

Committee Meeting 23rd October 2023 held at 19:00h on Zoom

Present: Val B (Chair), Gill L (Treasurer), Lynda K (Secretary), Joy W, Carol A.

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Minutes of Meeting on 17th July 2023**
These were agreed by the Committee.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - Joy has not yet emailed walk leaders about logging on to Assemble and giving permission for their contact details to be shown on our website when they offer a walk so they appear automatically without having to be entered manually each time. She did send out an email to other Committee members. She will also include a reminder about Risk Assessments which must be done for each walk. LK will check with Val N if she is able to select just walk leaders when sending out emails to members.
4. **Officers' reports:**
 - **Treasurer's report:**

The recce walk expenses for the coach trip to Instow have now been moved from the self-funded account to the main account.

We need to decide what to spend some of the money on as it should not be allowed to build up.
 - Expenses should be claimed for paper and printer ink if used for TDR
 - A Zoom licence is one suggestion which costs £119 per year. Using the free Zoom means having to have more than one session booked if a meeting is longer than 40 minutes and sessions are not recorded.
 - A face to face meeting for walk leaders to go through what is required to lead walks to include risk assessments, first aid kits, etc.

	Main	Self-funded	Total	Prior yr
Total receipts	466.69	948.50	1,415.19	1,325.58
Total payments	319.15	1,258.40	1,577.55	1,476.75
Surplus (deficit)	147.54	-309.90	-162.36	-151.17

- **Membership secretary report:**

1 July 2023 – 19 October 2023

TDR membership has decreased slightly to 268 members.

Since 1st July: 12 new members (10 new to Ramblers, 2 new to the group); 21 members have left (11 lapsed, 7 resigned, 2 moved and 1 duplicate entry).

Val also included a list of new members' names which is helpful.

- **Footpath officer report:**

No report was received from Phil B prior to the meeting.

5. Autumn Walk Programme

There are Wednesday afternoon and all day Sunday walks into November. It was discussed that the website says that 'we aim to do 4 walks a week' and it was decided to omit the mention of Friday walks as they have not taken place at all this year. There has been an occasional Sunday afternoon walk. LK will contact Andy to amend this.

6. Christmas meal 2023

This is now booked at the New Mill, Bathpool for Friday 8th December at 2.30pm. 2 courses cost £28.95, 3 courses £31.95. Sue Jones is kindly handling the bookings and a non refundable deposit of £5 has to be paid by 8th November by members to secure a booking. Currently 25 members have paid so a reminder will be posted about the 5 remaining places.

7. Elan Valley trip 2024

Carol A has offered to organise a trip to stay at the Elan Valley Lodge in May 2024 as a joint venture between Taunton Deane and West Somerset Ramblers. This was discussed with Val and Lynda and other members of TDR and also West Somerset members who were present on the recent Somerset Area holiday to the Isle of Wight. Carol asked Lynda to send out an email to TDR and West Somerset members to gauge the level of

interest prior to discussing it at this meeting. So far Carol has received replies from 21 members from both groups who would like to come.

NB Since the meeting Carol has decided not to continue with organising this trip.

8. Coach trip 2024

Joy suggested Swanage and Corfe Castle as a possible destination for next year's trip. Val will check with Ridlers' coaches for possible dates in June or July 2024 and also with other coach companies (Redwoods or Berry's) to check prices.

9. Any Other Business

TDR AGM Friday 24th November 2023 at the Friends' Meeting House in Taunton.

Refreshments from 6.30pm, AGM starting at 7pm.

Lynda has booked the venue. Joy will purchase cakes from the WI shop in Bath Place and Val will purchase tea, coffee and milk. Lynda will put together some walk photos to display on screen prior to the start of the AGM.

10. Date, time and place of next meeting :

Monday 22nd January at 16:00h on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 20.08h