

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

**Held on Saturday at Caledonian University, Glasgow  
Saturday 8 March 2014**

**PRE SCOTTISH COUNCIL**

**19/14 ATTENDANCE**

**SCEC**

David Thomson – Convener  
Alistair Cant – Hon Treasurer  
John Andrews

Ben Douglas  
Alison Mitchell  
Elizabeth Lawie  
Vic Royce

**Board of Trustees**

Jonathan Kipling, Ramblers Chair

**Staff**

Dave Morris – Director Scotland  
Benedict Southworth – Ramblers Chief Executive

**20/14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Jim Lawson and Roy Keenan.

**21/14 ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCOTTISH COUNCIL**

SCEC approved the arrangements for Scottish Council. The following points were highlighted:

Motions and Amendments 2014

- a) **Motion 2** Liz Lawie declared an interest, as the seconder of this motion. SCEC agreed to propose that the sentence in Motion 2 **‘The appropriate documents 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’** should be deleted as this would require changes to the current constitution.
- b) **Motion 3** – SCEC agreed to recommend to Scottish Council that this motion be deleted as SCEC believed the Agenda Committee members who had declared an interest in this motion should not have taken part in the vote.
- c) SCEC agreed that Alistair Cant should propose the above amendments to the amended Order Paper 02 and Vic Royce should second the amendments.

Appointment of person to receive SCEC/Agenda Committee nominations

SCEC noted that Catherine Watt, observer for Glasgow Group is the person appointed to receive SCEC and Agenda Committee nomination papers at SC.

Appointment of Tellers/Scrutineers

SCEC noted that Morag McIntyre, Gertraute Vollmuth and Eleanor Peacock, all observers from the Glasgow Group, will act as tellers for the Motions and scrutineers if an election is held for SCEC or AC.

### Election of Officers

An election will not be required for Officers' posts as only one nomination has been received for each available post.

## **22/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

SCEC agreed that a discussion about the future of the Scottish Ramblers Gathering could be held after the end of the Motions session, if there was time.

## **POST SCOTTISH COUNCIL**

### **23/14 ATTENDANCE**

#### **SCEC**

David Thomson, Convener  
John Andrews  
Ben Douglas

Elizabeth Lawie  
Alison Mitchell  
Vic Royce

#### **Board of Trustees**

Jonathan Kipling, Ramblers Chair

#### **Staff**

Dave Morris – Director Scotland  
Kareen Robertson – Communications & Finance Officer

### **24/14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Alistair Cant, Hon Treasurer.

### **25/14 URGENT MATTERS ARISING FROM SCOTTISH COUNCIL**

SCEC agreed that we should give priority to moving forward the Ramblers Scotland (RS) vision statement. Alison Mitchell agreed that she would assist Jim Lawson in taking this forward and also agreed that RS would not disregard work that had been carried out previously.

Jonathan Kipling indicated that Ramblers had a complete kit to help with the GB Vision process and this could possibly be adapted for Scotland. The Convener agreed that he would contact Benedict Southworth regarding the kit. In addition RS should speak to Benedict about any budget problem that may occur regarding the Vision process.

The vision statement should be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting

**AP** KR Include agenda item RS vision for next SCEC meeting

**AP** DT contact Benedict Southworth regarding the GB toolkit for the vision process

**26/14 DATE FOR SCOTTISH COUNCIL 2015**

SCEC agreed a provisional date of 6/7 March for next year's Scottish Council. The date will be confirmed at the next SCEC meeting after reviewing the SC evaluation forms.

**AP** DT confirm date for next Scottish Council

**27/14 CHEQUE SIGNATORY ARRANGEMENTS**

SCEC agreed that all current signatories should be maintained.

**28/14 SCEC MEETING DATES**

The following SCEC meeting dates were agreed:

- Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Tue, 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Tue, 11 November

**29/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOTIFIED TO THE CONVENER**

**Governance Review Working Party** John Andrews indicated that he had been asked to be part of the Governance Review Working Party led by Ramblers GB. SCEC agreed that it might be useful to ask why John was nominated and we should also request a remit for the working party. David Thomson agreed to look into this.

**AP** DT to investigate why John was nominated by Ramblers GB for the Governance Review Working Party

**Walk demonstration on Meikleour Estate** Following on from discussions at the SCEC February meeting, SCEC agreed with John Andrews's proposal to run a protest walk

The meeting closed at 1715 hours.