

Four Border Abbeys u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Wednesday 24th May 2023

2.30 pm

Abbey Row

Present JS RA CB LM AG HH PS

1 Welcome; apologies MC, DS

2 Minutes of 27.4 were accepted. **Matters arising:** the photo of the plaque unveiling went in the Trust Weekly Newsletter.

Members joining in May – should pay the full membership fee, as previously discussed. Delaying membership until July incurs no fee.

3 Chair's report

JS to attend Scotland AGM, with RA and John Alexander.

4 Vice chair / group coordinator's report

Badminton – new Leader, David McKelrath

Neil Fisher is closing World History and Current Affairs from today.

New Groups:

Crochet will run from September

Informal IT – 6 sessions in June

Summer Groups' meeting – on the website.

Latin – will be one Group going forward.

Possible new Groups in September:

Crime Fiction; Metal detectorists; Model Railway; Scrabble; Strollers

Action

LM to seek Leaders and canvas members for expressions of interest 18th August. Some existing Groups also may need more members.

5 Treasurer's report including Annual Report for OSCR

£2448 in current account.

No. 2 account £634 – minus £365 just paid for Alnwick bus.

RA has sent Gift Aid materials to HMRC and is awaiting a response. Thanks for her work on this.

OSCR return – compiled by RA and ready to go – after JS has checked.

Action

CB to get up to June invoices from KRFC.

JS to check OSCR return.

6 Secretary's report

CB fed back information from Abbey Row – fees are still undecided. It may be beneficial NOT to affiliate. CB/JS to attend Abbey Row AGM in June.

7 Membership Secretary report

362 members

Action

CB to get wifi details for KRFC

8 Alnwick trip – feedback

An excellent trip – many happy members. Thanks to MC/AG for their work on this trip.

9 Speakers

RA to get details from Lyn Bilton of Duns' Speakers.
Secret Places of Scotland author – MC to pass details to JS.
Kelso Life Astronomy contributor?

10 Travelling expenses for Group Leaders

This was discussed again. Expenses have never been paid to Group Leaders, except by the membership of the Group as part of their subs.

Action

JS to advise GO

11 Mobile phone for Membership Secretary

It was agreed that AG to source a phone – up to £100. Details to be included on Membership Form.

12 Membership form for 2023/4

RA/AG presented the draft form – thanks for their work on this. It now includes Gift Aid statement.

Action

Change 'unwilling' to 'prefer not to'
Add Membership Secretary phone number
Add return address
Add website address
Add payment amounts

13 Arrangements for June social

Running order:

Introduction JS – LM to briefly outline new Groups.

Running order: Poetry Group, Play Reading Group, Afternoon Tea, Quiz (in pairs), Raffle, Singing for Fun

Duties – to run as usual.

Members to be invited to bring their own mug.

Action

JS to send out running order to participants
HH to get flowers/plants x3

14 AOB

RA to send GO a copy of the new Constitution for the website.

AG/LM to visit Barbara H – take u3a flowers

LM is now on bank mandate. On-line banking - pending

20 year anniversary cake – AG/HH to get prices for cake for 70 people – gluten free?

15 Date of next meeting

31.8.23 2pm Abbey Row.