



Affiliated to The Ramblers

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING AT MYLCHREEST COURT, PEEL

MONDAY 12th January 2026

Those Present: Alistair Lothian - AL, Lesley Parkington – LP, Angela Weston – AW, Paul Castle – PAC, Peter Gunn – PG, Geoff Clague – GC

1. **Apologies:** Paul de Weerd, Louise Whitelegg, David Leiserach
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 has written to Ffinlow Williams asking for an update on the proposed bridge at Rhenass Ford. No reply to date.
 - CJS Websites: The website has now been updated.
 - Happy Hikers: No reply from the Repair Shop – this is now considered closed.
 - Afternoon Tea at Ballagarey Chapel: A great success. Possibly repeat this 2026.
 - Carol Service: Numbers down to 40 due to poor weather. The walk was cancelled.
 - Pilgrimage Route: No update.

4. **Correspondence:** Lesley Parkington

No general correspondence but several members have expressed their thanks for the hard work of the committee.

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

The first draft of the 2025 accounts has now been completed showing a surplus for the year of £1045. 2025 subscriptions are slightly down 270 paid members with quite a few new members. No royalties for book sales have been received from Lilly Publications. Insurance costs have increased by £20.

Website cost were up this year to include £220 for scanning archived walking books. Outgoing donations have doubled from £280 in 2024 to £570 in 2025 i.e. £250 to the Rotary Club, £150 to the Ayres Nature Reserve.

£10,000 in fixed term deposit is due to mature today (12.01.26), does the committee want to re-invest in another fixed term deposit? Lloyds Bank has not contacted AW she will contact them asap to enquire about alternatives.

Balance - £10,832 in reserve account and £3130 in current account.

No major expenses in 2025.

ACTION: AW to contact Paul Eckersley for audit the accounts.

6. **Membership Secretaries Report:** Lesley Parkington in LW absence

We have 155 paid up members which includes 16 new members since December

7. **Data Protection Report:** No report

8. **Safety Officer's Report:** No report

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

Reports of defects are still being received and are forwarded to the relevant department.

Footpaths Closures: David Leiserach

PRoW 95 – D24 to Ballaberna Road closed until 29.03.26

PRoW 159 – Baldhoon to Laxet Glen closed until 18.08.26

PRoW 268 – Douglas Road Ballasalla to Balthane Road closed until 10.03.26

PRoW 346 – Ballafada to Ballatrollag closed until 06.05.26

PRoW 512 - Maughold Church to Port Mooar closed to 06.04.26

PRoW – River Neb between Glenfaba Bridge & Peel closed to 01.03.26

PRoW 615 – Foxdale Railway Bridge to Ballanass Road closed to 30.04.26

PRoW 618 – Kionslieu Dam closed to 06.04.26

PRoW 638 – Clypse Reservoir to Enemona Road closed to 31.12.26

PRoW 640 & 641 Niarbyl to White Beach and Lhagg Road closed to 02.04.26

PRoW U16 South of Ballacobb to Glen Dhoo closed to 31.03.26

10. **Annual General Meeting:**

LP has obtained the menu for a buffet from Claire Quayle Catering at a cost of £11.50 p.p. for 25 people to be delivered to Mylchreest Court for the AGM. The committee agreed that this is a good solution for providing food after the meeting. Dates for AGM paperwork confirmed as 16.02.26 – Notice of AGM, resolution form, nomination form, list of officers.

09.03.26 – Agenda, Treasurers Report & Accounts, 2025 minutes and any resolutions.

It was agreed that officers should complete comprehensive reports for the AGM and take questions. AL has produced a committee report for the AGM.

ACTION: All officers to produce a comprehensive report for the AGM.

11. **Committee Roles:**

AW has created role profiles for all the specific committee positions i.e. secretary, safety officer, treasurer, website admin, footpaths officer, chairman, events co-ordinator, memberships, data protection. AW suggested that all committee members should take on a role. LP said that she no longer wishes to be the Saturday walks co-ordinator. Saturday walkers will be approached to take on this role.

LP stated that if re-elected to the committee she would like to be considered for the role of website administrator. Committee members without a role should choose one of the vacant roles.

ACTION: LW to complete Memberships Secretary role profile.

ACTION: LP to forward role profiles to committee members.

ACTION: Committee members without a role to choose one of the vacant roles.

12. Walks added to website: Alistair Lothian

AL suggested that we need a club member to promote leaders adding their walks to the website.

13. Any other business:

- AL stated that a club member is very keen to participate in footpaths maintenance. Unfortunately due to constraints by Dol and insurance concerns this is not feasible. The committee has previously agreed that we do not wish to be involved in maintenance and now reiterate that decision. DL (by email) stated that "Dol has a legal duty to maintain the network. Work carried out by the Footpath Friends group was sometimes not completed or what Dol wanted and they had difficulties disposing of waste products. The management of maintenance work is not currently within the remit of MFCG and it is difficult enough to get leaders".

The MFCG plays a part in conservation by funding projects such as the bridge at Rhenass etc. It was also reiterated that walk leaders must not venture onto private land without the permission of the landowner (this can be added to website 'Guidelines for walk leaders').

- PG advised that a past member has unfortunately passed away whilst on holiday over Christmas.
- AW asked if we have reminded members to update their contact details as many have changed their email addresses. LP replied that a reminder was sent out recently and several members have updated their details. LP said that she will add a note onto each walk on the website up to 31.01.26.

ACTION: LW to remind members that subscriptions were due on 01.01.26

ACTION: LW to remind members re: change of contact details

14. Date & Time of next meeting: 2pm Thursday 9th April 2026

15. Meeting closed: 3.15pm

ALISTAIR LOTHIAN

CHAIR

