

## Grange & District u3a

### Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 11 November 2022 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>Present</b> Brian Loader, Hilary Wade, Susan Jones, Mick Love, Julia Nicholson, Tricia Thomas, Ged Jones</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> John Eakins, Michael McCormick, Christine Patrick</p> <p><b>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 14 October 2022)</b> The minutes were accepted.</p> <p><b>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check</b> It was agreed that Michael will issue a note to GCLs encouraging them to set accurate prices for future outings/events and to ensure a critical mass is achieved to cover costs before committing to expenditure.</p> <p>Hilary suggested that in his next Chairman's report Brian includes the message that lifts to general meetings may be available for members without transport.</p> <p><b>3 Future meetings</b> Everything is on track. Brian and Ged have received via our website emails from potential speakers and they have been forwarded to Christine.</p> <p><b>4 Membership</b> Susan had circulated a membership report prior to the meeting. She confirmed that we have 488 members of whom 13 are Associate Members.</p> <p><b>5 Finance</b> Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and the accounts were accepted.</p> <p>The requests for grants from the new indoor tennis group and the social tennis group were approved by the committee.</p> <p><b>6 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)</b> The search for a Group Liaison Officer (GLO) continues</p> <p>A member wishes to establish a new group based on a course entitled "the Bible Lands" given by the member. The new group will be called "Bible quest". Ged to provide a GCL handbook to the member in question.</p> <p><b>7 Security of u3a equipment.</b> Nothing to report. Tricia asked whether all u3a technological equipment is now stored in the u3a cupboard in the Victoria Hall</p> <p><b>8 Any Other Business</b> <i>Communications</i></p>	<p>Michael</p> <p>Ged</p>

Tricia mentioned that she had asked Ged to circulate to members information about a Civic Society presentation to be given by one of our u3a members. Ged had consulted the committee members and it was agreed that the current Grange u3a communications policy prevented circulation of other charities events to our membership.

Susan commented that in the past we had had many requests to circulate third party material and our members had become irritated by the stream of material.

The point was made that during lockdown we had been circulating non-u3a information via the Digital Diary. However, it was agreed that those special circumstances were not the norm and we had reverted to the letter of the policy.

Brian and Hilary suggested we revisit the policy to allow the committee to consider requests on a case-by-case basis.

It was agreed that Ged would draft a revised communications policy to be considered at our December committee meeting.

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*Newsletter*

There was a discussion about the article in the current edition of the` newsletter about the Grange Natural History Society. The consensus was that future editions of the newsletter should not include material about non-u3a activities.

Ged is to add a “newsletter policy” item to the February 2023 agenda (the meeting preceding the next newsletter production).

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**9 Date of next meetings**

Friday 16 December 2022, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall