

## Grange & District u3a

### Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 17 February 2023 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>Present</b> Brian Loader, Hilary Wade, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, John Eakins, Mick Love Julia Nicholson, Christine Patrick Tricia Thomas, Erline Robinson (part time).</p> <p><b>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 13 January 2023)</b> The minutes were accepted</p> <p><b>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check</b> Michael has contacted group coordinators/leaders (GCLs_ to encourage 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>Brian has asked GCLs for up-to-date information to redevelop the website.</p> <p><b>3 Newsletter</b> Erline reported that the newsletter is progressing but she remains 3 pages short of copy. The deadline for copy is 19 February 2023</p> <p>A number of actions was agreed:</p> <p>Ged to provide a notification for the Annual General Meeting <b>[Post meeting note: action complete]</b> Susan to provide Erline with an enrolment form for the newsletter Ged to amend the centre spread to include the new groups: Bible Quest, Indoor tennis and to show Mick Love has assumed leadership of Out &amp; About <b>[Post meeting note: action complete]</b> Susan to send a short piece about Enrolment Day to Grange Now <b>[Post meeting note: action complete]</b></p> <p><b>4 Future meetings</b> <b><i>Victoria Hall reservation system</i></b> It was recognised that any change to process will require a settling in period and Grange Town Council (GTC) is to hold a meeting on 28 February to discuss the new booking system and to consider feedback from users of the hall on how the new system is working.</p> <p>The consensus of the committee is that what we would like to see is more flexibility in timing. For example, if there are no other users needing access to the facilities immediately preceding or following a u3a meeting would it be possible to allow earlier access to set up the meeting and/or flexibility following a meeting to take down the meeting. This flexibility must not be abused and the extra time should be no more than 10 or 15 minutes.</p> <p>Brian and Ged will work together to compose a submission in advance of the GTC meeting on 28 February</p>	<p>Susan</p> <p>Brian/Ged</p>

John suggested that at any particular event we ask Amanda how she would like the hall/room taken down. If there is another theatre style meeting following us there seems little point in removing the chairs

### **Enrolment Day**

Tricia agreed to speak to Amanda about the format for Enrolment Day when we will need more tables than usual.

Given the number of online renewals via BACS already received Susan thought it sensible to have two tables (rather than the usual four) for enrolment and one table for new members. Michael will bring his own lap top to help with the enrolment process

Brian will contact GCLs to ask them whether they would like a table in the hall on Enrolment Day and if they need power and/or display space.

Brian

### **5 Membership**

Susan confirmed that we have 499 members of whom 14 are Associate Members, 8 are reciprocal members and there are 10 new members.

### **6 Finance**

Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and the accounts were accepted. While funds have diminished slightly since we returned to normal, we are still in a healthy position.

Michael reported he is still having difficulties with the Barclays account.

Michael

Michael will get back onto the Gift Aid situation as that was in abeyance during the pandemic.

Ged

In light of the increased fees for Victoria Hall facilities it was agreed to increase the entrance fee for the monthly general meeting with effect from the February meeting. However, it was also agreed not to increase the annual subscription fee at this juncture.

### **7 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)**

Brian reported that the two new groups (Bible Quest and Indoor Tennis) are up and running. There are no reports of any groups having difficulties.

### **8 Environmental Policy**

John had previously circulated a draft on the national u3a Environmental policy and asked for the views of the committee on whether adoption of a local policy would have advantages and/or should we appoint a lead on the issue of environmental policy.

John is of the view that the only element of the national policy which we do not already follow relates to those groups which travel insofar as we do not overtly encourage car sharing.

The committee agreed that we do not need to specific local policy but John will contact GCLs regarding the existence of the national policy.

John

**9 Any Other Business**

Tricia suggested that we circulate members to remind them that from the local elections in May photo identification will be required to vote. It was agreed we inform members closer to the date of the elections.

Hilary suggested that somebody should look at the “What’s On” section of the GTC website to see if the notice relating to our u3a could be improved. Susan agreed to investigate.

Susan

**10 Date of next meetings**

Friday 17 March 2023, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall