

Ramblers' Association - Bristol Group

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
Monday 25th July 2011 at 7.30 p.m.
Robin Hood Pub, St Michaels Hill, Bristol.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Action</u>
11/045	<u>PRESENT</u>	
	Peter Gould, Tony Parsons, Pauline Platts, Keith Budd, Stephen Draper, Carew Reynell, Susan Carter	
11/046	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
	Eileen Bartlett, Angela Stansbie	
11/047	<u>ACCEPTING THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2011 COMMITTEE MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u>	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
11/019	<u>Distribution of Publications</u>	
	It was agreed that after the Festival of Nature we would distribute most remaining booklets. The best thing would be to take them to the Tourist Information Centre and to City Libraries. Keep some for Victoria Park Fair.	
11/023	<u>Website Photographs</u>	
	Keith had volunteered to work with Tony Kerr to pick a set of 'best photographs' to keep on the website. He said they had chosen about 50 pictures. He asked for an article to be included in the eBoot saying we were finalising the list. Carew said he had spoken to John Maher who had said that it would be best to have a maximum of about 15 pictures. Having more would require scrolling through them to see them all.	Carew
	<u>AGENDA ITEMS</u>	
11/048	<u>Membership Secretary's Report</u>	
	Angela had sent this report prior to the meeting:	
11/049	<u>Treasurer's Report and Plans for 2011/12 Budget</u>	

	<p>Pauline had circulated an account (Addendum 2). She said there had not been much expenditure so far this year.</p> <p>She went on to discuss the 2011/2012 budget. She thought there needed to be a consistent approach for distributing money between the groups in Avon Area. She was not in favour of money being taken from groups who had presented a budget for a larger amount of money and distributing it to other groups., who may well not use it. Peter objected to our putting effort in to preparing the budget and then not getting what we asked for. He or Carew would ask Area Chairman / Treasurer for a clear statement of how they are going to prepare the next budget. It was agreed that it would be better if either Area or Central kept some money aside for group projects.</p> <p>Items which could require funds next year are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Repeat of First Aid Course (about £100) ii) Footpath waymarking discs. Tony said he would circulate details of the supplier and the cost involved. iii) Improving our display boards including getting fresh displays from HQ. iv) Leadership Course. Stephen said this was very small. Maybe buy a flip chart stand v) Some money for publicity 	<p>Peter / Carew</p> <p>Tony</p> <p>Carew</p> <p>Stephen?</p>
11/050	Secretary's Report	
	<p>Carew had circulated a report prior to the meeting (See Addendum 3).</p> <p>He asked, in vain, for volunteers for assistance for the fourth session of walk leader training. Walk leaders were needed to supervise trainees leading a trial walk. It is on 11th June. Peter Rogers was suggested as a possibility. Carew will ask him.</p> <p>Some members of Woodspring group had attended a Promoting Walking Workshop at Ramblers HQ and had asked if there could be a course held in Bristol. HQ had asked if any of our group would be interested. The dates suggested were June and July which are too soon for us to find</p>	<p>Carew</p>

	interested members. Carew will reply suggesting October as a better month.	Carew
11/051	Programme Coordinator's Report	
	Tony said the new programme was now printed and would be sent out the next day. He said that it would have been nice to have things ready for distribution a bit earlier but the Avon Area News was not available until the 23 rd of May. This leaves only a few days for programmes to be hand delivered. Peter will ask Jill Fysh if, in future, the AAN can be printed a few days earlier in the month.	Peter
11/052	Environmental Officers Report	
	Susan had circulated a document prior to the meeting. (See Addendum 4). The issues were discussed. It was decided to have an article in the eBoot about planning and environmental issues. It will give the group's recommendations and ask members who felt strongly about any of the issues to contact Susan.	Carew
11/053	Foot Path Officer's Report	
	Keith said that following the appeal in the eBoot for volunteers to help with footpath maintenance he had offers from about 12 people. He said he now needed feedback from members of where there were footpath problems. Peter said that initially the best place to look was on the Severn Way Link between Severn Beach and the Rockingham Roundabout. There were no legal complications with this as the council own the land and they had agreed to us maintaining the path. Peter said he had not yet sorted out the legal position for clearance on land not owned by the council or where more than just secateurs and shears are required. He said another project for which we had permission from the council, was the maintenance of signage on the Bristol Triangle Walk. As stated earlier Tony said he would let the committee know the supplier of the rondels and what the cost is. Carew will write an article in the next eBoot thanking those who had volunteered and saying Keith would be contacting soon. It will also ask members to let Keith know of any footpath problems. Keith said he had spoken to David Waterstone who was keen to set up an Avon Area footpath maintenance group. This	Tony Carew Keith

	would involve setting up a team which councils could call on when there are problems.	
11/054	<u>NATIONAL AND AREA MATTERS</u>	
	Peter and Carew had attended the previous Area Council meeting. They felt it was important that someone from Bristol Group attended each meeting.	All
11/055	<u>ANY ITEMS FOR THE WEBSITE / eBoot</u>	
	Nothing in addition to items discussed earlier and in the next section.	
	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
11/042	<u>Festival of Nature (18th-19th June)</u>	
	Stephen will take the stands and publications on the Saturday morning and Eileen will remove them on the Sunday afternoon. Peter will be there for Sunday morning and for some of the time on Sunday afternoon. Carew will put a request in the eBoot for additional volunteers.	
11/043	<u>2011 AGM</u>	
	The AGM will be on the 6 th December in the United Reform Church. Carew will book the room. It was agreed there would be more food than last time. Possible things to have are a 'Best Walk of the Year' competition and a display of the best photographs of the year. Carew, Stephen and Eileen will organise things. Will consider the Agenda at the next meeting	Carew / Stephen / Eileen
11/056	<u>DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS</u>	
	The date set for the next committee meetings is Monday 25/07/11 all at 7.30 pm at the Robin Hood pub, St Michaels Hill. Carew has booked the room.	
	Updated 25/7/11	

To see addenda ask a committee member