

RAMBLERS CYMRU CARDIFF GROUP

41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 4th November 2024 at 7:30pm

Ararat Centre, Plas Treoda, Cardiff CF14 1PT

REFRESHMENTS BEFORE THE MEETING: available from 7:15pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Officers' reports
5. Appointment of Honorary President
6. Election of Officers
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Secretary
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Membership Secretary
 - (e) Publications Officer
 - (f) Footpaths Officer
 - (g) Publicity Officer
 - (h) Rambles Officer
 - (i) Walking Environment Officer
7. Election of Committee members
8. Appointment of Independent Examiner
9. Any other business

HOW TO GET THERE:

Ararat Centre is just off Whitchurch Common.

By car: there is opportunity for street parking in the minor roads behind the Ararat Centre as well as on the main road (Merthyr Road).

By bus: Three Elms bus stop on Merthyr Road is almost opposite and is served by Routes 23 (Pantmawr), 24, 25 (Llandaff) and 132 (Maerdy).

Minutes of 40th Annual General Meeting held Monday 6th November 2023

Present: Thirty-four

Apologies: Glenys Rugman, Jen Richards, Chris & Don Snow, Stephen Cole, Linda Hall, John Newton, Bryn Ennis, Graeme Milnes, Kath Edwards, Claire Edwards, Dave & Jane Willock, Steve Burge.

1. Minutes of 39th AGM held in 2022 were approved after correction of 2011 to 2021 in Item 1. There were no matters arising.

2. Officers' Reports

(a) Chair: Andrew Price spoke of the success of the 40th Anniversary walks which would end with a Mince Pie walk in December. He thanked the Walks Co-ordinators and Walk Leaders for their work in creating the winter and summer programmes. He noted that the pool of walk leaders was declining and he strongly encouraged new people to come forward, explaining that training available as well as mentoring by the Group. He thanked Mike Kohnstamm for running a successful set of training sessions introducing walk leaders to the new Walks Manager system.

(b) Secretary: Diane Davies provided a written report to those attending and indicated that the report was also available on the website.

(c) Treasurer: Richard Noble indicated that his report was available on the website. He stated that we were in a healthy financial situation even though we continued only to receive the basic allocation. Our finances had been bolstered by £490 received from the Walking Partnership and he thanked those who had nominated the Group when booking holidays with Ramblers Holidays. We would self-fund next years' printed programmes but after that we would probably need to submit a budget in line with the guidelines set out by The Ramblers. He also described how the legacy left by Trevor Whatley, a Group member, had been used.

(d) Membership Secretary: Jean Board reported that membership remained steady at around 670, even though there was an annual turnover of around a hundred with individuals joining and leaving the Group. The biannual mail-out to members went to 526 addresses and there were just twenty-five members opting out of receiving a programme.

(e) Footpath Officer: Gwyn Lewis reported that it had been a very quiet year; the vast majority of orders were those renewing Gating Orders which had come to the end of their three-year life.

(f) Webmaster: Mike Kohnstamm spoke about the social media that the Group used. The most active was Facebook, particularly the private group which had been set up to allow sharing of photographs.

3. **Honorary President:** Alan Parry was elected.

4. **Election of Officers: the following were proposed and elected.**

(a) Chairman: Andrew Price	(b) Secretary: Diane Davies	(c) Treasurer: Richard Noble
(d) Membership Secretary: Jean Board	(e) Printed Publications Officer: Andrew Price	
(f) Footpaths Officer: Gwyn Lewis	(g) Publicity officer: Barry Southwell	
(h) Walking Environment Officer: Diane Davies	(i) Webmaster: Mike Kohnstamm	

Rambles Officer: no nominations were forthcoming and the post was left vacant.

5. **Election of committee members:** Leighton Hill, Gillian Masters, Jan Aplin, Sue Green and Karen Walters were proposed and elected.

6. **Election of Independent Examiner:** Elaine Shellard was elected.

7. **Constitutional Amendment:** a motion to amend Clauses 10(vii) and 14(ii) and add a set of standing orders (whose purpose was to set out a clear framework for the filing of motions) was proposed by Diane Davies and seconded by Andrew Price. No one spoke against the motion.

The motion was passed: 33 For; 1 Against; 0 Abstentions.

8. Mike Kohnstamm gave a slideshow which went through the personal details that members might need to provide to Ramblers and some of the problems associated with entering information correctly. He covered the information that individual members needed to provide if they wished to sign into the Ramblers website and alter their options in regard to receiving information from the Ramblers, the information volunteers needed to provide to login to Assemble and how Walk Co-ordinators and walk leaders could access the Walks Manager site.

9. **AOB:** no matters were raised.