

Four Border Abbeys u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday September 28th 2023

2pm

Abbey Row

Present : JS CB RA LM DS PS MC

1 Welcome; apologies AG, HH

2 Minutes and matters arising

Point 3 – JS to meet with regional u3a Chairs 25.10.23 to share practice and information. RA has met with Treasurer at Duns.

Do we need more posters?

Point 4 – Group Leaders did a terrific job at the September meeting and response was very positive. Thanks to Committee for wrangling the new space. Thanks to KRFC for hosting so well.

3 Chair's report

Hazel B requests a mail out to members for help at Kelso Food Bank. JS to also put on fb.

Abbey Row meeting at end of October – JS & CB to attend.

Next meeting venue – RA to book Coldstream Community Hall if possible – inform CB in advance of next Committee meeting.

Succession planning – please let JS know asap if you intend to resign from Committee. RA will stand for one more year. Ideally, Treasurer role needs to be shadowed. JS to email members in early 24 to ask for volunteers for Committee.

4 Vice chair / group coordinator's report

About 20 signed up to new groups at September meeting – excellent.

Practical gardening, crochet and crime fiction are all underway.

Andrew W suspending Beer and Blether till January. Vanessa W

suspending Beginners Bridge till January. Scrabble, model railways and detectorists – pending.

Comedy and Borders history – pending

5 Treasurer's report

383 members – 61 not yet renewed. Balance in main account £5091. All invoices paid up to date. Cut off for non-renewal end of October – AG to remind non-payers in early October.

Trip to Botanical Gardens is in 2nd account – all but 3 paid.

NB membership forms MUST be signed if member is offering Gift Aid.

RA AG did on line finance training – not very useful

6 Secretary's report

Pat Greenshields from 3 Brethren u3a will be a guest at Open Meeting. CB to host.

7 Membership report

See above

8 Speakers 2023-24

Evacuees – DS to get name of Speaker from Heritage Soc

Kim Ritchie – microlites

AG and Collette – running hotels?

9 Plans for October meeting

Speaker Gordon McKay

Tech – JS

Reception DS

Bookswap PS

Groups LM

Refreshments MC+ Janis (PS/JS to help if needed)

Membership AG

Raffle HH

Andy S to take some photos?

Christmas Social

CB to ask KRFC for tables. 12 pm start.

Quiz DS

Jedburgh band – booked

JS to email leaders of Poetry, play reading, singing, to ask if they want to contribute.

U3Band to finish – set up during food.

10 AOB

MC to offer final places for Christmas trip at Oct meeting.

RA away until 12.10.23

Ask Practicall gardening if they want to run a plant swap/cutting at AGM

11 Date of next meeting 26.10.23 Coldstream? tbc