

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 16 December 2022 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	ACTION
<p>Present Brian Loader, Michael McCormick, John Eakins Susan Jones, Julia Nicholson, Christine Patrick Tricia Thomas, Ged Jones</p> <p>Apologies Hilary Wade, Mick Love</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 11 November 2022) The minutes were accepted.</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check 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>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>John has labelled the u3a equipment. All u3a equipment is stored in our cupboard in the Victoria Hall apart from items on permanent loan; the old projector is in the keeping of the Art Appreciation group and the old lap top is in the keeping of the Digital Photography group.</p> <p>Ged is to add a "newsletter policy" item to the February agenda.</p> <p>3 Grange u3a website All u3a websites using SiteBuilder have "crashed". Phil Nicholson has started to rebuild the website but will be looking for help. John has spoken to both Phil and Peter Webber and John and Peter will be able to help Phil. John commented that Phil can build a skeleton website which will allow us to take time to develop the rebuilt site and we should consider what we wish to include on the new/rebuilt website.</p> <p>On behalf of the committee Brain thanked Phil for his efforts.</p> <p>4 Future meetings Everything continues on track. Phil Nicholson would like a list of what events are about rather than just the speaker names.</p> <p>5 Membership Susan had circulated a membership report prior to the meeting. She confirmed that we have 490 members of whom 13 are Associate Members and 5 are new members.</p>	<p>Michael</p> <p>Ged</p>

6 Finance

Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and the accounts were accepted.

Because of banking problems Michael had to pay funds into the Community account and then transfer them to the Holding account which explained the apparent anomaly in this month's accounts

Residual funds from Rheged energy conferences

John had circulated a report in advance of the meeting. North Cumbria region has decided to share out the funds among its member u3as and John suggested that the Bay Area Network would probably be wise to follow suit. John suggested that any funds coming back to Grange u3a should be used to fund a special event and the committee agreed to this proposal.

7 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)

The search for a Group Liaison Officer (GLO) continues although Brian kindly offered to take on the role of GLO when his tenure as Chairman ends.

The proposed "Bible quest" group will be led by Julie Robinson and she is currently looking for a venue.

8 Communications policy.

Ged had circulated a draft of a revised Communications Policy prior to the meeting.

John suggested we simply put up a notice at our general meetings. However, the revised communication policy which allows the committee to agree to circulate items of interest to members was agreed.

9 Environmental policy

John had circulated a draft environmental policy but not everybody had received the email.

National u3a had circulated a draft environmental policy with the aim of getting u3as around the country to think about their own policy.

Michael thought the policy contradictory in suggesting u3as do their own thing in relation to the policy while simultaneously providing guidelines. Tricia thought the policy should provide guidelines rather than a mandate. John said the policy should be a list of guidelines and behaviours to be followed.

It was agreed to bring an environmental policy to our next Annual General Meeting.

John will circulate the policy to all members and bring the issue back to the January committee meeting.

John

10 Any Other Business

Brian thanked the Christmas tree committee for their efforts.

9 Date of next meetings

Friday 13 January 2023, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall