

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 14 April 2023 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	ACTION
<p>Present Brian Loader, Hilary Wade, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, John Eakins, Mick Love, Julia Nicholson, Christine Patrick Tricia Thomas. Ged Jones</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 17 March 2023) The minutes were accepted</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check Susan is yet to update the Grange u3a entry on the Victoria Hall "What's on" page. [Post meeting note this item has now been completed</p> <p>Ged is still to consult the Grange u3a policy on who has responsibility to book venues on behalf of groups.</p> <p>Brian had contacted Group Coordinators/Leaders (GCLs) asking them if they wanted table space on Enrolment Day</p> <p>Brian had sent out the Sunday night reminder email about the AGM.</p> <p>Ged agreed to take over from John as a representative on the Bay Area Network.</p> <p>3 Future meetings Nothing to report. It was decided to delete this item from the regular agenda.</p> <p>4 Annual General Meeting Everything is on track. Ged will take a hard copy of the Agenda, Minutes of 2022 AGM and a copy of the signed, audited accounts</p> <p>5 Enrolment Day - Review The consensus was that Enrolment Day had gone well. Susan reported that we had enrolled 24 new members on the day and Mick reported that there had been 44 enquiries about Out & About trips.</p> <p>6 Membership No report was provided because of the flux brought about by the Enrolment process.</p> <p>7 Finance Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and the accounts were accepted.</p> <p>The audit of the accounts for 2022/23 had been completed on Thursday 13 April.</p> <p>The auditor recommended that there should be a back-up for the Honorary Treasurer and the committee agreed to seek a deputy for Michael.</p>	<p>Ged</p>

The auditor pointed out that people may pay subscriptions for other people which could cause confusion. A way to prevent this confusion is for the BACS payment to refer to the member to whom the payment relates.

Michael pointed out that Beacon does not automatically update Gift Aid annually and he has to update the information manually.

It was agreed to raise the issue of Gift Aid in Beacon at the next meeting of the Bay Area Network (BAN)

Julia/Ged

Speaker system

A request had been received from the Cinema group to purchase a new set of speakers in advance of the group moving to the Methodist Church Hall for future film showings.

In response to Brian suggested the Grange u3a buy the speakers to clarify the ownership question John pointed out that ultimately all assets remain the property of Grange u3a.

Tricia asked whether the speakers would be available to other groups and Brian believed they would be.

Michael asked whether a market survey had been carried out to determine if the proposed speakers were the best option available.

Hilary asked Brian to contact the Cinema group GCL to ask for more details (e.g. are the speakers portable and where could they be used, where would they be stored, etc.)

Brian

[Post meeting: the Cinema group GCL will attend the May meeting to answer questions on the grant request and the speakers proposed.]

It was agreed that the grant application be accepted in principle subject to further clarification at the May committee meeting.

Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)

Everything is running smoothly at the moment.

Mick asked what the policy is towards non-members attending u3a events. The policy is that non-members can attend one event as a "taster" session. (Carers can attend events with a member.)

In response to a question from Michael responded that payment for an Out & About trip BACS, cash or cheques are acceptable. BACS payments should include the reference Out & About. Mick asked that Michael inform him of BACS payments.

John pointed out that Elisabeth Culbert used to create a separate Beacon group for each trip and she would add people as they subscribed.

9 Newsletter delivery

Andrew Musgrave had proposed ceasing the use of envelopes to deliver newsletters as this would simplify the process and reduce cost. However, speaking personally

Brian thought this would be a much more onerous process for those delivering the newsletters as they would have to keep consulting the list of addresses to which they were delivering

It was proposed that a compromise would be to affix labels directly to the back of the Newsletter.

Brian agreed to discuss options with Andrew

Brian

10 Any Other Business (AOB)

Brian reported that John Curtice who had been a long-standing member had sadly passed away. His family had offered albums of picture postcards of Grange collected over the years (the postcards had been used and had writing on them).

It was agreed that the albums be offered to Grange Library and that if the library does not want them then it might be worth contacting Nick Thorne who has created his own archive.

Brian will pursue options regarding the albums.

Brian

Susan mentioned that she had received an email from a member which was clearly a scam (it was asking that she purchase Amazon gift cards on behalf of member). Other committee members had received similar emails purporting to come from different members.

John raised the issue of social prescribing which had been mooted prior to the pandemic but which has gone quiet subsequently. Ged mentioned that coincidentally he had received a request from the Lakes Integrated Community Care/Breathe Easy group asking whether a speaker could provide information regarding the u3a.

Ged agreed to take the lead on this issue

Ged

Michael is in discussion with Cartmel Village Hall which appears to be charging varying amounts for different bookings.

11 Date of next meetings

Friday 12 May 2023, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall