

**Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

<b><u>Agenda</u></b>		<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>Present</b>	Harry Britten Austin, Jan Lelièvre, Kath Baldwin , Ellie Wiltshire, Roy Matthews, Shirley Egan, David Egan, Mike Abrahams. (Thanks to David Egan for arranging the Zoom Meeting)	
<b>Apologies</b>	None	
<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>	Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July via Zoom were agreed as correct.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	Stuart’s AP to arrange guidance sessions for members on OS Maps is carried forward.	<b><u>SB</u></b>
<b>AGM</b>	<p>It was agreed that there would be no walk or lunch due to the current Pandemic regulations, which may not change enough by April. The meeting will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 11 am.</p> <p>Three possibilities were noted and will be planned for:  a) By Zoom, b) ‘Live’ Meeting, c) via e-mail as last year.</p> <p>A decision on which option to be used to be decided nearer the date.  In case there is a ‘live’ meeting, David Egan will approach the golf club to see if they can host us nearer the time.</p> <p>Committee reports will be emailed to members before the meeting.  Nominations to be submitted by email on the form on the website and forwarded to proposer and seconder also by email by 1<sup>st</sup> April. Then sent to Kath who will print them as a permanent record.</p> <p>The Agenda and reports to be sent to Jan and sent to members 2 months before the meeting.  Gill James to be asked if she will audit the accounts next year.</p>	<b><u>DE</u></b>  <b>KB</b>  <b>DE</b>
<b>Treasurers’ report etc.</b>	<p>David’s written report was received. The current balance is £2454.41. The question of the membership subscription was discussed and it was agreed to review again before the AGM depending on the likelihood of resuming normal walking in 2021/2</p> <p>There are currently 115 members (109 Full Members and 6 Social Members.)</p>	
<b>Website and Walks</b>	<p>Harry recommended that we continue with the rolling programme of walks as it has worked well during COVID restrictions and is easy to manage on the new website. Paper copies will not be sent to members who do not use the internet but the Committee will consider how best to ensure these members are not forgotten. A walks Coordinator will no longer be required but Michael Abrahams and Roy Matthews have agreed to be webmaster deputies for Harry.</p> <p>AGM and Committee Minutes to be kept on the website for 3 years, paper copies to still be kept by Secretary.</p> <p>Thanks to Harry for all his hard work on the new website.</p>	<b>KB</b>
<b>First Aid Kits</b>	<p>First Aid Kits have not been carried during the restrictions and as they have not been missed, it was agreed we will not carry them in future. Members to be reminded to bring their own personal kits.</p> <p>Harry to offer the current kits to Walkers Are Welcome for the Walking Festival.</p>	<b>JL</b> <b>HBA</b>
<b>Presence in the community</b>	Roy made some suggestions about ways the Group could contribute to the community and also ideas about walks for the future. These will be held until we are back walking normally again.	<b>RM</b>
<b>AOB</b>	<p>Date in August to be chosen for Presidents BBQ</p> <p>Ross Walking Festival Dates: 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September 2021</p> <p>Date TBA</p>	<b>HBA</b>

**Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

<b><u>Agenda</u></b>		<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>Present</b>	Harry Britten Austin, Jan Lelièvre, Kath Baldwin , Ellie Wiltshire, Roy Matthews, Shirley Egan, David Egan, Pauline Thomas (Thanks to David Egan for arranging the Zoom Meeting) Pauline was welcomed to her first Committee Meeting and Roy for the first time in his new role of Walk's Co-ordinator.	
<b>Apologies</b>	None	
<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>	Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Zoom were agreed as correct. It was decided that when the meetings are via Zoom the secretary may sign the minutes on behalf of the chairperson.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	Stuart's AP to arrange guidance sessions for members on OS Maps is carried forward. First Aid Kits. These to be given to Roy after they have been checked by Jan and updated if necessary. Walk leaders to be informed that they can borrow them from Roy if they wish. They may be borrowed for the Walking Festival if required. Contents to be updated every 3 years.	<b><u>SB</u></b> <b><u>JL</u></b> <b><u>RM</u></b>
<b>Treasurers' report etc.</b>	David's written report was received. The current balance will be £2722 after the cheque for the deposit for HF holidays (£2325) is cashed. There are currently 115 members (109 Full Members and 6 Social Members.) 34 members have paid their subscriptions as of 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021. Jan will remind members via 'Chair's Chat' of the requirement to pay now ideally via BACS or by cash or cheque. David will also email members to remind them and will include the Groups' BACS details.	<b><u>JL</u></b> <b><u>DE</u></b>
<b>Website</b>	The new website was discussed. There were mainly positive comments. For a trial period the walks will be listed by month. Thanks to Harry for all his hard work on the new website. Ellie, Shirley and Harry volunteered to ensure that those with no internet access would be informed about walks and other events.	<b>HBA</b> <b>EW, SE, HBA</b>
<b>Walks from 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	When COVID 19 restrictions are reduced, probably from 17 <sup>th</sup> May, the booking system for walks that has been used will be turned off. Departure times will be shown from Wilton and also from the RV so that those who do not wish to share cars can go straight there. It was acknowledged that some members will not want to share cars at present or that they may wish to share only with one other person. As up to 30 people will be able to walk in a group, this could cause problems with finding RVs with enough parking. It was agreed to ask members to contribute £1 per car if Village Hall Car Parks are used, to cover donations to the Halls. This to be included on the programme. If there are more than 30 walkers then 2 groups will be needed. Leaders need to be prepared to split into two groups and both leaders will need to know the route. The RTVD is now calculated by the website and may show odd pennies. We suggest that this is rounded down to the nearest 10p. Jan to inform members of these points via 'Chair's Chat' If members are going straight to the start of the walk, they must advise the leaders via the link on the website and a list will be sent to the leaders.	<b>JL</b> <b>HBA</b>
<b>Walk to church coffee and cake project</b>	During the Lockdown Roy and Pauline have organised this. Coffee and cake has been provided at stops at some churches and members invited to make a donation. So far £161.70 has been donated. It was agreed that Roy should make donations to some churches with a note from Jan to explain the project, and to thank the various churches for their hospitality. Jan would also mention this in 'Chair's Chat'.	<b>RM</b> <b>JL</b>

<b>Welcome document for new members.</b>	It was decided to stop this project after 17 <sup>th</sup> May as it would not be possible to cater for much larger groups but refreshments at churches might be arranged on an occasional basis in the future. Roy and Pauline were thanked for all their hard work.  This information to be reviewed and updated on the website.	<b>DE JL HBA</b>
<b>Holiday update</b>	33 members have booked and paid deposits for the holiday at Dolserau Hall in Dolgellau in May 2022. The Group will have sole occupancy of the Hall. The balance will be due in April 2022. John and Hilary Smart will do recces for the walks in June. Thanks to John and Hilary for all their hard work and planning.	
<b>Future dates</b>	BBQ 20 <sup>th</sup> July at the Yew Tree Peterstow. £6 per head. Meet 10.30 for short walk arranged by Roy. BBQ at 12 noon. Graham Brown will cook food. Shirley Egan volunteered to organise strawberries and cream for dessert. Money to be collected on the day. Harry to put booking form on website. Round the Houses 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Organisation of this on agenda for next meeting) New Year Walk 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 AGM 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 Golf club to be booked. Other possibilities are a Skittles Evening (Diane Hudson to be approached), a Cheese and wine evening with a short walk. Train ride and lunch. Quiz evening. Ross Walking Festival Dates: 24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<b>SE RM HBA</b>
<b>AOB</b>	Photographs for the website should be sent to <a href="mailto:rwgphotos@outlook.com">rwgphotos@outlook.com</a> . Jan to mention in 'Chair's Chat'. There will be a report from the Walks Co-ordinator on the next agenda. People to be asked to tidy up the OS maps site. A note about walking in Wales to be included in 'Chair's Chat' as their Lockdown easing is different from England's.	<b>KB and DE  JL RM HBA</b>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 10 am at The Yew Tree beer garden, weather permitting.	<b>JL KB JL JL</b>

### Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

<u>Agenda</u>		<u>Action</u>
<b>Present</b>	Harry Britten Austin, Jan Lelièvre, Kath Baldwin, Roy Matthews, Shirley Egan, David Egan, Pauline Thomas.	
<b>Apologies</b>	Ellie Wiltshire	
<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>	Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 30 <sup>th</sup> April via Zoom were agreed as correct and signed.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	Stuart's AP to arrange guidance sessions for members on OS Maps is carried forward. First Aid Kits. 2 still need to be given to Jan. Putting walks on the website by month has been done and proved successful. AGM 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2022. Ross Golf Club booked for this. Skittles will be arranged by Diane Hudson later in the year. Train ride and walk featured in the Walking Festival will be arranged for members in August.	<b><u>SB</u>  <u>JL /RM</u>  <u>DH</u>  <u>HBA</u></b>
<b>Treasurers report</b>	David's written report was received. The current balance is £3027.43. £150 is committed to WW22.	

<p><b>Membership Report</b></p>	<p>Since the last Committee meeting the vast majority of transactions have been the collection of members' subscriptions. David has completed a safety review of the club account with HSBC and the account will continue.</p> <p>There are currently 105 or 6 members (95 Full Members and 6 Social Members and 2 Life Members.) 8 of last year's Full Members and 2 social members have not re-joined but 2 of the Full Members are going to re-join.</p>	
<p><b>Walks programme</b></p>	<p>The new system is working well. We need another webmaster as MA has resigned and Roy is currently unwell. Harry will approach someone about this. It was decided that a list of Walk Leaders and their phone numbers should be produced and circulated to members so they can contact the Walk Leader to enquire about walks in advance or for last minute problems on the day of the walk. This will be the same information as was given in the old 2 monthly walk programmes. Jan will advise members of this in her next Chairman's chat and to advise Harry if they do not want to be included in the list. The list will be updated regularly to include new leaders and there will be a box to tick on the website walk submission page if leaders want to be excluded from the list.</p>	<p>HBA</p>
<p><b>Social Matters</b></p>	<p>An advertisement has been produced to be displayed in the Escape Shop in Ross with a QR code so people can access our programme easily online.</p> <p>As there is only one walk on the programme for August and one for September, Jan will remind people via Chairman's Chat to add submit walks.</p> <p><b>BBQ and Walk 20<sup>th</sup> July.</b> Graham Brown attended this part of the meeting. 63 members have booked plus staff. Graham has got all the BBQ food organised. Shirley and David will purchase the strawberries and cream. Cutlery will be wrapped in a serviette and six sets placed on each table. People will be asked to come to get food table by table to avoid crowding. Members will pay on the day.</p> <p><b>The Cream Tea at Gorsley</b> went very well, with 24 attending.</p> <p><b>Cream Tea and walk on 22<sup>nd</sup> July:</b> 18 have booked so far. The Ross Social Club is arranging the food.</p> <p><b>Talk by Guy Vowles 6<sup>th</sup> August.</b> Only 14 have booked at the moment. About 25 are needed to make it viable. It might have to be postponed.</p> <p><b>Walk to Church.</b> Donations have been sent to some of the churches and the rest will be sent shortly. Jan received a 'Thank you' letter from Olivia Boon on behalf of Upton Bishop Church. Thanks have been received from other churches and Harry will note this on our website.</p> <p>Roy and Pauline were thanked for all their hard work in organising this.</p> <p><b>Round the Houses.</b> This will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in Ross.</p> <p><b>New Year Walk 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</b> Graham and Harry will investigate a possible place for the meal.</p>	<p>JL /HBA</p> <p>JL</p>
<p><b>Update on Holiday 2022</b></p>	<p>A suggestion was made for a Round the Gardens Walk for summer 2022. Kath will investigate.</p>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p>No update at the moment except that 34 members have booked.</p> <p>Rosemary to be informed of membership changes so she can do the Walkers List.</p> <p>BBQ. The 2019/20 and 2020/1 walking stats have not been presented as the AGMs were not held as normal. Rosemary will present the stats at the BBQ with prizes for 2019/20 and small gifts for 2020/21 as it was an abnormal year.</p>	<p>HBA</p> <p>JL</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>A walk in memory of the late Chris James will be arranged at a suitable time.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 10 am at Shirley and David Egan's.</p>	<p>HBA /GB KB</p> <p>DE</p> <p>JL/ RS</p>

