

FORTH & TAY Disabled Ramblers

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held on 25th November 2024 at 11.00 a.m. in the Cadham Centre

1. PRESENT, APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

Present: Sheila Batchelor (chair), Alec Haddow (treasurer), Rena Wilson, Jack Wilson, Alex Spence, Karen Ainslie, Lindsey Eppy and Kelly Barnes

Apologies received from:

Brian Watson, Liz McLaughlin (vice chair) and John Paterson.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The October minutes were read and agreed.

Proposed by Karen Ainslie

Seconded by Jack Wilson

3. MATTERS ARISING

SCOOTERS: Number 10 has a magnetic brake still to be fitted. Greg now has the replacement parts and will fit on his next visit.

Action Continued

Rena suggested at the last meeting that we have an online folder for funding that would give up to date documents needed for funding applications. John suggested it could be on a password protected area on our website. To discuss further with John

Action continued

Some of those on the kiltwalk felt that it would be a good idea to have a FTDR fleece or t-shirt, for members to purchase. Lindsey offered to look into the costs.

Action continued

Sheila will send the minutes to Brian each month to put on the web site

Action continued

4. TREASURES REPORT

End of 28th October statement summary

General account : £8377

Savings account : £6180

The report was agreed

Report proposed by Lindsey Eppy

Seconded by Kelly Barnes

5 FUNDING REPORT

National lottery Scotland - we were awarded £8K. This has been used towards the purchase of 3 new scooters. A 4th scooter was purchased using money from general funds.

Rena has applied to Anderson Anderson Brown (AAB) for £2.5 K for transport and scooter servicing. No reply so far.

Application on 21/6 made to the legal firm Lindsays in Dundee. Their St Catherine's Fund. No update.

Application to the COOP for Scooter / transport costs We are guaranteed £500 in the spring 2025. Further funds are dependent on COOP members choosing FTDR as their local charity to support.

Foundation Scotland resubmitted our application to Bailey Gifford. We have been awarded a grant of £1000 to be used for general funds.

Corra – a grant of £3,000 has been received for general funds.

6. SCOOTERS.

2 scooters (to be scrapped No 4 and No 8) have been picked up by Greg Swanney, our scooter maintenance engineer.

Four new scooters were delivered this month to A2B. They were delivered without warning in boxes and required to be assembled. (Subsequently Brian and Dean Penman successfully built the scooters). The committee agreed we will not use that company again.

It was agreed that the scooter returned to the club by Lindsey Eppy should be donated to ex-volunteer, Joe Seathe as he is experiencing health problems of his own. Joe has given many years of service to FTDR. It was agreed not to charge for the scooter as it requires new batteries (which Joe will purchase).

Brian suggested we scrap the Trampler and put its batteries (which are in good condition) in another scooter.

The meeting agreed to hold off the decision until the January meeting when it can be further discussed.

Tandem mobility scooter

The Department of Transport states that these scooters are not lawfully allowed on British paths or roads because they are not classed as an invalid carriage. By definition, an invalid carriage is a means of transport that has been built or adapted for one person who is suffering with a disability or physical defect.

As a tandem scooter would be illegal and not covered by our insurance for most rambles and scoots it was decided not to purchase a tandem scooter.

8. RAMBLES 2025

In his written report Brian said the programme of rambles and scoots for 2025 needs to be finalised in the next 2 months. This will be finalised at the next meeting in January.

It was agreed that we will use the web membership form and booking forms next year.

Rena has investigated a trip on the Bo'ness railway and this has been provisionally booked for Thursday 14th August 2025.

It was agreed that it was all right if the barge trip to the Falkirk Wheel and the train trip were close date wise.

9.Policies and Procedure review

As yet, no further action has been taken.

Action continued

10. AOCB

Christmas Lunch : 40 members are attending the Christmas lunch.

Brian will submit the order on the 1st December.

Liz will be happy to collect cash payment on the day. She will also have the Sum up device to accept card payments.

There will be a raffle on the day.

AGM

In his written report Brian suggested that Dean Penman be proposed as a committee member at the AGM.

Jack has agreed to stand as membership secretary.

Kelly is considering becoming the Ramble secretary once she knows what it entails.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 27th January 2025 at 11am in the Cadham Centre.