

Minutes of Committee Meeting

2.1.23 10am

Present AW RA CB HH LM AG

1. Apologies and Matters arising

JS sent apologies

Christ mas Social was very successful - lots of positive feedback.

The draft Constitution is ready to go out with the AGM materials. AW to also write to members regarding the AGM. RA to forward Constitution introduction/rationale to CB.

The website is now up and running again.

Facebook site is receiving healthy traffic.

TAM magazine return to TAT - JS to complete this month.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted - CB to forward to GO for website.

3. Chair's report

Hedge planting - complete. The plastic tubes have to stay on for 2 years. AW presented draft wording for the plaque.

Speakers - Jan AW, Feb CB, March Gardeners' QT, April or May - Matt, Operations manager at Floors

Committee for 23-24. AW stepping down as Chair but willing to be co-opted from September in advisory role. JS willing to stand as Chair, Vice chair? JS to approach someone. RA willing to stand as Treasurer, CB willing to stand as Secretary for another year. LM willing to stand as Groups Coordinator. AG to take on Membership Sec. HH willing to be re-co-opted under new Constitution (should it be accepted.)

Committee members to approach members about joining Committee.

AW proposed a name change to 'Kelso and District u3a'. This would make it easier to search for on the internet, and is a better reflection of the constituency of members. After discussion it was decided that:

The proposed name change would be colloquial, not on official paperwork;

The proposed name change would be put to an open vote at the AGM and a majority decision accepted.

4. Treasurer's report

All invoices paid up to date at end of 2022. All books balanced. Increased membership means balances are healthy,

Abbey Row affiliation fees (£10) - these were discussed and it was decided that Group Leaders that use Abbey Row should pay the affiliation fee from the Group. If fees at AR increase significantly, the Committee will re-visit the issue.

5. Acceptance of draft accounts

RA presented draft accounts which were accepted by the Committee. These will now be passed to Richard Tice for verification. Thanks to RA for all her work on this.

6. Secretary's report

CB to attend next AR meeting on 10.1.23

TAT materials - CB to try again to change email details on TAT site.

7. Groups co ordinator's report

Book Group - full and 3 wait listed. LM to publicise at Open Meeting and ask if more are interested in starting a 2nd group - will need a Leader.

Group Leader's Meeting - - in March/April to meet new Committee

RA - may start a Strollers walking Group in September. CB may start a crochet/ knitting Group in September.

Interest was expressed in an Art Group - a Leader is needed.

Silver Surfers - AG to mention at Open Meeting

8. Membership secretary report

329 members

Role of Membership Secretary to pass to AG this month.

JS to shred all 2022 membership forms.

9. Arrangements for Open Meeting 5.1.23

Technical - JS

Chair Js

Reception CB

Speaker AW

Raffle HH

Book swap CB

Groups LM

Refreshments AG/Ra

AG to purchase bulk order of paper cups.

After the Speaker, LM, AG and Ruth McKay to talk about Groups - see above.

10.AOB

LM to take a printer home today.

Summer Outing - HH to work on this is in co-operation with the Travel Group.
Craggside?

CB to forward draft plaque re-write to AW

Kelso Walking Festival - September - u3a may wish to play a role.

11.Date of next meeting

26 January 10.30 CB/JS house