

## MOURNE RAMBLING GROUP

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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

Present: George Acheson, Fionnuala Carragher, Harry Goodman, Ray Gray, Rennie Gribbin, Domnall McComish, Peter McGowan, Joe McKnight, Noel Rice, Bert Rima, Vincent Trainor.

1. **Chairman's remarks:** Peter welcomed everyone
2. **Apologies:** none
3. **Agree minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018:** agreed
4. **Agree draft minutes of AGM:** agreed (ACTION – Vincent to send these out to members)
5. **Correspondence:**
  - Acknowledgement of MRG's response re. planning permission for MMRT's base in Newcastle from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
  - MHT path work along Glen River (ACTION – Domnall to attend)
  - Irish Ramblers – thanks for a very enjoyable walking weekend in the Mournes
  - MMRT – acknowledgement of donation
6. **Roles of Committee Members:**
  - Chairperson - Peter
  - Minutes Secretary – George
  - Email link person with members – Vincent
  - Web Manager – Robert
  - Training – Joe
  - Membership Officers – Fionnuala and Ray
  - Environmental issues Officer – Ray
  - AGM and Special Events Officers – Harry and Fionnuala
  - MHT/MORF link – Fionnuala and Domnall
  - UFRC Representation – Joe and Ray
  - Facebook Manager – Maggie
  - Photograph Archivist – Rennie (ACTION: Rennie to liaise with Harry)
  - Other roles – already carried out through 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sub group/s
7. **Business arising from AGM:**
  - Cheque for £200.00 to MHT re. path repairs (ACTION – George to write a letter which will be accompanied by a cheque)
8. **Agree 2019 Programme of Sunday Walks and Special Events:** Vincent, having contacted many members regarding leading walks had produced and distributed a draft programme – this certainly helped in the further consideration and agreement of the programme (ACTION: Vincent to produce a final draft which will be printed – then distributed)
- **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Preparations:** Peter summarised the situation to date – this included a launch dinner (Jan. 2019), Harry Shaw Challenge Walk (June 2019), Photographic Competition (Autumn 2019), Celebration Dinner (Oct. 2019) and Magazine (published

towards end of 2019) (ACTION – all events will require further work: Peter to consider sponsorship)

- Joe had prepared a draft plan for the Harry Shaw Challenge Walk – this was discussed. Aspects considered included: date and alternative date, number of walkers/clubs to be invited, insurance, route, registration, parking/finishing areas, refreshments, mini-bus transport, costs, explanation/outline information, conversations required with District Council, MHT and MMTR and finishing certificate. This walk will have no overall leader or marshals; it will be “self- guided” by walkers with appropriate experience. (ACTION: many aspects will require further work and refining eg. Joe and Bert to consider most appropriate route beyond Shanlieve; Fionnuala and Domnall to consult with MHT)

9. **Membership matters:** there continues to be a trickle of enquires.

The layout of an Accident Report Form was agreed. This form should be completed by leaders following an accident/notable incident which has occurred on their walk and returned to the club secretary – completed forms retained in a dedicated file. (ACTION: George to send a copy to Robert for inclusion on MRG website).

Wording was agreed re. action to be taken if group is large (ACTION: Peter to write up the final wording which will be included in the next programme)

10. **MHT matters:** Fionnuala reported that she had attended an MHT presentation event and AGM. Topics covered included the continuing growth of recreational activities in the Mournes and repair work to the Mourne Wall.
11. **Newsletter:** items to Vincent by 27<sup>th</sup> November
12. **AOB:** Vincent had prepared a Treasurer’s Report – this had been circulated.
13. **Agree date and time of next meeting:** Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm in Fionnuala’s apartment.

Thanks to Fionnuala for her hospitality,  
The meeting finished at 10.10pm.