

SWANSEA RAMBLERS GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 18 MARCH 2026 HELD AT THE
ENVIRONMENT CENTRE AT 6.30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew Morgan (AM) (Chairman)	Karen Gibbs (KG)(Committee Member) by Zoom
Catryn Edwards (CE) (Secretary)	Clive Scott(CS)(Committee Member) by Zoom
Mike Clinch (MC) (Treasurer)	Myra Lewis (ML) (Committee Member) by Zoom
Morag Eddyshaw (ME) (Vice Chairman)	Roger Brown (RB) (Committee Member)
Richard Beale (RXB) (Committee Member)	Peter Jones (PJ) (Committee Member)
Dave Stephen (DS) (Committee Member)	

1. WELCOME FROM CHAIRMAN

The Chairman opened the meeting with a greeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Rob Johnston, Clive Rees and Christine Rees

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2026

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman prepared a report which was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. This confirmed that training for existing leaders had been completed and all current leaders are certified. All leaders who said they would undertake the training have done so. Any leader who has not undertaken the training has been removed by head office but should they wish to lead in the future they can do so once they have undertaken the training.

The Welsh AGM will take place this weekend. The chairman will attend as delegate for the Glamorgan Area. Groups are allowed to send one delegate and Richard Beale has offered to attend as the Swansea Group delegate. Karen Gibbs will also be attending (as a non-voting delegate).

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report was circulated prior to the meeting which included recent membership figures which stand at 385 at the end of February, and online courses. The Glamorgan Area AGM will be hosted this year by Swansea Ramblers and will take place at the Towers Hotel on 28 November at 2 pm. A short walk will be offered prior to the meeting starting at 10 a.m.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Activity since last meeting

Date		Credits	Debits	Balance
01 Jan	Opening			£2327.02
12 Jan	Environment Centre		£72.00	£2255.02
20 Jan	Dunvant RFC		£36.00	£2219.02
20 Jan	Postage/Card		£13.84	£2205.18
04 Feb	Parish of Killay (Training)		£28.13	£2177.05
04 Mar	IONOS Cloud		£206.75	£1970.30
	Closing			£1970.30

Following the discussion on spending at the last meeting, two proposals have been received:

- £150 for the path maintenance team
- £200 for publicity

The Treasurer supports both proposals.

The Treasurer had nothing further to add. The Path Maintenance Team Officer wanted £150 for path maintenance but may need more and he will confirm the figures and come back to us. It was suggested by the Chair that the path maintenance figure be increased to £200 to cover additional costs. The Publicity Officer would like £200 for publicity but could not quantify the sum precisely. As we are providing money for publicising the Swansea Ramblers it would be helpful to know where new members heard of us. It was confirmed that a letter is sent to all new members and an additional paragraph can be added to the letter asking that question. The membership secretary distributes leaflets for Swansea Ramblers to outlets.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the two payments.

For clarity on the activity account the payment to IONOS Cloud for £206.75 relates to website charges.

If anyone else on Committee has any project ideas to further our objects to let the Treasurer know what money is required and details of the project

8. PUBLICITY REPORT

The Publicity Officer's report was circulated to the Committee before the meeting which was for information only.

9. FOOTPATH OFFICER'S REPORT

No report.

10. SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Social Secretary issued a report which was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting on which she had nothing to add.

11. SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT

The account balances were circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting.

12. PATH MAINTENANCE TEAM OFFICER'S REPORT

The Path Maintenance Team Officer's report was circulated prior to the meeting and he had nothing to add.

13. AOB

13.1. A query was raised whether we needed to learn anything following the Footpath Officer's heart attack while on a walk such as carrying specific things with us. This was discussed.

13.2 Tempo Volunteering Rewards Scheme - the Path Maintenance Team Officer will be registering our volunteers as part of the Tempo rewards scheme – this is a Welsh Government initiative that gives 'points' to volunteers for volunteer hours which can be exchanged for a range of services and activities such as theatre tickets, cinema tickets, activities such as gym sessions, restaurants etc through their local and national recognised partners.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on 13 May 2026 at Environment Centre at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.