

## Four Border Abbeys u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

2pm

Abbey Row

Present: JS CB RA MC HH PS

### **1 Welcome; apologies** AG DS LM

### **2 Minutes and matters arising**

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

Matters arising:

JS sent the foodbank information out.

Pat Greenshields attended from Four Brethren and seemed to find it useful – good to make contact.

Thanks to DS – speaker on evacuees booked for February meeting.

October meeting was very good. Astronomy Group is up and running.

Christmas meeting – JS circulated draft running order – agreed. CB to contact Alexa re layout of Hall. AG – please purchase more napkins and paper plates. RA to get cash for Jedburgh Band. MC to purchase 2x apple juice and 2x cranberry juice.

### **3 Chair's report**

Kelso Life – u3a will now feather on clubs pages.

Anniversary hedge – JS read correspondence with Sources blog – hilarious. Has been corrected.

JS attended Abbey Row meeting – Live Borders to meet next month to decide future of all Community Centres. More gopack tables are being purchased and some furniture is being donated to other organisations.

Website – subject to u3a rolling program of upgrades – pending. RA to investigate possible dates. Please send GO photos whenever possible.

There was discussion of ways to promote 4BA u3a - Article in Southern Reporter? Bring a friend to open meetings? Advert in ESPC?

GO is collecting printer cartridges – CB to add to mail out. GO is also helping with 3Brethren website.

Feedback from regional meeting – JS attended meeting with Chairs of Berwick, Berwickshire and Duns. Very useful to make contact.

### **4 Vice chair / group coordinator's report**

See below

Thanks to LM

PS – do Groups need more detail in their name/pitch

### **5 Treasurer's report**

Balance £5245 no 2 account has £790 for forthcoming Travel Group costs.

Thanks to RA

### **6 Secretary's report**

Possible u3a /Springwood Park connection via Dorothy S – pending

## **7 Membership report**

See below

**Action** AG to remove non-renewals at end of October.

Thanks to AG

## **8 Speakers 2023-24**

April, May, Poppy Aid? Book Festival – Alistair Moffat?

**9 Plans for November meeting** – set up as usual – AG and PS away.

## **10 AOB**

HH – unfilled spaces on trips – can we include non-members – **Action** JS to investigate with Trust.

PS – Group Leaders' Meeting – set date asap?

## **11 Date of next meeting**

30.11.23 – at Coldstream – **Action** RA to book a venue.

Group Co-ordinator's Report

25 October 2023

28 members signed up for various groups at the last meeting including 23 for the new Astronomy Group. I have assisted Gordon Mckay in setting up the new group and the first meeting is on Monday 13 November and thereafter they will meet on the first Monday of the month at Abbey Row. As not all members attend our monthly meetings, following the last meeting I sent an email to all members with an updated list of our groups. This resulted in several expressions of interest in various groups as detailed below:

Astronomy 3

Badminton 1

History of Border Towns \* 1

Italian 2

Model Railways\* 1

Opera\* 2

Scrabble\* 1

Strollers 3

Walking 1

\*Prospective new groups

So far none of the prospective subjects has sufficient numbers to operate a group, but I will keep trying!

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## Membership Statistics 24th October 2023

### Members by status

Current 374

Resigned 28

Total 402

### Current members by class

Associate 15 4%

Individual 355 95%

Joint 4 1%

Total 374

Male 93 25%

Female 280 75%

Email 365 98%