

## **Minutes from Severnside Committee meeting held on 3 September 2013.**

### **Those present:**

Heather Rickards, Joy Harrison, Peter Randall, Sue Driver, Carolyn Muston, Robert Muston, Mike Norman, Gill King, Chris Everett.

### **Meeting commenced at 7.40pm**

1. **Welcome.** Heather opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.
2. **Apologies for absence** received from Chris Gaymer, Ken Mill and Allan Davies.
3. **The minutes from the committee meeting** held on the 9 May 2013 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Joy Harrison proposed and Peter Randall seconded that the minutes be accepted.
4. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**
  - a. *General Matters - Dogs on walks.* The existing wording on the programme was reviewed: *'Registered assistance dogs are welcome, but other dogs owners should confirm with the walk leader whether it is appropriate to bring them - the decision is entirely at the discretion of the leader and will be based on their observations of terrain & farm livestock during pre walks - if permitted, dogs should be kept on leads at all times'*. It was decided that no change is required and the action from the last meeting should be reversed.
  - b. *Chairman's Report.* When space allows, the HF advert should be included in future newsletters.  
*Chris E.*
5. **Officers reports:**

These were circulated prior to the meeting but with addendums as follows:

#### ***Chairman's report. (Heather Rickards)***

*As given.*

#### ***Secretary's report. (Chris Everett)***

*As given.*

#### ***Treasurer's report. (Peter Randall)***

The latest statement shows the Group account as £782 and the Social account £279.

#### ***Walk co-ordinator's report. (Joy Harrison)***

There is a full programme with a mixture of short, medium and long walks, including one Sunday with a choice of short or medium. Two new leaders have provided walks in the upcoming programme: Tony Kite and Brian Petty.

#### ***Footpath Officer's report. (Allan Davies)***

No report.

**Publicity Officer's report. (Sue Driver)**

- Some papers acknowledge receipt of articles but fail to print them.
- Heather reported that some libraries are deliberately not displaying programmes. She suggested that we each checked our local library and request a copy of the programme if not immediately available.
- Thanks to all who helped man the stall at the Bradley Stoke festival. It raised our local profile although as yet no new members to the group have resulted. Regretfully there were communication issues around the running of the Lucky Dip. Results were as follows:  
Jacket: - Arnie Soffe, Easton  
Rucksack: - Lewis Harrison, Lawrence Weston.

**Social Secretary's report. (Gill King)**

- Christmas Lunch. Menu at Tortworth looks good. Allowing 3 options for number of courses.
- Skittle alley available at Almondsbury Social Club might be useful for next programme.
- Ideas sought for venues for weekend away next April. Pembrokeshire / Tenby suggested.

**Web editor's report. (in Ken Mill's absence)**

- Ken is attending the S Glos Volunteer evening.
- The Pilning Footpath Surveys have not been communicated to Pilning residents.

**6. Feedback from Avon Area meeting (in Chris Gaymer's absence)**

As report. Heather expressed thanks to Chris for attending the meeting.

**7. Future events not covered by Social Secretary**

- Coach trip on 8 September to Exmoor has 35 of 36 seats taken, so costs covered. Coach set to stop and pick up at Clevedon. Potential to share future organisation with Clevedon group. *(Mike Norman)*
- October South Downs break. 1 cancellation. David from Clevedon group is leading a walk and £30 has been paid to provide him with a premium room. *(Heather Rickards)*
- Quiz Night on 8 November booked. Andy and Chris preparing questions. Will need food options & cheques returned to Gill by 20 October.

**8. AGM arrangements**

Peter to book Jubilee Hall, Alveston from 11am - 3pm.

Agenda - Heather and Chris to produce.

Food - Heather, Gill & Carolyn to provide.

Chris to ask Andy for photo slideshow.

Reports to be requested a couple of weeks before AGM. Heather to arrange printing.

**9. Volunteer Celebration event (12 Sept)**

Ken to attend. Taking display and hand-outs.

**10. Forgotten Landscape Project**

S Glos have Heritage Lottery Fund. Mike is looking at new routes in the area Glos - Avonmouth.

**11. Extra yellow programmes**

Agreed to have extra 100 copies printed of main programme to be distributed on walks by committee members for members who receive email copies but would like a printed one.

**12. Any other business**

Night Walk for 'Papyrus' charity. A lady has requested official help from Severnside in running a night walk on 23 September. Discussion followed concerning the potential risks, timing and routes, and the committee decided not to officially support this venture.

**13. Date of next meeting**

9 January 2014 7.30pm at Heather's.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.