



## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 04 September 2024

### Present from the Committee:

Dafydd Jones - Chairman    Roy Milnes - Walks Secretary    Mieko Yamaguchi - Membership Secretary;  
 Jo-Anne Milnes - Secretary    Maggie Barry - Footpath Secretary; Joan Glass; Kath Woods; Diane Jamal

### Apologies:

Guto Parry - Treasurer; Graham Fitch - Footpath Officer; John Hammond; Wendy Pearson - resigned.

| 1. | <b>Welcome - Dafydd Jones – Chairman</b><br>Dafydd welcomed everyone. Many thanks for all the hard work and commitment to Wendy Pearson who has resigned due to increased family commitments – you will be missed.<br>Many thanks to members who have contributed to the running of the Club this past year.<br>On an Area level the booklets are to be published for general information until next year. Eryri walks system is working very well and will continue to be used for the foreseeable future. | <b>Action</b> |
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| 2. | <b>Apologies</b><br>Members unable to attend sent their apologies.  |               |
| 3. | <b>Minutes of Last AGM</b><br>Agreed  |               |
| 4. | <b>Meiko Yamaguchi - Membership Secretary</b><br>A PowerPoint presentation showed the upward trend with graphics.<br>Meiko outlined the continued upward trend in walkers joining Eryri group – now 239 members. There were a few resignations but were offset by Meiko’s diligence in checking up missing members. Facebook now 2k members, is continuing to be popular with many following and a source of new members. Meiko will continue to update membership emails.                                  |               |
| 5. | <b>Guto Parry – Finance Officer</b><br>Sent out an update via email – Roy displayed balances in his slide show.<br>Email set out below:<br>THE BANK BALANCE ON THE 31/07/2024 WAS £2212.57<br>WE RECEIVED £1600 FUNDING FROM AREA TOWARDS EXPENDITURE 2023/2024 LAST OCTOBER<br>OUR BUDGET REQUEST OF £1720 TO IS COVER OUR PLANNED EXPENDITURE 2024/2025 (breakdown listed below)  |               |

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| Walk programmes         | 350.00 |
| Walks related           | 250.00 |
| Walk leader training    | 450.00 |
| Publicity/newsletters   |        |
| Publication/goods costs |        |
| Campaigns/casework      |        |
| Practical work          | 150.00 |
| Fundraising costs       |        |

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|  | Meetings (inc. AGM)<br>Admin<br>Other<br>Don't Lose your way<br>Total [B]   | 400.00<br><br>150.00<br><br>1,750.00 |    |
| I WILL SUBMIT A FULL BREAKDOWN OF OUR EXPENDITURE MADE IN 2023/2024 AT THE A.G.M. Guto |   |                                      |    |
| <b>6.</b>  | <p><b>Roy Milnes – Walks Secretary</b><br/>         The PowerPoint presentation is summarised:-</p> <p>Website had 43.7k hits in past year – up from 33k<br/>         Bookings 1247 in past year – up from 948<br/>         58 walks to date.</p> <p>The current list of 19 walk leaders was presented and all leaders thanked for their continued support.<br/>         The new leaders Handbook “Ramblers Approach to Group Walks” plus other guidelines issued to walk leaders in April are a concern.<br/>         Feedback from leaders didn't appear to be listened to by HQ. The guidance for numbers of ramblers on walks – Dafydd had been told by Area that they are for guidance only and to ignore them.</p> <p>ICE keytags proposed by Dianne Doughty are being dealt with by Area (post meeting note - and now HQ)</p> <p>Training video: Preventing and Managing Incidents - about 60 mins is well worth Walks Leaders watching.</p> <p>Eryri Ramblers will continue with the Booking System for 2024/25. Roy outlined the success of the on-line booking system in terms of ease and flexibility for Walk Leaders and members alike.</p> <p>Roy thanked Rachel sincerely for all her hard work, encouraging many walkers to enjoy the countryside, for her due diligence in planning and carrying out her “Rachels Famous Walks”, echoing Edmund's words to carry on walking.<br/>         Short and easy C and D walks have now been kindly over by John Hammond and Alison Weetman.</p> |                                      |    |
| <b>7.</b>  | <p><b>Graham Finch – Tim Taclo Officer</b><br/>         Continued disappointment with progress with Gwynedd Council.<br/>         Dafydd to write to Community Councils to offer help with maintaining footpaths locally.</p> <p>See update of Tim Taclo in an email set out below:<br/> <u><b>TTL Report for Eryri Ramblers Committee Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.</b></u><br/>         This year has been a difficult year for TTL and unfortunately the immediately future for the group is presently very uncertain. No workdays have taken place during the last two months.<br/>         The present difficulty is entirely with Gwynedd Council no longer forthcoming in arranging workdays for us. Rob Jones has clearly requested that he needs more help from either Dewi Owen or Gwyn Evans. Following this request and without discussing any issue with me, Gwyn contacted Ramblers Cardiff. Following on from my email to Gwyn, he telephoned me and said that he wanted advice on quote ‘The Method of Working.’ I was later advised by Angela Charlton of Gwyn's intention to also contact Powys Council where they also supported a similar group. (Ramblers are presently having similar troubles with this Council)<br/>         On the 12<sup>th</sup> July I attended a meeting at the Penrhyn Castle Café with Angela Charlton and Heather Martin, Ramblers Cardiff. Following on from our meeting and their</p>   |                                      | DJ |

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|    | <p>previous discussions with Gwyn this resulted in a proposal of a working method with myself. I am attaching this together with my response suggestion. To expect me to advise the Council with a one month notice of where we wish to work with full details is just not practical. A counter proposal attached was prepared and made to Gwyn based on our successful working over the last twelve years. To date no reply from Gwyn has been received.</p> <p>Angela Charlton is presently on annual leave and the matter has been taken over by Rebecca Brough. A few days ago I confirmed with her both Gwyn's office and mobile telephone numbers. I have not as yet been advised of any further update.</p> <p>It was the first Christmas lunch last year that the Council did not pay for. It has been continually difficult to arrange workdays. On the two occasions I have met up for a meeting with Gwyn it has been on the side of the road, once opposite the garage at Cym y Glo and another outside a closed café at Y Felinheli. On both occasions he was half an hour late to the arranged time. I am of the firm belief that he now finds himself in difficult position. Times were good with Gerallt Jones but since his retirement, prior Covid it has not been the same. It appears to me that the Council would now prefer to just use Contractors, I sincerely hope that I am wrong in this assumption.</p> <p>I will keep the Committer fully informed as to developments but at present the future for TTL is not looking good. Graham Fitch.</p> <p><b>UPDATE made after the Committee meeting:</b><br/>Hi Maggi and Mieko<br/>Good news today, Gwynedd Council have resolved concerning issues and are still keen to have the TTL group working with them, subject to just a couple of tweaks. Points that Gwyn Evans has raised are around having a second named contact for each volunteer day, as a backup. Also for me to keep a record of our activities and send to GCC/Ramblers Cymru.at three monthly intervals. To confirm with this request, would you both be happy for me to put your names and contact details to Gwyn to communicate with contacts should I not be available? This could be either yourself or by working together. I keep myself fairly fit and don't envisage any problems, but you never know. Hopefully when these outstanding issues are resolved we can get underway again. - Graham</p> |   |
| 8. | <p><b>Maggie Barry – Footpaths Officer</b><br/>Any short closures or notices of footpath please email Maggie.</p>  |   |
| 9. | <p><b>Any Other Business</b><br/>Roy outlined a day out offered to walk leaders by the Aberglaslyn Mountain Rescue Team. Six members took advantage of the offer and enjoyed a memorable day with an informative look at the mountain rescue vehicle, the extensive kit needed by the team and a walk around Moelwyn Mawr. It was suggested by Roy to build up a link with Aberglaslyn Mountain Resue, all volunteers, who have to contribute to their own kit. Note for Newsletter.</p> <p>Kath has been offered a chance for a visit to the Air ambulance for a small party of ramblers. It was proposed the proceeds from the Christmas raffle this year be donated to Air Ambulance. The motion was passed by the Committee. Maggie has kindly offered to arrange the raffle.</p> <p>Diane Jamal has kindly stepped in to provide a Newsletter twice a year. Any contributions will be most welcome. Please all contribute to make the Newsletter interesting and informative for Eryri Ramblers.</p>  | <p>RM</p> <p>KW</p> <p>MB</p> <p>DJ</p> |
| 9. | <p><b>Dates for Diary</b><br/>AGM – Wednesday 20 November 19.00 for 19.30<br/>Christmas lunch - Sunday 15 December for 12.30 for 13.00 at the Royal Victoria Hotel in Llanberis. Please book via the website when the information is available, so the Hotel has numbers.<br/><b>When booking is open it will be announced on Facebook.</b></p>  | <p>JM</p>                               |