

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 12 May 2023 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	ACTION
<p>Present Mick Love, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, Brian Loader, Julia Nicholson, Christine Patrick, Ameer Tabarandak, Janet Tabarandak, Tricia Thomas. Ged Jones</p> <p>Apologies Hilary Wade</p> <p>Introduction Hilary was unable to attend the meeting. Consequently, it was agreed unanimously that Brian would chair the meeting to provide continuity.</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 14 April 2023) The minutes were accepted</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check Ged had consulted the Grange u3a guidance on Finance for Group Leader and it states that the Treasurer should agree a “master contract” with each venue used by our groups. Under this arrangement representatives from groups may make individual bookings.</p> <p>The deadline for material for the summer newsletter is 16 May but it was agreed that this should be delayed until Monday 22 May. Brian will contact the editor to agree the new deadline.</p> <p>3 Cinema group – grant application Bob Lear explained the background to the request for a grant application to cover the purchase of new speakers in preparation for the cinema group’s change of venue to the Methodist church hall.</p> <p>The new speakers would not be tied to the Victoria Hall system and would be available for use by other groups at other venues.</p> <p>Bob had conducted a survey of speaker options and the one recommended is the least expensive available.</p> <p>Michael asked whether the Methodist church would install brackets in the hall to hold the speakers. However, it was agreed that this was unnecessary.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the speakers should be purchased.</p> <p>4 Annual General Meeting It was agreed that the AGM went very well.</p> <p>5 Membership</p>	<p>Brian</p>

<p>No report was provided because of the flux brought about by the continuing Enrolment process. However, at this point there are 61 non-renewals and 458 paid up members, including 5 non-members.</p>	
<p>Susan will mark as lapsed those members who have not renewed. However, as a precursor to this Susan will contact Group Coordinators/Leaders (GCLs) about the non-renewals and remind them that non-members are not covered by our insurance.</p>	Susan
<p>Susan will contact those members who have not renewed to ask them what might entice them to reconsider.</p>	Susan
<p>6 Finance Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and explained that there was a sum of £450 in the Holding account to cover the Art Appreciation group's visit to Newcastle and a further £527 for the Out & About trip to Harrogate.</p>	
<p>Michael is still dealing with the issue of Gift Aid.</p>	
<p>The finances still remain in a very healthy state which prompted a discussion as whether there are any projects which could be undertaken by Grange u3a and which could be paid for from our "surplus" funds. Julia suggested that we canvass GCLs to ask them if they wish to undertake projects which require funding.</p>	
<p>Brian agreed to canvass GCLs about potential projects.</p>	Brian
<p>Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls) It was unanimously agreed that Brian should be appointed formally to the role of Group Liaison Officer (GLO) which he had already been undertaking informally.</p>	
<p>Brian reported there are currently no issues with the groups. He will investigate potential arrangements for a GCL meeting in September or October.</p>	
<p>8 Any Other Business (AOB) Brian mentioned the issue of badges/lanyards for committee members which reflect the make-up of the new committee and Susan agreed to produce amended badges</p>	Susan
<p>Tricia asked how she can identify a deputy GCL in Beacon. It was suggested she contact Peter Webber for advice.</p>	Tricia
<p>It had been suggested by the Honorary Auditor that we seek a deputy Treasurer to support Michael. Ged will produce a "situations vacant" notice.</p>	Ged
<p>Julia suggested we consider using a professional auditor to succeed our Honorary Auditor when he steps down.</p>	
<p>9 Date of next meetings Friday 16 June 2023, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall</p>	