



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING AT MYLCHREEST COURT, PEEL 2pm MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2025

Those present: Lesley Parkington – LP, Angela Weston – AW, David Leiserach – DL, Paul Castle – PC, Paul de Weerd – PdW, Louise Whitelegg – LW, Peter Gunn - PG

1. **Apologies:** Alistair Lothian, Geoff Clague
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** having been circulated beforehand were approved by the committee and signed by Alistair Lothian, Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising from precious meeting:** Lesley Parkington in Alistair Lothian's absence

- Bridge over Rhenass Ford – Report by Paul Sheridan

“Initial meeting as per your records circa late September on site together. FW of DOI, AL of MFCG, surveyor PS of CSS.

Initial survey, preparation, outline of likely design and provision of drawing 29/10/25PS.

4/11/25 arranged meeting to review ideas with FW at Crosby but cancelled due to sickness. Drawing and email outlining likely arrangement left for collection by FW. They have been received.

In outline it requires a 7 m span bridge of sufficient clearance to avoid damage from storm flows and raised water levels. This will be accompanied by bank works to provide access to and from it on the far side of an additional substantial nature to avoid erosion. It will not impede the current farmers access widths.

11/11/25 brief teleconference with FW. Not looked at drawing so far and timetabling a meeting in 2/3 weeks following budget review, not related to this project, and time to review drawing and email relating in that light. There was a statement that it WILL be done but unable to confirm if it's in this years budget as there are other projects allocated. WTS I think is the saying.

CSS Surveyors fees and costs in relation to all the various aspects of this project and continuous review, proposal and delivery have been capped at a discounted £260 at this stage. (Including one more meeting to review) But may be subject to an increase if there is a need for extensive site visits and exchanges in relation following review and finalised design. However this sum will only be payable in respect to the project going ahead.

I think that covers the situation in summary with enough detail to provide status on the affair but further can be supplied as requested”.

DL asked about the status of the Ramblers Grant. LP said that they are aware of the reason for the delay and that we will have to apply again in the future when we know that it will definitely be completed.

- Archived books on Website. This has successfully been completed by CJS Websites. LP has contacted CJS to remind Callum that the photos for the page headings and Privacy Policy on joining page are still outstanding. No reply to date.
- AL has once again contacted The Repair Shop regarding the Happy Hikers. No reply to date.

- The Tree planting in memory of Mrs. Pat Mudie was completed successfully by 10 club members.
- Afternoon Tea on 16th December – LP will send out details within the next few days.
- Carol Service at St. Lukes Sunday 14th December. Church Warden Sue Sayle is to confirm Carols and reading for the service with LP. Unfortunately, Rev. Jo Dudley is unable to play the organ for us so Sue Sayle is to contact someone else.
- Pilgrimage Route: No info on this to date.

4. **Correspondence:** Lesley Parkington

- Continued Ramblers Affiliation. AL has completed and signed the necessary form to comply 05.11.25
- LP has received a request from Rebecca Swirsky for a quote for Walk Magazine. The following paragraph is the reply.

'This little Island is indeed the 'Gem of the Irish Sea'. We are known by those who visit us for our friendliness and cleanliness of our surroundings but first and foremost our stunning Manx scenery and fantastic walking. We welcome Ramblers from far and wide, especially for our exceptional 'Walk the Isle of Man' walking festival held each September. Hills, glens, forest, coastal...there is something for everyone'. LP has not received any update to date.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Angela Weston

Current Account: £1667.09

Reserve: £10819.10

Fixed Rate Deposit: £10,000

October Expenses £9, Subs £70

A quiet month November with expenses of £69, Subs £30

6. **Membership Secretary's Report:** Louise Whitelegg

There have been a few new members since the last meeting and the membership now stands at 263. Quite a few members are changing from manx.net for their email provider. This is worrying for older members who are not familiar with this technology and may be left to pay the new charges. The MFCG has 69 members who are still on manx.net. LP said that several new members are also new to the island and it is good that they are searching out the group. It was decided that anyone joining in December will not have to pay again in January.

7. **Data Protection:** Louise Whitelegg

LW has renewed the Data Protection License for another year and there have been no breaches.

8. **Safety Officer's Report:** Paul de Weerd

- Risk Assessments:
We are continuing to receive a good level of reccy reports so compliance is good.
- Incident Report: There has been one incident. The high level path at Glen Helen has grip strips but the are travelling along the boardwalk instead of across it and there is no handrail or chicken wire causing a member to slip and fall off landing on the side of the boardwalk. DL said that the member had been to A & E but there were no broken bones. She was in extreme discomfort. This boardwalk is due for remedial work by DEFA next year. The group had been advised by the leader at the start of the walk of the possibility of slippery boardwalk and tree roots. The incident has been reported to our insurers.

9. **Footpaths Officer's Report:** Paul Castle

There have been a few reports coming in but PC is only reporting more serious defects. PC has asked to be advised by DoI when defects are repaired but this is not possible.

10. New Year Lunch: No details as yet, LP will put out details closer to the time. PC offered to do a quiz.

11. AGM Monday 31st March 2026

Paperwork to be sent:

16.02.26 - Notice of AGM – Nomination Slip – Resolution Slip – List of Officers

09.03.26 – Agenda – 2025 Minutes – Treasurer's Report & Balance Sheet

Several committee members are due for re-election in 2026, Paul de Weerd, Lesley Parkington, Geoff Clague, Paul Castle, Angela Weston.

LP and PdW advised the committee that they will not be standing for re-election so a new secretary and safety officer need to be found.

ACTION: LP to forward list of secretary's duties to Committee members.

12. **Any other business:**

- PG reported that the group was well represented at the funeral of club member Ann Tandy.

13. Date & Time of next meeting: 2pm 12th January 2026.

14. Meeting Closed at 14.50pm