

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 11 March 2022 in the Committee Chamber, Victoria Hall

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<p>Present Brian Loader, Hilary Wade, Michael McCormick, Sheila Handley, Susan Jones, John Eakins, Mick Love, Julia Nicholson, Christine Patrick, Ged Jones</p> <p>Apologies Tricia Thomas</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 11 February 2022) The minutes were accepted.</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check Brian welcomed Mick to his first meeting</p> <p>Bob Lear will produce posters to advertise our meetings but we still have a vacancy for somebody to produce and distribute the posters.</p> <p>Hilary agreed to produce and distribute the poster for April</p> <p>Sheila will rewrite the job description for the role of Group Liaison Officer (GLO)</p> <p>Brian had telephoned almost all of those members not on email regarding attendance on Enrolment Day. Some of those contacted have already paid their subscriptions, some will attend Enrolment Day and all committed to renew. Several of the telephone numbers listed in the contact details for members were not recognised.</p> <p>Hilary has spoken to Sally about the availability of the Victoria Hall for the “Summer event” in September on our scheduled meeting date.</p> <p>3 Newsletter Ged will provide an updated centre spread to Erline.</p> <p>Hilary will make sure copies of the newsletter are delivered to Andrew Musgrave</p> <p>Erline reported that she has received some copy but could do with approximately another 6 pages of material. She has reports from the Walking group and 3 poems:</p> <p>Other items to be sent to Erline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John will provide a report on the Environmental Awareness group• Ged will submit notification of the 2022 AGM• Hilary will provide a “save the day notice” for the summer event• Sheila will provide a report on the Local explorers walk around Kendal• Ged will provide the contact details of the new committee members; Christine and Mick <p>Sheila mentioned that the photographs of the committee members displayed at general meetings were rather dated and needed to be refreshed.</p>	<p>Hilary</p> <p>Sheila</p> <p>Ged</p> <p>Hilary</p>

4 Future meetings

Enrolment day. Julia asked what was the protocol for potential new members who are interested in groups not represented on the day. Hilary and Sheila agreed to pick up any such queries.

Sheila /
Hilary

John asked Susan whether Beacon would be used live on the day. Susan replied that Peter and Avis Webber had kindly volunteered to undertake data entry on the new members' table. Susan said there was no need to use the new lap top.

Susan will provide badges for Julia, Christine and Mick.

Susan

Annual General Meeting (AGM). John stressed it is important to ensure every member receives notification and nomination forms. Ged will send out the information by email and hard copy.

Ged

The Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) had held another hybrid meeting (i.e. a combined face-to-face and Zoom) and John had circulated a report prior to the committee meeting. The only real problem had been the intermittent nature of the WiFi signal.

John said that any group proposing to hold a hybrid meeting should prepare carefully.

The EAG will continue to use hybrid technology if there are 2 or 3 members who wish to join remotely. The EAG will hold its next meeting as a hybrid session if there is sufficient demand.

John is of the view that there is merit in considering hybrid general meetings from the Autumn onwards. Ged reported that at the Group Coordinators/Leaders meeting a group leader had asked for a Zoom facility be provided for general meetings as she enjoyed the talks but could not regularly attend the Victoria Hall.

5 Membership

Susan reported there had been 237 renewals to date (out of 493) leaving 256 outstanding. A large number have paid by BACS.

John noted that under data protection regulations we need to ensure member details are accurate so we need to ensure we capture any change of details.

John will check Beacon to see whether it is possible to email individual members but constructed as a group email.

John

6 Finance

Michael had circulated the latest reconciliations prior to the meeting. The accounts were approved.

Michael has received the Barclaycard statement and has paid for the new lap top.

For some of the members who have renewed the BACS notification was delayed by several days. In other instances, members who had paid by BACS had not informed Susan.

Michael had sent £75 to the Cumbria Wildlife Trust.

There are no other major outstanding debits.

Several Out & About refunds have not been claimed.

7 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)

The GCLs meeting had been held on 9 March and it had gone well. A number of GCLs had given brief accounts of their group's activities and this is an approach which should be considered for future meetings.

The proposed Garden Visits group had a meeting to gauge interest and 16 people attended (out of 45 who had originally made contact). The group is still looking for a leader and the aim is for the group to undertake visits to locations in the local area wherever possible. Sheila hopes any Garden Visits group will be run along the lines of the Local Explorers group whereby the workload is shared.

Art appreciation is currently meeting in the supper room at lower Holker Hall. Rose Clark has expressed an interest in the possibility of hybrid meetings.

7 Report items

Nothing to report

8 Any Other Business

Hilary and Julia will liaise on an article about groups for submission to the April edition of Grange Now

Hilary /
Julia

It was agreed to invite Amanda (the new Manager of the Victoria Hall) to our May meeting as a "getting to know you" session.

9 Date of next meetings

Friday 15 April 2022 9:30 via Zoom as this date is Good Friday.