RAMBLERS
Swindon & North East Wilts

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Minutes of Committee Meeting: 13 April 2026 via Zoom

Agenda	Minutes	Action
Present	Tom Allen, Peter Gallagher, Keith Grimes, Marilyn Kassam, Tracy Ockley (Chair), Gareth Reynolds, David Trease.	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January were approved.	
Matters Arising	None.	
Chair's Report	Tracy had received several potential new member enquiries which she had passed on to the appropriate person. She had also received a complaint about a Facebook issue relating to another group which she had also passed on.	
Treasurer's Report	Presenting the latest accounts, Gareth commented that there had been very little income from walk book sales since the last meeting. He apologised to Tom for the delay in reimbursing practical work expenses. David confirmed that he had not yet claimed any programme distribution costs for the current year but would do so shortly.	
FWEO Report	Peter's report had been circulated. He said that it had been a quiet period and he had nothing to add.	
Footpath Working Party Report	Tom had no recent activity to report.	
Membership Report	David's report showed a decrease of 4 members since the last meeting. He hoped that if our motion to remove the Area Group was successful it would result in some of those members transferring to our group.	
Programme Report	David said the main problem was a shortage of leaders. He thought that this was only likely to be remedied by new members joining and being willing to undertake the role.	
Webmaster's Report	Keith said the website had not required any maintenance and he had nothing else to report.	
Publicity Officer's Report	Walk details and photos were being regularly posted on the Facebook page by Marilyn and the other members who had access, which now included Chris Forsyth.	

General Council	Peter and David would be attending General Council on 25 April. Peter reported on the Special Resolution being proposed by the Board of Trustees which would introduce one member, one vote for certain elections and create the opportunity for greater member involvement in other ways. David confirmed that Area Committee supported the changes. There were also three member motions, including our Area's motion seeking the removal of the Area Group. Peter said that from discussion in the Ramblers.NET email group he expected an amendment to be put to implement this for all Areas. Keith commented that some Areas would not be in favour of this, which is why our Area Committee had worded the motion so that the change would only take effect upon request. The meeting agreed to support the other two motions, on walk leader to walkers ratios and unacceptable behaviour and sexual harassment. Area Committee may provide further guidance to our GC	**Peter/ David**
Any Other Business	There was none.	
Date of Next Meeting	Monday 15 June.	