

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 13.10.2022

Present: Phil Bradshaw (acting chairman), Wendy Yates, Martin Pakes, Katherine Pratt, Maureen Day, John Day, Bill Tregillus

Apologies for Absence: Jim Turner, Maggie Owers, Ian Rendell and Peter Milligan

The meeting was opened at 7pm by acting chairman Phil Bradshaw. He paid respects to Stuart Thomson, who had passed away suddenly. His hard work as treasurer and participation was acknowledged and a condolence card will be sent to his family. Bill will send out a general e mail to inform members that Stuart has passed away.

Minutes of the last meeting on 9.6.22

The previous minutes were agreed and passed. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Jim was unable to attend the meeting but asked that the following be mentioned: A large number of Sunday walkers met up with a large group of Norwich ramblers who were based around Dorchester in September. We pulled together an itinerary for the week of 10 walks. Four of us led walks for them. This follows up from the Norwich group's annual trip to the Lake District in June, where 5 of us joined them. Hopefully this cross-group cooperation will continue.

Treasurer's Report

This was postponed at present. The current accounts were sent out with the agenda.

Secretary's Report

Ian, the current secretary, is in hospital at present so Katherine, who will be taking over at the AGM, gave a report. The invoice for the hall has been paid and the payment for hall hire for the AGM is due. As we currently do not have a treasurer, Katherine will pay the bill for the hall hire. Katherine has stated that any guidance in regards to her role as secretary will be welcomed. She will update the list of committee members and distribute these.

Programme Secretary Report

There are still some empty slots for the next programme. It was accepted that there may well only be one walk per week over the winter, however, there are currently 25/33 slots covered. It was agreed to dispense with the C and D ratings and leave walkers to choose which walk they would like to join. Phil has said that he would like to stand down as programme secretary in March. Marion P has offered to lead a 4 mile walk before the Christmas meal on 8 December starting at 10am.

Membership Secretary Report

In October 2021 there were 238 members. There are currently 222 members, so membership has fallen slightly.

Footpath Secretary Report

It was agreed that the walks programme will continue in the current format. The deadline to submit walks for the next programme is 17 October. We discussed the description of the walks submitted. Martin has asked that when submitting walks, the postcode comes first followed by the grid reference. What Three Words is not necessary.

Publicity Officer

It was decided that we no longer need this role. Wendy will still help with organising events such as the Christmas Lunch.

Upcoming AGM

We discussed who will make cakes and several members have volunteered. Katherine said she would find it helpful if she could see a previous AGM agenda and minutes. Wendy thought she had copies of these and would forward them on. Katherine will put together the AGM agenda and forward to the committee.

Any Other Business

We discussed the Christmas lunch on 8 December which will hopefully follow a walk. All members who would like to attend will need to pay Wendy in advance. The amount will be £20, which will include a small tip. The deadline for booking and payment is 1 December. An e mail will be sent out by Bill to all members giving details in early November.

We discussed setting up a South Somerset Facebook page. Katherine explained that this

would contain details of upcoming walks and photos of previous walks. People's faces would only be shown if they have given permission. It was felt that this was a good idea to attract new members and Katherine will set this up.

Katherine will distribute the minutes and get them uploaded to the website. The committee were unsure if the minutes needed to be distributed to area. This will be checked with Jim.

Dates of Next Meetings

These were agreed as

16 February 2023

8 June 2023

12 October 2023.

The meeting ended at 8.25

