

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday April 27th 2023
2pm

Abbey Row

Present: JS, RA, CB, LM, HH, AG, PS, DA, MC

1 Welcome; no apologies

2 Minutes and matters arising

The Minutes of 30.3.23 were accepted. Matters arising – thanks to AG and HH for coming to the unveiling of the plaque. The photo was posted on facebook and sent to TAM.

3 Chair's report

See 2 and 9.

JS/CB to attend Abbey Row Committee on 2.5.23.

4 Vice chair / group coordinator's report

See below. LM to check details of walking group on Beacon.

5 Treasurer's report – see below.

RA outlined the advantages of Gift Aid – specifically that it will enable us to keep Membership Fees at £10 next year. This was agreed. JS to speak to this at June meeting. RA/ JS to write to members over summer. RA/ AG to adjust Membership Form. RA to explore all necessary paperwork.

It was agreed that members joining after 1st July will have their membership fee waived until September.

6 Secretary's report none

7 Membership report 358

8 Alnwick trip

30 signed up. CB to promote in Meeting reminder. MC to promote at Open Meeting. Cutoff date for signing up is 5.5.23. MC to subsequently email details to attendees including BACS details.

9 Speakers

MC has spoken to Matt at Floors. JS to call him to confirm details.

Wooler Museum – JS has called – no joy as yet.

September – social, sign up members, no Speaker

October – JS to book Alastair Alan MSP who has offered a talk on his book about walking the Borders (JS to specify no politics!)

November – JS to book Kim Ritchie to talk about flying microlites.

10 June social

Singing for Fun, Poetry Reading and Play Reading have all agreed to take part. RA/DS to supply a quiz. RA to get prizes. Bring and Share afternoon tea – from 2pm. AG to get juice to supplement tea/coffee.

11 Arrangements for May meeting – as April. Members will be encouraged to bring their own mug.

12 AOB none

13 Date of next meeting 24th May 23. CB to book a room
Four Border Abbeys U3A
Statement of Accounts: all accounts
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Income & Expenditure, 1st January - 31st December

Start year 2023

Category In Out

-Account Transfers £137.20 £137.20

Abbey Row Admin £21.00

Abbey Row Groups £280.00 £280.00

Administration £209.78

Affiliation Fees £1,364.00

Group Expenses £38.36

Meeting Expenses £60.00 £295.24

Membership £260.00

Miscellaneous Donations £107.29 £104.79

Publicity £30.00

Third Age Matters £17.90

Travel Group 2a/c £1,426.89 £1,420.43

Sub-totals £2,289.28 £3,900.80

Brought forward £4,954.43

Total £3,342.91

Balance Sheet

Current £3,093.33

Membership

Number 2 a/c £249.58

Total £3,342.91

GROUP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT 26 APRIL 2023

Group Leaders Meeting

So far I have had 13 apologies for this meeting and 6 people saying they will attend.

Assuming that

Committee Members who are Group Leaders will attend (!) that makes 12.

I have sent out a reminder to those who have not replied and hopefully this will bring a couple more

in.

Rosie has kindly agreed to explain about the benefit of affiliating to Abbey Row for those groups who use it regularly.

Jim Stone, Walking Group Leader, who has sent his apologies as he is on holiday, has asked me to tell

all Committee members that the Walking Group is still open to new members and is not full.

There are currently 92 members on the Walking Group list, but Jim points out that many of the group only walk very occasionally and that he ensures that the number participating in any walk is limited to ensure the safe operation of that walk. He is reluctant to remove members from the list unless they ask to leave. I can see no reason why he should not maintain the list of current members provided he continues to ensure that numbers on any one walk are manageable.

STATISTICS

As of today we have 37 groups operating and 39 group leaders – several groups have more than 1 group leader. In the last year seven new groups have started and one group has re-started after a period of inactivity. Several members have stepped forward to lead the new groups and to ensure that existing groups can continue to operate. The total membership of all groups is 601. Obviously many members participate in more than one group. 6 groups regularly use Abbey Row, 9 meet in members' homes, 3 use Eckford Village Hall, 2 use Coldstream Community Centre, 10 use various venues depending on the group activity,. The following venues are each used by one of our groups: Cross Keys, Ednam Village Hall, Focus Centre at Galashiels, Quaker Meeting House, Stitchill Village Hall, Yetholm Youth Hall.

Lesli Miller