today when traffic from Mumbles is much worse.

Although there was an understanding that some members of the committee may wish to attend another social event on the same evening, the consensus of the Committee was to leave the commencement time as currently.

On a vote of the committee, attendees unanimously **AGREED** that the start time should remain at 6.30 p.m. The Secretary confirmed that she would inform the Social Secretary of the result of the committee discussion and of the vote.

ACTION CAE

13. **AOB**

None

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on 23 July 2025 at Environment Centre at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.