

Four Border Abbeys u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday August 31st 2023

2pm

Abbey Row

Present JS CB RA LM AG MC PS HH

1 Welcome; apologies DS

2 Minutes and matters arising

JS went to Scotland u3a AGM.

Badminton Group and Current Affairs Group – leaders found Speakers – see below

Cake – Quotations for £55-200 received. CB to bake instead!

JS answered GO query on travel expenses.

3 Chair's report

Subsequent to Scotland AGM JS has had a Zoom meeting with Rosie Irvine and Alison Hunter at East Berwick u3a. There is a push for area events. JS to meet Alison Hunter to share information on Speakers etc.

JS has requested a stall at Kelso Farmers' Market – we are in a queue.
[Posters – please put up.]

4 Vice chair / group coordinator's report

LM has updated Groups list – 40 running! Some full. Updated details have gone to GO for website.

Strollers – 14 – RA/JA to lead

History & Spanish – Christine His unwell, so groups suspended.

Scottish Country Dancing – Helen Rabour to resume.

Chi gong – extra session on Mondays

New Age Kurling – 3rd Group starting

Metal detectorists, Model railways, Scrabble – all pending.

Practical Gardening – starting soon.

Some Leaders will talk at the September Open Meeting.

On line user agreements for Beacon – LM to remind Group Leaders of the terms of use in October, and get signed forms from new Group Leader.

PS – 2nd Crime Fiction?

5 Treasurer's report

Thanks to AG for here hard work in getting membership payments processed efficiently.

Books balanced today £4821.75 – healthy. Up to £100 expected in further memberships in September. Gift Aid monies also expected. £400?

1 fee due – KRFC.

6 Secretary's report

KRFC – change of venue to upstairs for Sept meeting – due to a funeral reception. CB to see Alexa asap and confirm arrangements. CB to mail members to advise change of venue.

Abbey Row – new Chair is John Gray – hopefully progress will be made.

Kelso Life – advert simply did not appear. JS to have another go!

7 Membership report

JS thanks to AG.

AG presented current numbers.

Unsigned forms – AG has returned to members. In future what should we do? Pp by Membership Secretary? RA to find out .

TAM – renewal sent

8 Speakers 2023-24

Oct – Gordon McKay

Nov – Margaret Geary

Dec – Christmas Social

January – Alisdair Allen

Feb

March AGM and Gardeners' Question time

April

May

June – summer social

9 Plans for September meeting

No Janis. Please wear your badge to help new members. Please arrive about 1.15

Registration at base of stairs - David and Pamela - direct members straight upstairs.

Membership table - Alex and Rosie

Catering - Claire and Margaret

Technical - Jerry

Groups - Lesli

Raffle - Heather

10 AOB

JS – on-line Scotland u3a events – JS to send details to GO for website.

JS Succession planning – please consider, for discussion at next meeting

MC – travel Group visit to Edinburgh botanic Gardens Christ mas Lights 1st December. To be open to all members, priority to Travel Group members. Full coach = approx. £30 pc. MC to inform members at Sept meeting. All payments to be made in advance when reserving a place. MC is planning to book trips further afield this year via a travel agent.

11 Date of next meeting

28th September 2pm