

SWANSEA RAMBLERS GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 22 JULY 2026 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)	Clive Scott (CS) (Committee Member) by Zoom
Morag Eddyshaw (ME) (Vice Chairman)	Myra Lewis (ML) (Committee Member) by Zoom
Richard Beale (RXB) (Committee Member)	

1. WELCOME FROM CHAIRMAN

The Chairman opened the meeting with a greeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Peter Jones, Clive Rees, Mike Clinch, Dave Stephens, Christine Rees and Roger Brown.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2026

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Matters Arising – Tempo (Time Credits for volunteers) – The Publicity Officer had been away and had not progressed this matter and he is proposing to contact Dai Rees. He will report to the Committee at the next meeting.

ACTION RXB

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman prepared a report which was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Chairman had nothing further to add and there were no comments from the Committee.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report was circulated prior to the meeting, which included membership figures for May and June which stand at 391 at the end of June, and online courses.

An email was received by the Chairman from Popham Kidney Support, a registered charity whose objects are to preserve and protect the health of renal patients in Wales, and asking if Swansea Ramblers would be willing to share Popham Kidney Support's upcoming Pen y Fan challenge walk which is to take place on 20 September, with its members. A charity can only give or promote another charity if the objects of the two charities are similar or their objects further those of the Ramblers. Neither is applicable in this case. Following a discussion, it was agreed that an email could be sent to members informing them about the challenge walk but that it must also stress that Popham Kidney Support is a separate charity, has nothing to do with the Ramblers and that the information on the walk is not a promotion of the walk or of Popham Kidney Support charity by the Swansea Ramblers. If members decide to participate in the walk or donate to the charity they do so of their own accord and with knowledge that it has nothing to do with Swansea Ramblers.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was circulated prior to the meeting.
 Activity since last meeting:

		Credits	Debits	Balance
11 May 26	Opening			£2180.80
15 May 26	Open Space Society		-£45.00	£2135.80
21 May 26	RWH Travel Ltd	£70.00		£2205.80
13 July 26	Closing			£2205.80

8. PUBLICITY REPORT

The Publicity Officer did not have anything to report for the meeting.

9. FOOTPATH OFFICER'S REPORT

No report.

10. SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Social Secretary produced a report which was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Social Secretary pointed out that the date for the coach trip in September should be 12 September and not as stated in the report.

11. SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT

The account balances were circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Publicity Officer queried the figures for the Brecon trip. The Secretary was asked to write to the Social Fund administrator to clarify the figures and the position.

12. PATH MAINTENANCE TEAM OFFICER'S REPORT

The Path Maintenance Team Officer's report was circulated prior to the meeting. He mentioned in his report that he wished to stand down as the Path Maintenance Team Officer at the next AGM. The Chair thanked the Officer for all the work he had done over the years and perhaps he could have a rethink about withdrawing from the position. CS mentioned that over the years the role had changed. He was aware that Ramblers want to have a standard across England and Wales for the team but he felt that the role now consisted of too much administration and more than he is interested in or capable of doing. There is a lot to do and suggested perhaps it needed two people to undertake the administration. The Chairman asked the Path Maintenance Team Officer if he would speak to members of the Path Maintenance Team to ascertain whether someone in the team would be prepared to take on some or all of the administrative duties. The Team Officer referred to the Work Party Forum and that we await the outcome of the Forum.

13. AOB

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on 23 September 2026 at Environment Centre at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.