

MOURNE RAMBLING GROUP

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th July 2018 (rescheduled from 3rd July)

Time and Venue: 7.30pm in Fionnuala's apartment - 12 Cherry Tree Walk, Belfast.

Present: George Acheson, Fionnuala Carragher, Ray Gray, Rennie Gribbin, Bert Rima, Victor Knox, Peter McGowan, Joe McKnight, Trevor Russell and Vincent Trainor.

Chairman's remarks: Peter opened the meeting by welcoming folk. He said the main focus of the meeting would be to check details re our AGM and preparing for the MRG's 50th Anniversary in 2019

1. **Apologies:** Harry Goodman, Derek Stewart
2. **Agree minutes of previous meeting:** agreed
3. **Matters arising:** George had spoken with Matthew Bushby (MHT) re donation towards path repair – agreed by committee that this would be £300.00). This donation would be welcomed by MHT. MHT to contact George re method of payment – no reply to date.
(ACTION: Fionnuala to speak with Matthew at next MHT meeting)
: Leading a group with 15+ walkers – this would be dealt with by next years committee. Wording outcome to be included in next year's programme and updated in Guidance for Leaders.
4. **Correspondence:** email from Claire Saunders (WIYC/UTFC) re completing a survey. (ACTION: George to pass this information to Maggie – the survey to be circulated to members)
5. **Finance matters:** Vincent had circulated a revenue account earlier. He explained and updated this information. We have one new paid up member since our last meeting (131 members). Balance: £5902.63. George is now a signatory along with Vincent.
6. **Membership matters:** there continues to be a trickle of enquires and new walkers.
7. **Forthcoming events: 50th Anniversary Preparations.** Peter had distributed an information sheet re proposals for this celebration that reflected the thoughts of the sub group. This was considered – agreed that due to the amount of work involved a number of smaller sub groups would take on various tasks. These smaller sub groups to feed back info to the main organising group at regular intervals. Other non committee members may be co-opted.
Media sub group: comprising George, Vincent and Rennie. Potentially include contacting "Your place and mine", various newspapers and Barra Best.
Launch dinner and Celebration dinner sub group: comprising Fionnuala, Ray and (hopefully) Vincent McKenna. Potentially including launch on 19th/26th January 2019 (this dinner to replace our usual Christmas dinner in December 2018) and Celebratory event in October 2019 .
Harry Shaw Challenge Walk (Newcastle to Rostrevor) in April/June and 50th Anniversary Weekend Walking Festival in July/September sub group: comprising Bert and Joe.
Magazine sub group: comprising Fionnuala, Harry, Peter and Vincent. Potentially include magazine content, member's anniversary tag and water colour painting.
Photographic Competition sub group: comprising Rennie, Harry and (hopefully) Wilf). Potentially have a "show" at a Wine and Cheese evening and presentation at Celebratory Dinner.
AGM: general preparations in hand; could link this with our "open" day as last year. (ACTION: Vincent to circulate an email advising members)
8. **Training:** none organised for later this year. Refer to agenda item 9
9. **UFRC:** Joe reported that at a recent meeting the topic of GDPR was considered. It was hoped the UFRC would organise a workshop for club secretaries/officials (the MRG could send a

representative/s to this). The UFRC continues to liaise with the Tourist Board to promote walking facilities in NI. The UFRC hope to run another invitation walk event again later this year (ACTION: the MRG would endeavour to promote this event – perhaps linking it with our 50th Anniversary activities).

10. **GDPR:** refer to agenda item 9
11. **Environment matters:** nothing major. Still too many “doggie decorations” in areas such as the Belfast Hills
12. **Web site matters:** continues to work effectively
13. **Mourne Heritage Trust:** refer to matters arising
14. **Newsletter:** items to Vincent by 26th July. Items to include recent trip reports, GDPR and 50th Anniversary preparations
15. **AOB:** refer to agenda item 5 re finance signatory.
16. **Date and time of next meeting:** none arranged for September though one can be called if considered necessary.
Fionnuala was thanked for her hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.