



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING AT MYLCHREEST COURT, PEEL MONDAY 17th February 2025

Those present: Alistair Lothian – AL, Lesley Parkington - LP, Angela Weston – AW,
David Leiserach – DL, Geoff Clague – GC, Louise Whitelegg – LW, Paul de Weerd – PdW

1. Apologies: Peter Gunn, Paul Castle

2. Minutes of last meeting: having been circulated beforehand were approved by the committee and signed by Alistair Lothian, Chairman.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting: Alistair Lothian

- AL referred to the application for a grant of up to £2500 from Ramblers for a joint project between MFCG & Ramblers to create a bridge over the Rhenass River at Little London. The application form has been sent to Ffinlo Williams at DoI for completion. AL will chase up Mr. Williams as Ramblers have been prompting us to go forward with this.
- PG had suggested planting a tree in memory of Mrs. P. Mudie. PG will contact Mr. Mudie for consent.

ACTION: PG to contact Mr. Mudie

- PdW presented his ideas for amendments to the website. AL & LP will contact CJS websites.
- LP suggested that we show the bank details on the 'Join us' page so that new members can pay whilst filling in the application form.
- AW has received £8.69 commission in royalties for the sales of MFCG walking books for 2024.
- AL & AW visited the 'Happy Hikers' to try to remove the silicon from it. As this did not work they suggested that we should apply to the BBC 'Mobile Repair Shop' programme. All agreed and thought this would be a good promotional opportunity.

ACTION: AL to contact the programme.

4. Correspondence: Lesley Parkington

- LP read out an email from a past member thanking the club for its friendliness.

5. Treasurer's Report: Angela Weston

AL stated that in 2024 we closed the account with IoM bank and transferred our accounts to Lloyds. Our current assets are £22016. Online banking with Lloyds is 100% better than with IoM bank.

Balance sheet: Please attached

6. Membership Secretary's Report: Louise Whitelegg

LW stated that we currently have 210 members, 8 members have confirmed that they will not be renewing their membership and 71 are yet to renew. LW produced a list of non-payers so that committee members will know who haven't paid but are still walking.

7. Data Protection Report: Louise Whitelegg

There have been no breaches of Data Protection.

8. Safety Officer's Report: Paul de Weerd

- Risk Assessments: There is a 90% return rate which is very good.
- Incident Report: The incident Report online is a good report. PdW will update the online form to make it clearer.

ACTION: AL & LP to discuss changes and contact CJS Websites to update the website.

9. Footpaths Officer's Report: Paul Castle

Six defects have been passed to relevant departments during the past months

10. Annual Walk: Saturday 10th May at Mylchreest Court, Peel. It was decided that it will be a 'bring'n share' afternoon tea with walkers bringing the cakes (preferably homemade). The club will provide tea & coffee etc. There will be 2 walks, one to start at 10.30 and be approx. 6-7 miles and one to start at 1.30pm being approx. 3-4 miles to arrive at Mylchreest Court for 3pm.

ACTION: LP to book Mylchreest Court.

11. Final Wednesday Walk: 24th August Lesley Parkington

LP suggested a change of venue as St. Lukes has limited parking and to make it the Fish 'n Chip supper.

ACTION: LP to make enquiries

12. Non-members removal from membership list: Lesley Parkington

LP asked if members who have not paid their subscription can be removed from the membership list earlier than three months. It was decided that this is not possible as the constitution states three months.

13. New Password for member's page: The committee agreed that the new password will be Snaefell25

14. Annual General Meeting: Alistair Lothian

LP confirmed that the Fairways Restaurant is booked for Thursday 20th March with a buffet for 25 at £11.75 p.p. The first run of paperwork was sent to members on 4th February. Any resolution and nominations should have been returned to Secretary by 18th February. Only three nominations have been returned, 2 nominating AL and one nominating DL to places on the committee. LP asked the 'Officers' to produce full reports.

15. Any other business:

- AL advised the committee that a member had suggested doing a challenge walk on the third Saturday of each month. After much discussion it was decided to retain the status quo as each leader is able to choose the distance of their walk from 10 – 13 miles. AW suggested the Triskellion Way as the challenge walk for 2025. The distance is approx. 37 miles and could be broken down into manageable chunks. This will require car sharing.

ACTION: AW to advise of a date and start point in time for the summer schedule.

- LP suggested that as the annual membership is only £10 we should only allow one ‘taster’ walk instead of three. All agreed.

ACTION: AL & LP to contact CJS Websites to amend the website.

- DL advised that the Countryside Alliance Group have worked hard to create a Countryside Code and asked that MFCG give their full support to it when it is published this summer.
- GC asked what can be done about the poor state of a PRoW in the Crosby Area. DL said that all PRoW defects should be reported to the Footpaths Officer along with a photograph, w3w and grid references. The footpaths officer will then forward it to the relevant department.
- PdW advised that the Gaiety Theatre Tours are available for between 10-30 people at a cost of £9 p.p. and they will do a tour for the group on a Wednesday evening. PdW suggested a date of Wednesday 3rd September.

ACTION: PdW to arrange time and date in time for the summer schedule.

- LP suggested that we should remind leaders that they should not take groups through closed plantation or glens, therefore they should make sure of the status before proceeding.

16. Date & Time of next meeting: 2pm Monday 31st March

17. Close meeting: 4pm.

ALISTAIR LOTHIAN

CHAIRMAN.