

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting
Held on Friday 17 June 2022 via Zoom

	ACTION
<p>Present Brian Loader, Hilary Wade, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, John Eakins, Mick Love, Julia Nicholson, Christine Patrick, Ged Jones</p> <p>Apologies Tricia Thomas</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 13 May 2022) The minutes were accepted. (To be signed at the next face-to-face meeting.)</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check It was suggested and agreed that a roving microphone be provided for the question & answer session at our regular general meetings.</p> <p>John asked whether we had obtained a CLA (copyright) licence for the current year. Ged replied that Michael has this in hand.</p> <p>Julia asked whether we could pay for licences by direct debit. Michael confirmed he prepared to pay for such items on receipt of an invoice.</p> <p>John also asked about licences for showing films to our members. Ged agreed to investigate the requirement for licences.</p> <p>[Post meeting note: The Third Age Trust has an MPLC Umbrella Licence which covers all u3as and allows group members to show all MPLC films for educational and entertainment purposes. The cost of the MPLC is included in Third Age Trust membership.]</p> <p>Brian had sent a mail to Group Coordinators Leaders (GCLs) asking them whether they held keys to the Victoria Hall. He had received a single reply from a GCL who said they do not have a key.</p> <p>Hilary had provided Amanda Hunter with a list of speakers at our monthly general meetings for the remainder of 2022.</p> <p>Ged has still to circulate to members the 2021/22 signed audited accounts and the Treasurer's report (approved at the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)).</p> <p>3 Newsletter Erline had been invited to the meeting but she declined because it would now be a Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Erline had sent Brian an email confirming the newsletter is almost ready apart from confirmation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information regarding committee members;• The situation regarding the lunch groups	<p>Ged</p>

- The GCL for the walking group. It was suggested we leave Peter Coomber as GCL pro tem

Michael suggested we remove Sheila's name from the centre spread and replace this with "GLO (to be confirmed)". This was agreed.

Julia pointed out that we also need a contact name for the website.

Julia also asked that material is not sent to Erline in the form of a pdf file and the poster for the nascent tennis group needs to be resized.

4 Future meetings

Julia asked that updates be sent to Phil for inclusion on the website.

Hilary raised the issue of paying travel (fuel) expenses for speakers at our monthly meetings. John suggested that we pay expenses at 50p a mile and this was agreed although Hilary and Julia proposed that this only be paid if requested by the speaker.

Summer event

It had been proposed to hold morning and afternoon sessions. However, The Victoria Hall manager has confirmed that the main hall can accommodate up to 162 attendees so it is possible to hold the event as a single session. Hilary has begun to explore catering options.

Hilary asked if the budget of £1,000 for the summer event is still available and Michael confirmed it is. It was agreed that there will be no charge for members attending the summer event.

5 Membership

Susan had circulated a report prior to the meeting. We now have 471 members including 7 new members.

Susan has removed (lapsed) members who have not paid the membership fee for the year.

Susan raised the issue of older members who have been in our u3a for some time but are now unable to cope with the demands of travelling to meetings/groups. Susan asked if it would be possible to continue to send them our newsletter to maintain contact? Michael pointed out that if we were to create a new category of membership then we would have to pay national u3a for these members without any associated revenue.

Susan agreed to maintain a separate list of ex-members considered eligible to receive the newsletter

Susan

John suggested we explore whether members might attend if they could secure a lift. It was agreed to add this to the July agenda.

Ged

6 Finance

Michael had circulated the latest reconciliations prior to the meeting and he commented that we remain in a healthy financial position. The accounts were approved.

John asked about the Holding account which shows identical amounts going in and out. Michael will examine this.

Michael

7 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)

At the last general meeting Brian asked if anybody had any ideas who might take over from Sheila but unfortunately there has been no response. John identified a member who he thought would be suitable for the role. Julia asked whether it was worth approaching one of our new members but Brian was of the view that it would help if a candidate for GLO had been/is a GCL.

Julia was of the view that the GLO job description needs to be shorter and tighter.

Hilary asked if anybody had volunteered to take on the role of GCL for the Scrabble group.

7 Report items

Nothing to report. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda for future meetings. Any ad hoc reports will be added specifically to meeting agendas.

8 Any Other Business

Brian reported that David Houghton is the GCL of the new (social) tennis group and he has asked for a grant of £100 to purchase rackets (5 rackets at a discounted price of £20 per racket).

Brian will complete the application form for a grant

Brian

Julia asked why we had not returned to the Grange Institute for our committee meetings. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the council chamber is a better venue for our meetings.

9 Date of next meetings

Friday 15 July 2022 10:00, Council Chamber Victoria Hall.