

NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL SERVICE RAMBLERS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 11th November 2025

MINUTES

In attendance: Jim Hamilton (JH, Chair); Colin McWhirter (CW), John Holmes (JH), Michael Carson (MC)

1. Welcome & apologies:

The chairperson welcomed those attending and noted the following apologies - Cowan Higgins, Norman McElhinny, Mags Mathieson, Alison Wise, Helen Magill, Dennis Hamill, Wally Gamble

2. Minutes of last meeting:

These were accepted without amendment as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising from last meeting:

Christmas dinner - it was reported that twenty seven members were going to the dinner.

4. Finance

As **NM**, the Treasurer, was absent, a finance report was not available.

5. AGM Planning

Following a discussion on the plans for more greenways in Co. Down, **MC** suggested that we should consider a speaker on this subject at the AGM. This would be followed by the quiz organised by CH and a finger buffet as in previous years.

JH noted that due to a lack of suitable photographs of this year's walks, it would not be possible to have the usual slide presentation at the AGM however he would consider what other photographs could be used.

6. Walks Programme:

Walks progressing satisfactorily. **CW** mentioned Newtownabbey Way, a walk that was new to committee members and suggested that this could be included in next year's programme.

7. Holidays 2026:

MC reported that he had issued the flyer for the trip to Berlin next year; so far interest had been shown by ten members. He also said that Brett was organising a visit to the Isle of Man and also that the annual trip to the Plymouth area would probably also go ahead next year.

8. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 16th December in Small Mac, Pavilion, Stormont