**Ross Walking Group – Committee Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

<b><u>Agenda</u></b>		<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>Present</b>	Harry Britten Austin, Jan Lelièvre, Kath Baldwin, Roy Matthews, Shirley Egan, David Egan, Pauline Thomas.	
<b>Apologies</b>	Ellie Wiltshire offered her apologies and resignation from the Committee due to relocation. Ellie was thanked for her work for RWG.	
<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>	Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 were agreed as correct and signed.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	Stuart's AP to arrange guidance sessions for members on OS Maps is carried forward. The Committee expressed thanks to Graham, Harry and all who helped at the Presidents' BBQ in July, which was a great success. First Aid Kits. Roy now has all the First Aid Kits. Kath will continue to investigate a Round the Gardens walk for the summer.	<b><u>SB</u></b>  <b><u>KB</u></b>
<b>Walks Programme</b>	The new system for the Programme is going well. Colin Sears will act as back up for Harry and Roy for the online Programme. Roy will look after the Forward Plan. A walk in memory of Chris James will be organised by Gill James probably in the Wye Valley at a future date. Roy was thanked for all his work on the Walk to Church Project.	
<b>Membership Report</b>	There are 108 members, 97 full members, 2 Life Members and 9 social Members. We have recently had 3 new members.	
<b>Treasurers report</b>	David's report was received. The current bank balance is £3039.49. The website hosting has been renewed. The Club will pay for Parking donations if necessary. Jan will remind members of this in chairman's Chat. <b>Insurance.</b> Zurich is no longer offering the insurance policy RWG currently has. David has investigated and recommended a new policy with Merkel which provides both public and Employers' Liability. This was <b>AGREED</b> . Risk assessments for walks may be needed. David E to investigate. <b>Bank Account.</b> HSBC is changing the terms of the account RWG has with them. There will be a £5 per month charge plus charges for all transactions. There is no other alternative as other banks will not open new accounts for groups such as ours. It was proposed that we should stay with HSBC. <b>AGREED</b> . However, to reduce further costs members will be asked to pay money to the Group by BACS, Standing Order or cash. Jan to advise members via Chairman's Chat.	<b>JL</b>  <b>DE</b> <b>DE</b>  <b>JL</b>
<b>Social Matters</b>	Quiz. 22 <sup>nd</sup> October. 39 members have booked. Thanks to Roy for all the organisation. Skittles to be on 18 <sup>th</sup> November at The Royal Oak, Much Marcle. Booking form for food is now on the website. Also the New Year Walk and meal booking form is now on the website. (Meal at the Walwyn Arms) Jan to remind people of both of these in Chairman's Chat. Round the Gardens for the summer of 2022 is being investigated by Kath. Roy and Pauline asked to help with the walk. Possible St David's Day Walk in march 2022.	<b>JL</b>  <b>KB</b> <b>RM</b>
<b>Walking Holiday 2022</b>	Report from Hilary Smart. 'Hotel booking has been made for 34 participants. Balance payments have to be made next Spring. John is discussing the recces with walk leaders and the programme is coming together.'	
<b>AOB</b>	1 AGM planning for 6 <sup>th</sup> April is in hand. David and Shirley will contact the Golf Club for updates. 2 OS maps is well used so is worth continuing.	<b>DE/SE</b>

