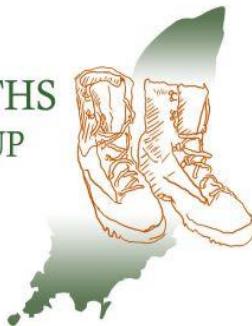


# MANX FOOTPATHS Conservation GROUP



## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING at MYLCHREEST COURT, PEEL

2pm 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Those present: Peter Gunn, acting Chairman – PG, Alistair Lothian – AL, Peter Corkish – PC, Gill Smith – GS, Lesley Parkington – LP, David Leiserach – DL.

1. **Apologies:** Jack Verity, Paul de Weerd

2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** having been circulated beforehand, were approved and signed by acting Chairman, Peter Gunn.

3. **Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

- The facility for using What3Words reference on the Risk Assessment has now been rectified and the requirement for a postcode has been removed.
- AL commented that Peter Cannell's talk on the Manx Civil War was exceptional.
- Details of Milton Mountaineers holiday to Glencoe will be sent out in January.
- Our website administrator will change the password for the members page in March of each year.
- 'History Page' for website. DL is having trouble acquiring original copies of MFCG walking books so will use what is available.
- PdW had suggested using the Government Mangis system to create maps for online use. AL asked if we should pursue this or dismiss the idea. It was agreed not to pursue this.
- Heritage Open Days. 14 people attended the event on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 24 on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Both events were well received by those who attended.
- It was agreed that the club should pay for the Thursday Christmas Lunch for Tony Archibald in recognition of his excellent work as walks co-ordinator over many years.

4. **Correspondence:** Lesley Parkington

- PdW designed a Risk Matrix to cover possible risks encountered on walks. It was agreed that the best way to deal with risks is to advise the group as you approach each risk on the day. The committee will review and update this and the 'Guidelines for Walkers and Walk Leaders'.

LP suggested sending the updated guidelines to each member with the AGM paperwork. GS suggested that we should review and update our General Guidelines and create a Code of Conduct which would be sent out to current members and all new members on joining.

**ACTION:** AL to draft a 'Code of Conduct' for the committee to review.

- An email was received from Callum Staley offering to change the website to '100% Renewable Website Hosting' at a cost of £25 p.a. The committee declined.

**ACTION:** LP will reply to Callum.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** read by LP in JV's absence.

Treasurer's Report for MFCG Meeting 21.11.22, Jack Verity	
Business Reserve a/c balance.	£14,434.12
Inc interest this quarter of £17:01	
Current a/c balance.	£4,725.44
This includes the predicted interest of £58:73 from Lily	
Expenditure includes:-	
Sundry items. £82:69	
Website costs. £37:50.	

- The committee discussed JV's replacement as Treasurer for the 2023 AGM and several names were put forward.

**ACTION:** LP to ask JV to confirm in writing that he wishes to relinquish the post of Treasurer in 2023.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report:** Gill Smith

We currently have 294 members with 51 new paid-up members joining this year to date. Two paid up members have been removed from the list, one due to her moving off Island and one who had sadly passed away.

GS also advised that from November all new member's subscriptions will cover the member for next year too.

7. **Data Protection Report:** Gill Smith

There have been no Data Protection Breaches since the last meeting.

8. **Footpaths Officer's Report:** David Leiserach.

Long Term Closures:

PRoW 423 – Scout Glen current status – still closed.

PRoW 296 – Colby to Kakraugh Road – work still not completed. The closure has been extended for 2 weeks.

PRoW 159 – Baldhoon to Laxey Glen closed until 13.02.23 but will be extended.

PRoW 268 – Ballahick Farm Lane closed until 09.08.23 may be extended.

PRoW 285 – Ballacomish closed until 06.01.23.

PRoW 352 - Abory Road to CRHS grounds date for re-opening not known.

PRoW 512 – Maughold to Port Mooar closed until 10.03.23 but may be extended.

PRoW 603 - C38 at Agneash to U91 Gretch Vooar Road - No further details at this time.

The boardwalk on North Barrule is on hold due to lack of finance.

The report by the Select Committee of Tynwald on Footpaths, Bridleways and Green Lanes regarding a dedicated team for repair went before Tynwald on 15.11.22 was unanimously accepted. Dol now have to put this into operation.

The Govt. Footpaths Officer, Ffinlo Williams, is very supportive and tries to get things done.

9. **Safety Officer's Report:** read by LP in PdW absence.

- **Risk Assessments:** Compliance with online risk assessments remains very good and I'm encouraged to see that a member who had previously struggled with the IT has now used the online assessment.  
However, a couple of recent assessments are missing which I am happy to follow up.
- **Incident Report:** There have been no new incident reports and the outstanding incident report has been closed by the insurers as no claim resulted.

**10. Annual Lunch:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Lesley Parkington

LP has contacted the Talk of the Town but as yet has not received a reply so cannot show the menu or cost. The lunch will be 12.30pm for 1pm. PC suggested quizzes. LP has done a photo quiz of places that we walk on the Island. DL and PC will also create a quiz each. It was decided not to do a Charity collection this year.

**11. AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 7pm The Fairway Restaurant, Peel Golf Club:**

This has been included on the agenda for November as the next Committee meeting is not until January 2023 and this gives more time to prepare items such as any proposed resolutions. Lesley Parkington is due for re-election in 2023 and JV is stepping down as Treasurer, therefore there will be a vacancy for that post.

LP said that when club members ask questions or bring up subjects at the AGM could we ask them to do it in a pleasant and respectful way. There is no need for aggression when making a point.

**12. Any other Business:**

PG asked if we had had details of the Carol Service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. LP replied that she has contacted the Church Warden several times asking for the Order of Service but as yet has received no details. She will ask for volunteers to read the lessons. AL and PG each offered to do a reading. PdW has offered to print the service sheets.

**ACTION:** LP to contact members who may be willing to do a reading.

LP advised the committee that a club member has requested that we make a donation for the use of St. Lukes Church twice a year. The committee agreed that we should give £40 each time as this is the going rate for hiring a hall of any kind and they have been very good to the MFCG over the years.

**ACTION:** LP to arrange donation for St. Luke's Church.

LP suggested it would be a nice gesture to give John and Shirley Kneale a lunch voucher in thanks for their many years of playing the organ and printing the Service Sheets at no cost to the club. All agreed to give a £25 voucher for Green's Café. Their contribution to the club is greatly appreciated.

**ACTION:** LP to purchase gift voucher for J & S Kneale.

PC asked for details of the 'Hunt the Wren' walk on 26<sup>th</sup> December. LP replied that the walk will start from the Station Road car park at 10.15am. We will join in with the 'Hunt the Wren' event on the Fair Field at 10.30am then do a short walk which hopefully will bring us back to the Fair Field in time for the Cammag match at 2pm for those who would like to watch it.

**13. Date & Time of next meeting:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 2p, at Mylchreest Court.

**14. Meeting closed at 4.15pm**

PETER GUNN

ACTING CHAIRMAN

