

Minutes of Severnside Ramblers Committee, held on Wednesday 10 May 2

1.	Ken welcomed everyone, and thanked Jean for hosting the meeting.
2	Present - Ken Mill, Peter Randall, Peter Spring, Chris Gaymer, Andy Pearson, Charlie French, Gill King, Gloria Drury, Jean Williams, Mike Doherty. There were no apologies for absence.
3	The minutes of the last meeting held on 11 January had been circulated, and were read and approved.
4	Matters arising from the last minutes were covered as separate items in the agenda
5.	Ramblers RoadShow feedback. Both Peter S and Mike had attended, and agreed that it had been worthwhile. Peter had joined the First Aid Workshop, and Mike had attended the ROW workshop
6	<p>Reports</p> <p>Chairman - Ken Ken reported that we had enjoyed a very successful walks programme over the winter months, thanks to our walk leaders for putting on such a variety of walks. We look forward to a busy summer of walks and social activities.</p> <p>Secretary/Membership - Chris Current membership stood at 139. There was nothing to report from a Secretarial point of view.</p> <p>Treasurer Peter R had circulated the current accounts. Funds in the Group account were currently £1033.32, from which we would shortly be paying some money to the Forgotten Landscape scheme to fund information boards. Funds in the Social Account were £539.</p> <p>Walks Programme - Peter S. Walks had been well supported, and that the next walk programme was full. The Friday Ambles were tending to stretch to 4+ miles, Criteria for the Friday Ambles would be recirculated to Friday walk leaders, as there was concern that some Friday walks were getting to be too long. Ken would speak to Jean Aellen and recommend that Friday walks were kept to the 2 – 2.5 hour timetable. The possibility of putting a short walk alternative to the standard slightly more demanding Sunday walk was discussed for the next programme.</p> <p>Footpaths – Mike Mike reported that there had been the usual issues of dodgy stiles. He had been in touch with Lindsay Saunders, the South Glos Footpaths Officer, and it was hoped to start a project to clear paths in the area. This scheme would need to be kept local, but it seemed that enough people would be willing to turn out to help the project. Ken agreed to put a note on the website.</p> <p>Publicity – Andy Andy had been in touch with Katie Scaife. Forgotten Landscape were making progress with the design of the interpretation points that Severnside would like to fund at Littleton Wharf. A preview had been arranged at Thornbury Library on Tuesday 30 May. Andy was unable to attend this, but hoped we could be represented</p> <p>Web -Ken We had paid £71.86 domain name fees to keep the website for the next two years. This was well worth doing. The website was well used,</p> <p>Social - Gill Gill reported that the Christmas lunch had been successful, but there had been one or two negative feedbacks, and she sought suggestions for this year's venue. The Quiz had been really well supported, and Ellie and Morgan were happy to run another one. £60 had been raised for Network Counselling and Training.</p>

	Avon Area No-one had been able to attend the last meeting, so there was no report on this.
7	Forgotten Landscape Project – covered in Publicity report
8	Quiz Night Feedback – covered in Social report
9	20 years of Severnside Celebration Andy and Ken had been able to contact a fair number of Founder and ex-members, and it seemed probable that a good number would be able to attend on the 2 July. Andy had investigated getting a special cake made, with prices of a 10” cake for £47 and an 11” cake for £60. Gill mentioned that she had a work contact who might be able to help, and she would discuss what could be done with her. The idea of having a gluten free layer was suggested, and it was decided that this would be a really good idea. Mike had booked a venue at Patchway Community Centre in Rodway Road. We would do our own catering, on the lines of the AGM, and Gill would have help from Jean, Gloria and Chris to cover this on the day. Gill would act as point of contact and collect the numbers, and Chris would draw up a flyer to be circulated giving details of the event. It was decided that a price of £2.50 a head would be paid by members, with guests – Founder/ex members - free.
10	MV Balmoral Trip Chris had circulated a draft flyer to be sent round with the new programme, and also circulated by e-mail. Due to the difficulty of refunding money in the event of unavoidable cancellation of the trip, those wishing to travel were asked to make their own bookings with White Funnel. The trip suggested was for Saturday 30 September, to enable the maximum people to be able to attend and to avoid impacting on the Sunday walk. This cruise leaves from Clevedon, and covers Three Rivers and Five Bridges.
11	Footpath Maintenance Much of this subject had been covered in Mike's report.
12	Coach Trip to Mumbles This is arranged for Sunday 23 July, departing Aztec West at 0830. As usual there would be two walks on offer, one of 7 – 8 miles led by Jean Williams, and one of 12 – 13 Miles led by Ken. Both walks offered the temptation of beaches for a swim – weather permitting, and refreshments along the way. We are planning a coach trip to the Mumbles on Sunday 23 July 17. Cost would be £16.20 per person, to include a tip for the driver.
13	Avon Area AGM Severnside had been nominated to host the 2018 Avon Area AGM. Ken would contact Tessa Wyatt to check the date, and the AGM would be preceded by a short walk. Both the Aztec and the Holiday Inn were suggested as venues, and a budget of £500 was allowed to be met by Area.
14	Forthcoming Social Events The Quiz held at Filton Golf Club had been a success, and Ellie and Morgan were happy to organise a similar event for February 2018. As there were no obvious HF bargain holidays around at the moment, Gill would look at the possibility of going to Elan Valley again, with Simonsbath and Halsway Manor Taunton as other possibilities.
15	Peter R reported that money received from Ramblers Walking Holidays would probably be cut in future , as would the income from having the Ramblers advertisement on our programme Charlie proposed having a Group calendar, featuring photographs taken on walks during the year Ken reminded people of the Waterfall Walk scheduled in the next programme by popular request, and that it would be an early start and a long day, due to the distance to the venue.
16	Date to next meeting – Peter Spring offered to host the next meeting at his house, 130 Pursey Drive. BS32 8BD. As the date agreed at the meeting – 30 August, clashed with the last evening walk, the next meeting will be on the 6 th September at 1900 at Peter's .