

**RAMBLERS SCOTLAND SCOTTISH COUNCIL 2014  
FINAL MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING**

**Held on Friday at Holiday Inn, West Nile St, Glasgow  
and on Saturday at Caledonian University, Glasgow  
Friday - Saturday 7/8 March 2014**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**1. CONVENER'S RECEPTION**

Scottish Council 2014 started with the Convener's reception on Friday evening at the Holiday Inn Glasgow. This was followed by dinner and a presentation from our President Dr Andrew Murray. Key points were how "a lack of physical fitness is a bigger killer than 'smokadiabesity', ie, smoking, diabetes and obesity combined" and Ramblers therefore helps save lives by promoting walking for health and well-being. He also said how "volunteers are the backbone of the Ramblers - getting folk more active and smiling" and spoke eloquently on the broad range of our activities across GB.

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Morning Session**

**2. WELCOME TO GLASGOW**

- 2.1 Barry Pottle, Chairman of the Glasgow Ramblers, welcomed everyone to the conference.

**3. WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE**

- 3.1 Convener David Thomson welcomed guests including Jonathan Kipling, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Gwyn Lewis, Chair of Ramblers Cymru, Mavis Rear, Trustee/ Hon Secretary of Ramblers Holidays Charitable Trust, and staff members from Ramblers GB - Benedict Southworth, Chief Executive and Sarah Gardner, E Communications Officer.

**4. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from President Andrew Murray, Vice President John Foster, Vice Convener Jim Lawson, SSEC member Roy Keenan, Ian McCall (Senior Development Officer, Paths for All) and Ann Rankin.

**5. APPROVAL OF ORDER PAPER**

- 5.1 Barry Pottle, Convener of the Agenda Committee (AC) sought approval of the updated Order Paper (02) which included an amendment to Motion 2 submitted by North Strathclyde Area. The updated paper was emailed to delegates on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March and hard copies were made available at registration to everyone attending Scottish Council.

- 5.2 He informed Council that only 2 people out of 3 were elected for the AC in 2013. Earlier this year, Olga MacFadyen (previous AC member) was persuaded to be co-opted onto AC and it was noted by Council that this was not mentioned in the Order Paper. Two of the current AC members – Barry Pottle and Liz Hunt were willing to stand again this year. When delegates considered if they might wish to stand for the coming year's AC, a third person was being sought. Barry pointed out that being an AC member was not an onerous task and nominations could still be accepted.
- 5.3 The 3 motions received were held by the AC to be competent. There was a disagreement between AC members as to whether Motion 3 submitted by North Strathclyde Area was competent but the AC voted 3 to 2 that the motion should be accepted.
- 5.4 Scottish Council noted the declaration from Barry Pottle and Liz Hunt that they are members of the North Strathclyde Area and therefore had stated an interest in Motions 2 and 3.
- 5.5 The Agenda Committee recommended that the date and time for remission of undisposed of motions and amendments, under Standing Order A.5.2 should be 1½ hours after the discussion of motions commences.
- 5.6 Barry told Council that there had been a disagreement regarding Motion 3 as AC members had opposing views with some stating it was constitutional and others stating it was not, but the majority had accepted it as competent, as stated at 5.3 above. He pointed out that the Order Paper was subject to approval by Council, and that amendments to the Order Paper could be proposed at this stage (but not later). He therefore indicated that any member of Council who disagreed with the majority decision of AC, could propose an amendment that Motion 3 be rejected as unconstitutional, before the adoption of the Order Paper.
- 5.7 On behalf of SCEC (Scottish Council Executive Committee) Alistair Cant, Hon Treasurer, proposed and Vic Royce, SCEC member, seconded the following two amendments to the Order paper:
- a) **Amendment to Motion 2.** SCEC proposed that the sentence '*The appropriate documentation should be made available to all Scottish Council members at the same time as the other Scottish Council paperwork, twenty one days in advance of the Scottish Council meeting*' be deleted as this would require changes to the constitution if the motion was passed. The current constitution states that notification of motions should be distributed to members attending SC 21 days in advance and constitutional motions 21 days in advance. These are the only papers that have a specific time limit regarding distribution. Mike McManus, delegate for North Strathclyde Area accepted that the words '*twenty one days in advance of the Scottish Council meeting*' could be deleted from the motion.  
On that basis Motion 2 was amended with the approval of Council.
  - b) **Motion 3.** SCEC proposed that AC had acted improperly, as SCEC believed that the two AC members from North Strathclyde Area (who declared an interest) should not have taken part in the vote on whether Motion 3 was constitutional or not. Had those two members excluded themselves from the vote, the decision by AC would have been 2 to 1 for rejection of the motion as unconstitutional. SCEC therefore recommended that the motion be deleted.  
A vote was taken and Scottish Council voted that Motion 3 be deleted from the Order Paper
- 5.8 Alistair Cant, on behalf of SCEC suggested that the names of participants in any AC discussion should be listed on the Order Paper. Barry Pottle agreed to take this on board for next year.
- 5.9 The Order Paper was approved by a vote taken by Scottish Council.

## 6. MEET THE PRESIDENT

6.1 A short film was shown of Dr Andrew Murray.

## 7. MINUTES OF SCOTTISH COUNCIL 2013

7.1 Scottish Council accepted the minutes and agreed that the minutes should now be signed by the Convener and distributed.

7.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## 8 ANNUAL REPORT, DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND ACTION TAKEN ON MOTIONS 2013

8.1 A short 5-minute annual report was presented in pictures. Dave Morris encouraged groups to make photos available to staff, for example by uploading them on their group websites, so they could be used in future reports.

8.2 Dave Morris gave his report to Scottish Council. The following are the main points from his report:

8.3 His daughter, Esme died in July last year after a 7-year struggle with a brain tumour. Esme's positive outlook had provided a great deal of inspiration over the last months of her life and Dave was extremely grateful to many people for their support.

Information on Esme's legacy is available on 'Esmesadventure' page on Facebook.

8.4 All Scotland staff attended a successful Digital Day in London along with the rest of Ramblers GB staff. Dave said that a great deal of work was being carried out in London to keep pace of changes in the modern digital age. If delegates wished to hear about Ramblers GB, they should attend the Chief Executive's workshop on 'What Ramblers GB does' that afternoon.

8.5 Dave recently attended and delivered an address at the Holyrood 2014 Games Legacy Conference in Edinburgh along with Jeannie Cranfield (Games Legacy Advisor for Ramblers Scotland). He called for 10 years of effort to deliver the Commonwealth Games physical activity legacy saying that a massive increase in walking and cycling was essential.

8.6 The Scottish Government is shortly to publish its National Walking Strategy and Ramblers Scotland is part of the stakeholder group involved in drawing this up. The strategy's objectives are supported by our TAKE30 project and we hope it may lead to some financial support

8.7 On the promoting walking front, the Medal Routes (MR) project has gained momentum with nearly 80 hubs available to download from our website. Staff members Jeannie Cranfield and Rob Burns attended a bootcamp in Southampton as part of the Geovation Challenge run by Ordnance Survey. The MR project was one of the winners and has been awarded around £25K to create and implement a new mobile App for the short walks project.

8.8 RHCT (Ramblers Holiday Charitable Trust) are supporting and partly funding the project and we are delighted to see Mavis Rear (Trustee/Hon Secretary of RHCT) in our midst today. Dave thanked her for her continued support of the project.

8.9 Ben Glencross, Group Development Officer was appointed in August 2013. This post is funded by **sportscotland** and it is expected that funding will continue for several years. He pointed out to Council that it was extremely important for Groups to get to know Ben as much as possible in order to develop their Groups. We are pleased that Andy Kelly (Project Manager for **sportscotland**) has agreed to speak to us today about the Small Grants Programme for the 2014 Games Legacy Fund.

8.10 Securing and facilitating access. Not much more has happened since the last annual report. The Government's review into land reform legislation is due to be published in April.

- 8.11 Network Rail problems continue - we need to push forward trying to understand a positive approach to crossing railway lines in Scotland. I spoke last year about Ben Lui and making it a formal crossing point.
- 8.12 Protecting the outdoor environment – Dave noted the proposed motion relating to forestry windfarms. Many issues still need to be resolved. For example, the hilltracks debate. Helen Todd and Dave visited the Pentlands last year with the Planning Minister to look at a track and we are still waiting on the Minister making a decision. The windfarm situation continues but one controversial windfarm close to the Cairngorms National Park, Allt Duine, is still awaiting consent from Scottish Ministers. We are hoping that ministers will support a map of core areas of wild land to help protect our wilder areas from future major development.
- 8.13 To finish off, when Jeanie and I spoke at the Games Legacy Conference, we said we really are going to deliver an environmental legacy. First thing we have to do is to get a massive increase in walking – this is the easiest and cheapest way to deliver this type of legacy. So much can be done by individuals setting an example – going out for a walk - 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. We should encourage people to walks in Groups and to build up as many walking groups as possible. Our argument has always been that 10% of every annual transport budget is spent on walking and cycling, but currently it's around 1%.
- 8.14 Last point to leave you with – everyone should be able to walk or cycle locally. Lots and lots more paths and tracks are needed.
- 8.15 Questions were taken from the floor. Barry Pottle questioned the Ramblers Scotland (RS) vision statement and also said that we should not connect the two vision statements, ie the GB vision process that is going on at present and also the one that has not yet been consulted upon for RS. He was concerned that if we wait until the GB vision is in place, we could end up with one paragraph specific to Scotland and therefore it would not be a vision for RS. He also indicated that the Motion passed in 2012 concerning a vision for RS has never been discharged.

This is an item for discussion later this afternoon. See Item 20.

## **9. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

- 9.1 Scottish Council formally adopted the Annual Report and the action taken on motions for 2013.

## **10. PRESENTATION TO RAMBLERS SCOTLAND DIRECTOR**

- 10.1 On behalf of Ramblers Scotland (RS), the Convener, David Thomson, presented Dave Morris RS Director with a Quaich in recognition of 25 years employment with RS. Vice-President, David Grosz, said that Dave's work had been of a high calibre and he'd helped secure one of the best access arrangements in the world through his work in the lead up to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

## **11. STATEMENT AND ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS**

- 11.1 The Honorary Treasurer, Alistair Cant, introduced the accounts, which included the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for Scottish Council (Papers 6A and 6B). Expenditure was not constrained and there was no particular unusual spend during the year. The campaign fund exists to receive donations. Funding, previously agreed to be prioritised for campaign work for a third national park, was not required to be spent this year.
- 11.2 Paper 6C showed the Scottish Ramblers Gathering accounts. There was a surplus of £123 from the SRG activities last year and the accounts show a healthy balance as at year end.

- 11.3 Paper 6D gave a brief summary of the finances for Ramblers Scotland. An electronic copy had been distributed to members attending SC but it has not been uploaded on the website as the final accounts, on which it was based, will not be signed off until General Council. Essentially the paper gives a detailed analysis of the figures in relation to Ramblers GB.
- 11.4 Questions from the floor were taken. These included: 1) the deficit has risen constantly and we would like an explanation for it; 2) what are the total GB governance costs; 3) why is there a loss of £250K per annum; 4) Ramblers Scotland is allowed to manage itself - expenditure should therefore be kept under control.
- 11.5 Alistair explained that this is an investment by Ramblers GB in Scotland. He said we had trimmed back and have taken various measures to keep our costs down. We are very careful that money is spent effectively. One new Group has been created so we are apportioned slightly more Central Office costs. Staff has built back up again to three core staff, plus one part funded by Ramblers and two more people are funded solely by partners, a total of six staff members.
- 11.6 Ben Douglas SCEC member said that Alistair has presented the facts and figures and its his own interpretation of the report. Ramblers members who come to Scotland benefit from our work and Ramblers Scotland members that visit England & Wales benefit from the work south of the border.
- 11.7 Alistair finished by saying that we now have detailed information and we can work on that and take that forward. He felt we should not attack a bunch of figures but consider more what the figures actually mean. He said it had been good to have this debate.

## **12. ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS**

- 12.1 The Convener said that he was delighted that Dr Andrew Murray had again agreed to be our President for a second year.
- 12.2 The following were elected unopposed for the positions of President, Vice Presidents, Convener, Vice Convener and Hon Treasurer. The Convener declared these office bearers duly elected.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
PRESIDENT	Andrew Murray	David Thomson	James Lawson
VICE-PRESIDENT	Dick Balharry	James Lawson	David Thomson
VICE-PRESIDENT	Dennis Canavan	David Thomson	James Lawson
VICE-PRESIDENT	John Foster	David Thomson	James Lawson
VICE-PRESIDENT	David Grosz	Alison Mitchell	Elizabeth Lawie
VICE-PRESIDENT	John Holms	Elizabeth Lawie	Vic Royce
VICE-PRESIDENT	Cameron McNeish	Vic Royce	Alison Mitchell
VICE-PRESIDENT	Dr Rennie McOwan	Ben Douglas	Alison Mitchell
VICE-PRESIDENT	Malcolm Payne	James Lawson	David Thomson
CONVENER	David Thomson	Ben Douglas	Alistair Cant
VICE-CONVENER	James Lawson	Elizabeth Lawie	Barry Pottle
HON TREASURER	Alistair Cant	John Holms	David Thomson

### **12.3 APPOINTMENTS**

The following external examiners were reappointed:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER, Scottish Council Accounts: Paul Kenny  
 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER, Scottish Gathering Accounts: David Fenlon

### **13. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELECTIONS TO AC AND SCEC (Agenda Committee and Scottish Council Executive Committee)**

- 13.1 Catherine Watt was appointed as Returning Officer and nominations for AC/SCEC were to be handed to her on the way out for lunch. If required, elections would take place during the lunch break.

### **14. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS AND SCRUTINEERS**

- 14.1 Morag Macintyre, Gertraute Vollmuth and Eleanor Peacock (all Glasgow Group members) were appointed as Tellers and Scrutineers.

### **15 PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Group news presentations**

- 1) Secrets of our Success – Sandy Janas, Linlithgow Ramblers  
 Linlithgow Ramblers use a digital solution in the form of a website to capture walk information instead of a 'difficult to manage' paper form. They also operate a Google calendar to update members about changes to planned walks and a buddy system for those members without email.

2) Attracting new members, lessons learnt in starting a new group – Martin Davison, Eildon Ramblers

Eildon Ramblers – our newest group in Scotland – uses Facebook to recruit members. They said they were more than just a walking group as strong friendships had been formed and the group were all fitter, healthier and happier as a result of the Ramblers! Martin said he would welcome Ramblers from other Groups to join the newly formed Group.

3) Group News – Jeannie Cranfield, Ramblers Scotland

Jeannie gave a big thank you to Sandy and Martin for their presentations and for informing us about their innovative approaches to recruit members and help walk leaders. She also thanked all volunteers adding that collectively the Ramblers could not exist without their great work and effort adding that they did an incredible job. She also gave special thanks to members who had been helping with the short walks programme with our Groups in Glasgow, Kinross, Perth and West Lothian; Dunfermline & West Fife for helping with a walk from a community sports hub and for piloting dog walks and short walks; Midlothian Ramblers for their work in mapping routes at Lasswade Primary School; Edinburgh Young Walkers for helping us set up Tayside Young Walkers; Ben Douglas for his phenomenal contribution to Medal Routes and finally all of our 14 groups taking part in the John Muir Festival and Event.

**Path maintenance days** – this is a great opportunity to learn how to carry out minor repairs in and around places where you live. It also helps raise our profile in the local area. This year, we are hoping to establish more path maintenance teams across Scotland.

**Get Walking Week** – this is a great chance to promote short walks for your Group.

**Youth Scotland** - Equally important for us is motivating children and young people from a young age to be physically active. Meetings have been held recently with this organisation. They are interested in giving young people some walk leadership training and giving them opportunities to walk more. If any members or groups would be interested in this, please let me know and we can put you in touch with a youth group in your area, through Youth Scotland.

4) Medal Routes

Rob Burns, Medal Routes Project Officer gave a quick update on the project. He said that over 210 walking routes had been mapped in over 76 locations Scotland wide. The project is well on target to reach its goal of 120 hubs by the end of October 2014. To date, there are 180 volunteer ambassadors working on the project. Medal Routes has been generating lots of publicity, mainly through 'hub' launches, where we have featured on the radio and in external newsletters and local press. The Scottish Government is leading by example, in that they have agreed to create a hub from each Government office in Edinburgh.

Medal Routes has also been successful in gaining around £25K funding from the Ordnance Survey Geovation Challenge to develop a Mobile App which will be launched later this year. This App will help engage new audiences and motivate users to be more active using and creating Medal Route walks.

5) Two inspiring videos, funded by HF Holidays, were also shown – one on working with school kids to enable them to choose a walk rather than PE – **Outdoor Life**,

***Embedding Walking into the Curriculum.*** The other video showed our Edinburgh Young Walkers on a walking weekend in Glencoe – ***The Ramblers Might Surprise You.***

- 6) 2014 Legacy Fund: Andy Kelly, Project Manager, **sportscotland**  
Andy Kelly, Project Manager for **sportscotland** Facilities team gave a presentation on the funds available through the small grants programme, the 2014 Legacy Fund. He encouraged Groups to apply for funding. Andy is also the programme lead for 2 small grant programmes.

## **Afternoon Session**

### **16 WORKSHOPS**

- 16.1 Three workshops which ran during the afternoon proved very popular with members. These covered:

- (1) Social Media: Sarah Gardner, Ramblers E Communication Officer
- (2) What Ramblers GB does: Benedict Southworth, Ramblers Chief Executive
- (3) Challenges & Opportunities; A chance to air your views and ask questions: Ramblers Scotland staff members Helen Todd and Jeannie Cranfield

The workshops were a great opportunity for members to share their experiences and exchange views and ideas.

### **17 Council agreed to suspend standing orders.**

### **18. DECLARATION OF CANDIDATES AND ELECTIONS FOR AC/SCEC (Agenda Committee and Scottish Council Executive Committee)**

- 18.1 The Convener announced that there would be no election for the Agenda Committee. Three nominations had been received for the three places available. Barry Pottle, Liz Hunt and James Bennett were duly elected.
- 18.2 There was no need for an SCEC election as five nominations were received for the seven places available. Those elected were: John Andrews, Ben Douglas, Liz Lawie, Alison Mitchell and Vic Royce.
- 18.3 The Convener congratulated those elected to the AC and the SCEC, adding that the SCEC could also co-opt additional members to the Committee if appropriate.

### **19 MOTIONS**

#### **19.1 Motion 1 – Submitted by Isle of Bute Ramblers**

The motion was proposed by Ross Elder (Area delegate for Renfrewshire, Cowal & Bute) on behalf of Jim Campbell (delegate for Isle of Bute Ramblers) and seconded by David Collinson (also Area delegate for Renfrewshire, Cowal & Bute).

Before a vote was taken Council debated the motion and the proposer and seconder agreed to the following amendments to the original motion: 1) 'redouble' in second paragraph, first sentence to be replaced with 'maximise', and 2) 'the leisure industries' in second para, last sentence to be replaced with 'outdoor recreation'. The amended motion is shown below.

