

# Grange & District u3a

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 16 February 2024 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>Present</b> Hilary Wade, Mick Love, Michael McCormick, Brian Loader, Julia Nicholson, Ameer Tabarandak, Janet Tabarandak, Tricia Thomas,</p>	
<p><b>Apologies</b> Susan Jones</p>	
<p>The committee sent their best wishes to both Susan and Ged.</p>	
<p><b>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 13 December 2023)</b></p>	
<p>The minutes were accepted as a true record</p>	
<p><b>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check</b></p>	
<p>Investigating the payment of VAT on the Victoria Hall is to be kept in abeyance for the time being. A monthly invoice for Pickle Ball has been arranged with Victoria Hall.</p>	
<p>All changes to the website information have been made.</p>	
<p>The Invoice for the Institute has been resolved.</p>	
<p>Michael has purchased and received payment for a spare Projector light bulb. This will be kept in the U3A cupboard at the Victoria Hall.</p>	Michael
<p>Banner- investigations still on going. Enquiries to be made at Cypher digital Imaging, Milnthorpe and Sign Man, Kendal.</p>	Ameer
<p>Hilary has booked the Sands Band for the December General Meeting</p>	Hilary
<p>Hilary has made a provisional booking for a buffet lunch to be delivered by Butterfingers at the Enrolment Day, 19 March. All group leaders have been invited to attend and set up an information stand for the main part of the meeting. Brian will coordinate a Group Leaders meeting and refreshments will be served. Numbers for attendance and catering to be confirmed.</p>	Brian Hilary
<p>Mick has asked if the Gazebo and display boards can be stored at the Victoria Hall. He will talk to Sarah.</p>	Mick
<p><b>3 Membership</b></p>	
<p>Susan had circulated the membership statistics prior to the meeting and reported that we now have 503 members.</p>	

#### 4 Finance

Michael had previously circulated the accounts. These are up to date and healthy.

The Invoice for the Methodist Hall had been paid twice and a payment of £120 was being held in credit. There was no issue with this.

As from the Enrolment date, money would be coming into the account. A certain amount of Cash/Kitty would be needed for the day, if some members wanted to pay by cash.

Susan/  
Hilary

#### 5 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)

Approximately 27 Group leaders had responded to Brian re their attendance on enrolment day. A notice would be printed in the Newsletter asking Group Leaders to wear a name badge and indication of their group activity, if they were not going to have a display table.

Phil (Nicholson) would be asked to attend the meeting.  
Michael accessed the table plan for last year.

Janet

#### 6. Enrolment Day

It was suggested that the tables would be set up on Monday evening (18 March), and ensure everything was ready in time on Tuesday morning. If the Hall agreed then we would meet at 6pm. Brian would ask Sarah.

Some group leaders are willing to share a table and they would also be asked if power for a laptop was required.

Susan has said that preparations were underway for that day. Hilary would ask about Labels for tables and membership lists. We are all willing to give our full support on the day.

Brian

Brian

Hilary  
Susan

#### 7. Newsletter Editor

Erline had been invited to attend the meeting and she reported that she had quite a lot of news to publish in the next edition. Brian will send her all the changes to correct the 2 centre information pages, which will coordinate with the website.

It was agreed that copies would be kept at 500. Several spare copies have been left in the library for anyone to read.

The Chair's report and a Situations vacant article will be prepared by Hilary.

Brian

Hilary

Brian will write an article aimed at group leaders, but also state that everyone is welcome to attend the Enrolment Day as an opportunity to socialise, meet new friends/activities and enjoy refreshments. The meeting would be free to attend and the annual subscription remains the same.

Erline was also formally invited to attend the GL meeting.

Brian

## 8. Fit for the Future

The Documents had been circulated and read before the meeting. It was felt that the suggested changes would not impact our U3A and maybe streamlining the Board dealing with the legal and compliance side and the running of everyday organisation to the Council, may prove to be more efficient. We therefore, approve the proposals.

## 9. Any Other Business (AOB)

Speakers at the monthly General meetings are booked through to December 2024, but there is a vacancy for a Finder Speaker.

Malcolm will be asked to run a short film at the March meeting

Hilary

Tricia reported that **Nadine?** who coordinates unpaid carers in the area, would like to attend a meeting in the future, where she could share information about the organisation and what is available for carers. This would be on an informal basis and she would be asked to attend the May meeting.

Tricia

Phil Nicholson had reviewed the new improved Furness U3A website and felt there was no comparison to the old-style G & District site. Therefore, it was agreed to go ahead and start the change over.

Terms of Committee members. Tricia is willing to continue as a committee member for another term.

Susan may wish to continue in her role.

Roles to be filled- Secretary, Shadow for Treasurer, Speaker Finder, Website coordinator, Vice Chair. Information to go in the Newsletter and at the next General meeting.

Hilary

Discussion re the role of Vice Chair. Is there a possibility of a shared role, or one to step in, in the absence of the Chair? To be continued.

The Minutes are published on the U3A website and a copy would be given to Phil via Julia.

Janet Julia

Hilary had received an offer of a possible speaker from Magistrates in the Community. The content was interesting and February 2025 would be pencilled in.

Hilary

The meeting closed at 10.55am

## 10. Date of next meeting

Friday 15 March 2024, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall