

**RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION (COMPANY NUMBER 4458492)
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ramblers, held at
Temperton Suite, Main Building Harper Adams University College,
Shropshire on Friday 3rd April 2009**

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 92/09 Members: Kate Ashbrook (Chairman), Andrew Bibby, Jo Bird, Denis Fuller, Kate Gocher, Helen Johns, Alison Mitchell, Owen Plunkett, Brian Reader, Rodney Whittaker, Ron Williams
- 93/09 Staff: Paul Butler, Tom Franklin, Tony Hall, Jo Smith
- 94/09 Observer: Geoff Eastwood
- 95/09 Visitor: Tom Fisher
- 96/09 Apologies: Beverley Lufkin, Ian White

WELCOME

- 97/09 The Board welcomed Tom Fisher, who is standing for Vice-Chair at this General Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 98/09 Kate Ashbrook declared an interest as General Secretary of Open Spaces Society and as Chairman of the Campaign for National Parks
- 99/09 Owen Plunkett declared an interest as Vice-Chairman of the South Downs Campaign.

CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY MOTION

- 100/09 The Board reviewed an emergency motion submitted to General Council by Owen Plunkett on behalf of Hampshire Area, regarding the decision by the Government to confirm the designation of the South Downs as a National Park.
- 101/09 The Board agreed to remain neutral on the motion.

GENERAL COUNCIL AGENDA COMMITTEE

- 102/09 The Board noted that the Agenda Committee had ordered the motions and amendments, and discussed the emergency motion.

GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Relating to Motions – the Board confirmed the following positions on the motions and related amendments.

- Motion 1 – remain neutral after amendment
- Motion 2 – support
- Motion 3 – amendment – if accepted remain neutral
- Motion 4 – neutral
- Motion 5 – neutral
- Motion 6 – oppose
- Motion 7 – amendment deleted – support
- Motion 8 – 2 amendments received – oppose
- Motion 9 – support
- Motion 10 – oppose
- Motion 11 – oppose but give assurances that GC would be involved, as appropriate, in decisions taken by the Board
- Motion 12 – oppose if amendment not agreed

Relating to any other General Council business

103/09 The Board agreed that trustees would split themselves between each of the Saturday lunchtime workshops.

104/09 The Board agreed that Kevin Matthews should encourage members to stay for the hustings, as he is chairing the session before the hustings.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

105/09 The Board noted there was no other business.

THIS ENDED THE BUSINESS