Given its aims and activities, the Ramblers' Association is intimately linked into the current state and future of the leisure industries and tourism within the UK. Anything that impacts the groundbase for these activities, affects our future. Consequently, this Scottish Council is concerned about current government policies that determine (1) the allocation of private sector sell-offs of government-owned Forestry Commission woodlands for harvesting, and (2) the granting of permissions for the siting of large windfarm developments.

This Scottish Council instructs its Executive Committee, and urges Areas, Groups and individual members, to maximize their efforts to influence, in any way they can (e.g. writing to and lobbying MPs, submitting articles to journals, periodicals and tabloids, word of mouth, etc), a refocus of the current policies being followed to take account of regional priorities, so that tourism and outdoor recreation continue to play a major unimperilled part in the future of the nation.

**The motion was passed.**

## **19.2 Motion 2 – Submitted by North Strathclyde Area**

The motion was proposed by Mike McManus (Area delegate for North Strathclyde) and seconded by Anne Thomson (also Area delegate for North Strathclyde). An amendment to this motion had been agreed by the Area during the session on the Updated Order Paper 02 (see 5.7).

This Scottish Council calls upon its Executive Committee to provide on an annual basis full accounts for the running of Ramblers Scotland Office, including actual staff costs, project costs, office rentals, etc. An analysis explanation should be provided for any significant changes in income and expenditure over the year. The appropriate documentation should be made available to all Scottish Council members at the same time as the other Scottish Council paperwork. If any of the figures are derived from GB Accounts which have not yet been signed off, this fact should be declared but should not delay the documentation being made available at the Scottish Council meeting. Time should be allocated for their discussion in the timetable for the annual meeting of the Scottish Council.

**The motion was passed.**

## **20 VISION STATEMENT**

20.1 The Convener indicated that SCEC had asked Jim Lawson to coordinate the Vision Process. The first 2 pages of the Paper 08 outlines the work in progress so far. Jim was due to speak today about his paper but unfortunately he was in hospital. The Convener asked Council for comments on what they thought the process should be. Comments included:

- After the motion was passed in 2012 four Groups in the Forth Valley, Fife & Tayside Area made a submission to Jim Lawson. Groups had different viewpoints and it was hard to see a common thread. It's a difficult task to try and push everything together.
- Would like to see more emphasis on the environment and keeping the beauty of the countryside.

- A working party should be put forward as it is too onerous a task for Jim Lawson to carry out on his own. Workshops work well as a platform to air views from members. A number of workshops should be held Scotland wide with local Groups and Areas attending.
- A questionnaire should be produced for a Ramblers Scotland vision but we should ensure that it is not a lengthy document as members could be put off by this. Questions should be based on led walks, campaigning, role of staff, role of Areas, eg do we need them? And if so how do we make them work? This has not been addressed so far.

20.2 Benedict Southworth was absolutely clear that the GB vision would not end up with a small paragraph about Scotland at the end.

20.3 The Convener said he would take these comments on board and pass onto Jim Lawson after he has made a full recovery. In the meantime Council wished Jim a speedy recovery.

## **21. CLOSING REMARKS**

21.1 Gwyn Lewis Ramblers Cymru Chair thanked Scottish Council for inviting him here today adding that it had been a very interesting meeting.

21.2 David Thomson finished by thanking everyone for attending. He particularly thanked Barry Pottle Chairman of the Glasgow Group for welcoming delegates, the registration team – Gerard McCrear and Catherine Watt; (Catherine was also thanked for acting as the Returning Officer), the tellers and scrutineers, Eleanor Peacock, Gertraute Lowrie and Morag Macintyre and the University catering and event staff.

21.3 He asked members to remember to complete the online survey as we really need to hear what your thoughts are – the link would be sent to everyone attending the following week.

21.4 The meeting was declared closed at 1622.

**PRESIDENT:**

Dr Andrew Murray

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

David Grosz

**SCOTTISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

David Thomson (Convener)    Alistair Cant (Hon.Treasurer)  
John Andrews                    Ben Douglas  
Elizabeth Lawie                 Alison Mitchell  
Vic Royce

**SCOTTISH COUNCIL AGENDA COMMITTEE:**

Barry Pottle                      Liz Hunt

**AREA DELEGATES:**

Clydesdale to Solway	John Cooper
	Garry Tait
Forth Valley, Fife & Tayside	Brian Clark
	Janet McNee
Grampian	Jane Catto
	Anne MacDonald
Lothian & Borders	Martin Davison
	Dorothy Stewart
North Strathclyde	Mike McManus
	Anne Thomson
Renfrewshire, Cowal & Bute	David Collinson
	Ross Elder
South West Scotland	Steve Beeley
	Florence Clarke

**GROUP DELEGATES:**

Aberdeen	David Fenlon
Badenoch & Strathspey	Ann Hadley
Bearsden & Milngavie	Peter Bartos
Blairgowrie	Sean Galbally
Broughty Ferry	James Jack
Clyde Valley	George Firth
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	Monica Ferguson
Cunninghame	Christine Jeffers
Dalgety Bay	Dorothy Patterson
Dumfries & District	Vivienne Pickering
Forfar	Christine Ferguson
Glasgow	Gerard McCrear
Helensburgh and West Dunbarton	Peter Gordon
Inverclyde	James Bennett
Inverness	Roger Smith
Isle of Bute	Jim Campbell
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	Jenny Logue
Kirkcaldy	Bill Gibson
Linlithgow	Sandy Janas

## **Group delegates cont'd)**

Livingston	Senga Macrae
Midlothian	Gillian Aitken
North Berwick	Margaret Allan
Paisley	Michael Doherty
Perth & District	Allen Bardwell
SLOW	William Graham
South Ayrshire	Douglas Graham
St Andrews & NE Fife	Will Aitken
Stirling & Falkirk	Margaret Cooke
Strathkelvin	Alan Gemmell
Wigtownshire	Catherine Makepeace

## **SPEAKERS, GUESTS, VISITORS AND OBSERVERS**

### **Speakers:**

Andy Kelly, Project Manager, **sportscotland**

### **Guests**

Mavis Rear – Trustee/ Hon Secretary (Ramblers Holidays Charitable Trust)

### **Visitors:**

### **Board of Trustees:**

Jonathan Kipling (Ramblers GB Chair)

Gwyn Lewis (Ramblers Cymru Chair)

### **Observers:**

Karine Davison (North Strathclyde)

Eamon Fitzgerald (Glasgow)

Kate Graham (South Ayrshire)

Ruth Jack (Broughty Ferry)

Robert Lawie (Monklands)

Morag Macintyre (Glasgow)

Charles Milligan (South West Scotland)

Mike Morris (Blairgowrie)

Eleanor Peacock (Glasgow)

Jim Riddell (North Strathclyde)

Peter Sanders (Lothian and Borders)

Penny Sinclair (Strathkelvin)

Jacqueline Taylor (Cunninghame)

Eileen Thomson (Paisley)

Gertraute Vollmuth-Lowrie (Glasgow)

Catherine Watt (Glasgow)

Arthur Homan-Elsy (Livingston)

## **STEWARDS/TELLERS/SCRUTINEERS**

Gerard McCrear, Catherine Watt, Gertraute Vollmuth-Lowrie, Morag Macintyre, Eamon Fitzgerald and Eleanor Peacock (also attending as Group observers or Group delegate)

### **STAFF:**

Benedict Southworth, Ramblers Chief Executive

Sarah Gardner, E Communication Officer

### **Ramblers Scotland staff**

Dave Morris, Director

Helen Todd, Campaigns & Policy Manager

Kareen Robertson, Communications & Finance Officer

Jeannie Cranfield, Games Legacy Advisor

Rob Burns, Medal Routes Project Officer