

Northern Ireland Civil Service Ramblers Committee
Wednesday 8th November 2023

Minutes

In attendance:

Jim Hamilton (JH, Chair), Cowan Higgins (CH, Sec), Norman McIlhinney (NM, Tres), John Holmes (JH), Denis Hamill (DH).

1.	Welcome / Apologies: Apologies were received from, Helen Magill and Colin McWhirter
2.	Review of the minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting, 18 th October were agreed as an accurate record of the proceedings.
3.	Matters Arising: Club Buffs: Version 3 was the preferred option and these have now been ordered. It was agreed that the committee would meet the cost of the buffs from club funds. 3.1 ACTION: Treasurer to proceed with payment at the appropriate time. 3.2 Christmas dinner: CH confirmed that at present, 27 had indicated they would be attending and all meals had been selected. Following the deadline, the final list would be published. ACTION: CH to circulate menu and price list to members before finalising list. 3.3 AGM: CH confirmed that the venue had been booked as agreed and the menu circulated to the committee for a decision. A finger buffet seemed to be the preferred option but a final decision would be made at the next meeting.
4.	Finance: 4.1 The Treasurer provided the Committee with an update on the current financial position and the projection for the rest of 2023. It was agreed that £375 would be paid to cover the costs of the club buffs. 4.2 Christmas Dinner: It was agreed that the club would pay for 8 bottles of wine at the dinner. ACTION: NM to organise on the night. 4.3 Santander Account: NM agreed to investigate and report back on the status of this account. ACTION: NM to liase with Helen Magill and report back.

5.	Correspondence: There was nothing to report.
6.	Walks Programme 2024. CH provided an update on the current draft. Following discussion, it was agreed that some dates would be changed and that the redraft should focus on ensuring walks from January – March 2024 had designated leaders ACTION: CH to prepare the next draft and circulate to the Committee.
7.	Holidays: JH informed the committee that a flyer would be prepared for the Thames Path holiday. It was agreed that more details were required on the Dunfanaghy weekend. DH agreed to discuss with Ivan Baxter and report back to the committee. ACTION: JH to prepare flyer. DH to discuss weekend break with Ivan and report back.
8.	Membership: Nothing to report
9. 9.1	Any Other Business: CH informed the committee that Helen Magill would be stepping down from the committee. JH reminded the committee that he would be stepping down from his role as Chairperson. There being no other business, the meeting was closed.
10.	Next Meeting Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 18:45