

**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 Saturday 4th April 2009

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 106/09 Members: Kate Ashbrook, Len Banister, Andrew Bibby, Jo Bird, Tom Fisher, Gus Halfhide, Eleanor Harris, Helen Johns, Jonathan Kipling, Helen Lloyd Jones, Alison Mitchell, Harry Mycock, Owen Plunkett, Rodney Whittaker (Chair),
- 107/09 Staff: Paul Butler, Tom Franklin, Beverley Penney, Jo Smith
- 108/09 Observer: Geoff Eastwood

IMMEDIATE MATTERS ARISING FROM GENERAL COUNCIL

- 109/09 The Board noted there were not immediate matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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- 110/09 The Board agreed that the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer of Ramblers Enterprises Ltd would be the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer of the Ramblers Board.

SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

- 111/09 The Board noted that the structure of the three sub-committees would be agreed at the May Board meeting.
- 112/09 The Board noted the dates of the next Campaigns, Strategy & Governance and Finance & Audit Sub-Committee meetings and invited any of the new board members to attend if they so wished.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUCTION

- 113/09 Paperwork and information was handed out, and new trustees were encouraged to participate in the induction session timetabled to take place shortly before the next Board meeting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- 114/09 The Board noted the future draft meeting dates with particular note to the next meeting taking place at the Lancaster Hall Hotel, London.

CEO UPDATE

115/09 The Chief Executive updated the Board on the difficult financial situation. The financial report at the end of Month 5 showed a significant drop in our income, with expenditure running at only slightly below budget. He expressed concern that this could lead to a much larger deficit for the year than the one which had been budgeted, and said that SMT were taking immediate steps to reduce expenditure for the remainder of the year, many of which were likely to be unpopular and difficult. He would be working closely with the Chair and Treasurer. He stressed the need for decisive action to reduce the projected deficit, and said that this would be discussed at the sub-committees, with further decisions likely to be needed at the Board meeting in May.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

116/09 The Board noted there was no other business.

THIS ENDED THE BUSINESS