



The Ramblers Association – Milton Keynes and District Group

Annual General Meeting - 2.00pm 6th November 2011

Held at: The Well at Willen, Newport Road, Willen, MK15 9AA

Draft Minutes

1) Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- a) The Chairman welcomed everybody and thanked Ian, Elaine, Brian, Paul & Nigel for their organisation of the meeting and the walk arrangements this morning.
- b) It was noted that 24 members had signed the Attendance List
- c) Apologies for absence were received from Tom Berry, Area Secretary, Jo Messenger, Kathryn Dunn and Gail Dunn

2) **Minutes.** The minutes of the last AGM held on 7th November 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman

3) **Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising

4) **Reports** were presented by the following and copies of these reports are attached. Any significant comments arising are given.

Chairman – Penny Jamieson

Group Secretary – Brian Baldwin

Treasurer – Judith Jeffcoate

The accounts for the year to 30th September had been placed on the web site and these were approved by members. A copy of the signed accounts is attached to these minutes.

Footpath Secretary – Donald MacCallum

Programme Secretary – Ian Dunford

Membership Secretary – Anita Wood

Area Representative – Sue Garrett

Newsletter Editor – Mary Hurst

Publicity Secretary – Ian Andrews

5) Appointment of Independent Examiner.

- a) Judith Jeffcoate advised that Keith Yates has resigned and she wished to record the Group's thanks for his support over the last 5 years.
- b) Judith Jeffcoate proposed and Peter Hurst seconded, Brian Baldwin, who has confirmed his willingness to take on this post. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

6) Election of Committee.

- a) The Chairman, Secretary and Programme Secretary did not offer themselves for re-election. All other members of the Committee indicated their willingness to be re-elected. There were no other nominations. The election was duly carried out with proposers and seconders in line with the table below. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of these proposals.
- b) Penny Jamieson asked members to consider standing for vacancies as a Second Area Representative and as a Committee Member. No nominations were received. Penny asked members to consider these opportunities and advised that it is possible to join the committee during the year.

Post	Candidate	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	No nomination (see note below)		
Group Secretary	No nomination (See note below)		
Treasurer	Judith Jeffcoate	Mary Hurst	Elaine Crisp
Footpath Secretary	Donald MacCallum	Peter Hurst	Kit Eaton
Programme Secretary	No Nomination		
Membership Secretary	Anita Wood	Peter Hurst	Mary Hurst
Area Representative	Sue Garrett	Ian Andrews	Elaine Crisp
Newsletter Editor	Mary Hurst	Tony Pilcher	Linda Marsh
Publicity Secretary	Ian Andrews	Peter Hurst	Kit Eaton

As no one came forward for the posts of Chairman, Secretary and Programme Secretary, the vacancies were discussed by attendees. It was agreed that an e-mail would be sent to the membership, explaining that, without these key roles, particularly the Programme Secretary, the Group would close. It is hoped that, as a result of this, we would encourage some nominees. Meanwhile, : Sue Garrett offered to be a temporary, Minutes Secretary, Penny Jamieson offered to act has Chairman until the January committee meeting and Ian Dunford said he would attend the next Programme Planning Meeting on 21 November.

7) Volunteer Opportunities.

- a) Events Organiser – Penny confirmed that Paul Alexander has resigned from this post that has covered the organisation and arrangements for the Coach Trip, Christmas event and the AGM. Penny wished to record the meeting's thanks to Paul and wished him well with his recovery. Judith Jeffcoate offered to organise the Coach Trip, therefore we need someone for the organisation of the Christmas Walk and arrangements for the AGM.

8) Any Other Business.

- a) Penny stressed that the date, walk leaders, location and cost of the 2012 coach trip needs to be agreed by the end of December in order that details can be published in the Spring Programme.
- b) Sue Garrett recommended that Ian Andrews record of leading over 300 walks should be receive a formal recognition. The meeting agree with this proposal.
- c) Tony Pilcher, on behalf of the members, wished to record a vote of thanks to the Committee members standing down this year.