

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 16 June 2023 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	ACTION
<p>Present Hilary Wade, Mick Love, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, Brian Loader, Christine Patrick, Tricia Thomas. Ged Jones</p> <p>Apologies Julia Nicholson, Ameer Tabarandak, Janet Tabarandak</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 12 May 2023) The minutes were accepted</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check Susan has now lapsed those members who did not renew.</p> <p>Susan has produced new badges for committee members</p> <p>The situations vacant notice for a Deputy Treasurer was not produced in time for inclusion in the latest newsletter so it will go out in the next edition. Michael suggested that any candidate shadow him in the role</p> <p>Michael continues to explore the possibility (and cost) of using a professional auditor for the annual accounts.</p> <p>Brian has contacted the Group Leaders/Coordinators (GCLs) asking them if they have any projects which require funding. All responses were negative in that no projects were envisaged.</p> <p>3 Membership Susan had circulated the membership statistics prior to the meeting and reported that we now have 473 members (of whom 18 are associate members and 3 are new members.</p> <p>Mick suggested we take information about our u3a to the Grange vintage car rally.</p> <p>4 Finance Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and the accounts were accepted. Our finances remain in a healthy state.</p> <p>Michael has paid for the Out & About trip to Harrogate and the Art Appreciation group trip to Newcastle. The bill for printing the latest newsletter is yet to be paid.</p> <p>Michael proposed that we ask the groups if they have any assets which need to be replaced or which they would like to purchase. Brian suggested that, if there are any requests, we should set a budget. Michael proposed a maximum of £500 and this was agreed.</p>	

<p>Brian will ask the Gardening group if they need any funding</p>	<p>Brian</p>
<p>5 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)</p>	
<p>There are no new groups.</p>	
<p>Brian informed the committee that two new members of the Cycling group had objected to wearing cycling helmets and had subsequently made email contact via our website Contact page. The email laid out the case for not having to wear cycling helmets.</p>	
<p>Brian pointed out that Grange u3a's Safety Guidance policy gives the GCL absolute discretion on the safety equipment to be worn on group activities and was thus able to insist on the wearing of helmets by participants on group rides.</p>	
<p>It was agreed that Ged would write to the members involved to explain that the GCL could insist upon the wearing of helmets.</p>	<p>Ged</p>
<p>It was also agreed that we include a note that wearing of helmets is compulsory on the Cycling group web page</p>	<p>Ged</p>
<p>6 Storage of assets</p>	
<p>Ged had spoken to the Victoria Hall manager and there is no need for us to remove any of our assets from the Victoria Hall.</p>	
<p>Hilary is in possession of the u3a gazebo but she does not have the storage space and wishes to find an alternative location. She and Mick will look at potential alternative locations for the gazebo.</p>	<p>Hilary/Mick</p>
<p>7 Any Other Business (AOB)</p>	
<p>Brian had spoken to Grange library to see whether there was any interest in displaying John Curtice's album of Grange postcards. The librarian agreed to take advice from the library authorities whether this would be possible.</p>	
<p>Tricia suggested that an alternative might to be to display the album in the planned Grange Heritage Centre which will replace The Hub in the Victoria Hall (the old Tourist Information Centre room). Tricia also suggested it might be taken to coffee mornings held in residential/care homes in Grange</p>	
<p>9 Date of next meeting</p>	
<p>Friday 14 July 2023, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall</p>	