

# **Ibex Committee Meeting Minutes – 22nd April 2026, at Flat 4A, Constantine Road, NW3 2NG**

Attendees: David W, Mags R, Cathy C, June T, Clive S, Peter R

Apologies: Patrick T, Phinella H

## **Actions from last committee meeting:**

- **PR:** to send the AGM minutes to members, and to DW for the website. *Done*
- **MR:** to send text to DW for a 'Club night private event' notice which DW would laminate. *Would be done soon*
- **JT:** to re-issue the members' survey. *Not yet issued. Agreed it would be best to amend it before sending, to include fewer open-ended questions and more "scale" questions, which would make analysis easier. JT would amend and send to the committee for any comments before issuing. ACTION JT We would aim to have information from the survey available for the AGM.*
- **JT:** to send a final reminder in mid-March about membership renewal to those who had not renewed. *Done.*
- **DW:** to re-set the members' lists in April, taking account of those who had not renewed. *Done.*
- **PR DW:** to find a suitable venue for the AGM. *DW had done some enquiring but otherwise promising venues had either a booking fee of £200, or minimum spend of £1,200. Agreed that all committee members would look out for other possible venues, for about 20-30 people, with a booking fee of no more than £100; and on the basis of total spend of the order of £800. ACTION All.*
- **DW:** to email members in March to invite volunteers for the committee posts which would be falling vacant at the AGM. *DW had emailed members and the result was very positive, with volunteers for Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Website Editor or Weekend Planner. DW was congratulated on this result, which should mean that an exit strategy for Ibex would not be needed, at least for the present. There was further discussion on the relation between the Newsletter Editor and social media roles. It was important that our social media outlets were updated following weekends. DW would add a tick box on the weekend application form for people to volunteer to do the write-up. ACTION DW. CS would add a reference in the final instructions letter indicating responsibility for doing the write up for our Facebook page. ACTION CS DW would investigate what hashtags other walking groups were using. ACTION DW All committee members should follow Ibex's Instagram account. ACTION All.*

- **All committee members:** to consider which of their current functions were optional. *A number of replies had been received. Given the encouraging response to DW's email to members, the possibility of a 'slimmed down' organisation did not need to be pursued for the present. However DW would put the responses into the Admin guide for possible future use.* **ACTION DW**

## President

- Minutes of 20 February committee meeting agreed.
- A possible slimmed-down Ibex did not need to be considered for the present (as above)
- Arrangements to find a suitable venue for the AGM discussed as above
- Volunteers for next year's committee: discussed as above
- Thanks to MR for the April Club nights summer stroll. The schedule for the other strolls was
  - 13 May - DW
  - 10 June - JT
  - 8 July - PR
  - 12 August - CS

These walks leaders would let DW have, as soon as possible, a short text describing the walk with start time and (start) pub, and a contact number for someone who would be in the pub. **ACTION JT PR CS**

- The WebCollect email issues were probably a result of Microsoft tightening their procedures. DW had emailed Ibex members on Hotmail and Outlook accounts to ask them to check their Junk folders, put the WebCollect domain name into their email "trusted list", and to contact him if they did not receive the newsletter.

## Club nights

- Arrangements made up to and including October. November and December to be considered later:

## Treasurer/Financial Position of Club

- PT would be providing an update. **ACTION PT.**

## Website/Social media

- **DW:** Report provided.

## Membership

- **JT:** current membership 67.
- Survey discussed as above.

## **Weekend Co-ordinator - 2026**

- **CS:** Report provided.
- Organiser for Snowdonia 28-31 Aug still needed. CS would send further reminder.  
**ACTION CS**
- It appeared from responses that there was some general interest in Alpine trips, and this might be considered further.

## **Weekend Planner - 2027**

- **MR:** Bookings made for Easter, late May Bank Holiday (Ribblehead), and end-August (Howgills).
- Booking to be made for early May Bank Holiday (30 April - probably East Coast or Yorkshire) though this would clash with the Scotland (Braemar) week.
- Alpine week to be organised, probably for 3-10 September

## **Day Walks**

- **CC:** Walks arranged for May, August and October.
- Walks in June and July to be finalised between PT, CC and DW(ilson).  
**ACTION: PT CC DW**

## **Newsletter**

- **PH:** report provided.

## **AOB**

- **DW:** The Club's subscription to an Ordnance Survey app had not been used and we would not renew it in August.
- Following the sad news of Julie Minards' passing, CC would send some photos to PH for inclusion in the newsletter. Funeral arrangements were not yet known: the reference in the newsletter would say that if people were interested in the funeral arrangements to contact MR (phone number or personal email). **ACTION CC PH**
- Following discussion of possible "buddy" arrangements for new members, CS would add to weekend organisers' notes the need for appropriate arrangements for any new members attending. **ACTION CS**
- Many thanks to JT for again hosting the committee meeting.

## **Date of next committee meeting**

- Tuesday 23 June, 6.30pm, probably at CS' house. CS would confirm to PR  
**ACTION CS**

## **Summary of actions following meeting**

- **JT:** to amend the members' survey and send it to the committee for any comments before issuing.

- **All committee members:** to look out for other possible venues for the AGM in October (for about 20-30 people, with a booking fee of no more than £100)
- **DW:** to add a tick box on the weekend application form for people to volunteer to do the write-up for the Facebook page.
- **CS:** to add a reference in the final instructions letter indicating responsibility for doing the write up for Facebook.
- **DW:** to investigate what hashtags other walking groups were using.
- **All committee members:** to follow Ibex's Instagram account.
- **DW:** to put the responses about which current committee functions were considered optional into the Admin guide for possible future use.
- **JT PR CS:** to let DW have, as soon as possible, a short text describing the 'summer stroll' walk they were leading, with start time and (start) pub, and a contact number for someone who would be in the pub.
- **PT:** to provide an update on the Club's financial position.
- **CS:** to send a further reminder on the need for an organiser for Snowdonia 28-31 Aug
- **PT CC DW(ilson):** to finalise arrangements for day walks in June and July
- **CC PH:** to send some photos of Julie Minards, for inclusion in the newsletter.
- **CS:** to add to weekend organisers' notes the need for appropriate 'buddy' arrangements for any new members attending.