

SWANSEA RAMBLERS GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 23 JULY 2025 HELD AT THE
ENVIRONMENT CENTRE AT 6.30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew Morgan (AM) (Chairman)	Mike Clinch (MC) (Committee Member)
Catryn Edwards (CE) (Secretary)	Rob Johnston (RJ) (Committee Member) via Zoom
Lynne Esson (LE) (Treasurer)	Clive Scott (CS) (Committee Member)
Morag Eddyshaw (ME) (Vice Chairman)	Clive Rees (CXR) (Committee Member)

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

Apologies - received from Dave Stephens, Karen Gibbs, Richard Beale, Christine Rees, Peter Jones, Roger Brown and Myra Lewis

Chairman's Report - The Chairman prepared a report on Walk Leader training which was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed later in the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2025

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Tenby Weekend away – the Chairman was awaiting receipt of details of walks to be added to the website. He also clarified the position that any member of the public can attend the walks as Ramblers is a charity whose objects are to be open for walks to all members of the public. It is only the social events that are private.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The report was circulated prior to the meeting which included membership figures for the last two months which stand at 377 at the end of June. The report included upcoming online courses and the Secretary confirmed that the first aid training day has been booked for 6 September at the Killay Centre for anyone wishing to attend the course and there are places still available.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

July 2025

<u>14/05/2025</u>	<u>£2249.08</u>	<u>Our funds at last meeting</u>
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Deposits

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays	£20.00
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Payments

None

<u>31/05/2025</u>	<u>£2269.08</u>	<u>Balance on Statement 206</u>
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Deposits

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays	£20.00
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Payments

None

<u>30/06/2025</u>	<u>£2289.08</u>	<u>Balance on Statement 207</u>
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Deposits

None

Payments

None

Balance	£ 2289.08	Our funds as at 23/07/2025
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Items Pending

None

Balance (Adjusted)	£ 2289.08	Our funds as at 23/07/2025
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6. PUBLICITY REPORT

The Publicity Officer was away and no report was presented.

7. FOOTPATH OFFICER'S REPORT

The Footpath Officer's written report was circulated prior to the meeting informing committee of a paths' improvement tracker organised by Ramblers HO where details of path improvements have been made; the Maintenance Team leader has done a great deal of work and should claim the credit.

There were some concerns about local authorities issuing diversions notices under Section 119 of the Highways Act. Copies of these are meant to be sent to us via Ramblers Cymru but other than the ones for Swansea, it appears that we do not receive those further afield.

The Footpath Officer reported on outstanding matters with the local authority which he has been following up. On the path at the end of Swansea approaching Skewen at Llwynbrwydrau/Crymlyn Quarry Wood – CXR has written to Swansea Council and Neath Council – Swansea agreed to look into the matter but the email address for Neath had bounced. The Chairman agreed to check if he had an address for Neath. Further information is being acquired by the Footpath Officer before he can report back to the Committee.

Alcoa Path CO103 in Waunarlwydd – there is an unregistered path and a claim for registration has been submitted by the sub-committee Don't Lose Your Way. The path is almost impassible and the Footpath Officer is contacting the local authority on this and will report back.

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 further to add.

10. PATH MAINTENANCE TEAM REPORT

The Path Maintenance Team Leader prepared a report which was circulated prior to the meeting. Two further reports were sent out late for which the team leader apologised but he had only received the information on the two additional reports late that morning.

The team leader had been asked by Ramblers to provide a summary of what the path maintenance team does and Ellie the editor of Ramblers Walks magazine made contact with the Team Leader to let him know that they will be using the summary as a quote in an article for the next magazine on how post code lottery funding filters down to actual improvements to rights of way and keeping paths open.

The third paper is part of the Gower Landscape Management Scheme (which was last done in 2017) they have asked for input on a survey. This was presented to Committee and going to Committee only so far – it is not going to members at the moment.

11. WALK LEADER TRAINING

The Chairman referred to his report of this subject and had asked whether anyone had received any feedback from leaders on the requirement for leader training – no one on committee had. The Chairman added that for people who need support this can be considered, but both the Chairman and Ramblers HO would like members to go online first and if members cannot do so then support will be considered. LE had done some of the modules and explained what the training comprises which can be done in stages and was very easy. The Chairman and HO suggested that people can buddy up on the training. MC thought we should encourage people to see the big picture that this was a positive step in the litigious society we now live.

The Chairman is intending to write to all leaders about the need to carry out the training and it was agreed to personalise letters to leaders. **ACTION AM**

12. AOB

First Aid Training - MC asked to be placed on the First Aid training list of attendees for the course on 6 September.

Cwm Ivy Car Park has been renamed Whiteford Car Park. The honesty box has been removed and there is now a parking charge of £4.00 for 3 hours and £5.00 for all day stays. Payment can be made by card and via the phone app.

Lliw Valley – the café is closing on 27 July and the toilets will not be available from this date unless some person or organisation comes forward to look after the toilets such as Welsh Water

Gower Show- this is being held on 3 August. LE will be attending with ML and they will tend a stall. They will be distributing Ramblers leaflets and accessories. The entrance fee is £15.00 if pre-booked otherwise £18.00 on the day. The Chairman informed the Treasurer that she and ML can claim the cost of the entrance fee.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on 17 September 2025 at Environment Centre at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.