

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

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

	ACTION
<p>Present Hilary Wade, Mick Love, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, Brian Loader, Julia Nicholson, Tricia Thomas, Ameer Tabarandak, Janet Tabarandak.</p>	
<p>Apologies Christine Patrick, Ged Jones</p>	
<p>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 13 October 2023) The minutes were accepted</p>	
<p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check Brian had sent an email to Group Coordinators/Leaders (GCLs) to ask if they or their members would be interested in taking the role of Website Administrator.</p> <p>Susan had confirmed with Peter Webber that Beacon does not permit the reuse of membership number but it can/will accommodate four-digit membership numbers.</p>	
<p>3 Newsletter Hilary to contact Erline to ask about the copy received for the Newsletter</p>	Hilary
<p>Ged to send Hilary a copy of the Situations Vacant notice for a Website Administrator</p>	Ged
<p>4 Membership Susan had circulated the membership statistics prior to the meeting and reported that we now have 494 members (of whom 19 are associate members 5 are new members and 9 are reciprocal members.</p>	
<p>5 Finance Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and the accounts were accepted.</p> <p>The reserves are now below £10,000 but our finances remain in a healthy state.</p>	
<p>6 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls) The groups are very quiet at the moment. There had been one minor issue regarding communications between a member who had resigned from a group and the GCL but this appears to have been resolved.</p>	
<p>7 Any Other Business (AOB) The new manager of the Victoria Hall is now in post and she will be introduced at the November general meeting.</p> <p>The bus trip to the Chester Christmas market has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Michael wondered whether subsidising Out & About excursions might encourage participation. However, Hilary was of the view that the cost of the trip was not the crucial factor, the challenge is encouraging members to venture out.</p>	

Hilary raised a concern about the number of members attending the general meeting and invited ideas about how participation might be encouraged. There was a discussion about improvements for the format of the general meeting. It was agreed that the December meeting would be arranged in cabaret style and refreshments would be available before the meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the sending of emails expressing a personal point of view which may, inadvertently, be misconstrued as representing the views of our u3a. It was agreed that when sending emails committee members should ensure that it is made clear whether they are sent on behalf of an individual or have been agreed by the committee.

[Post meeting note. The recipient of a mail received from a committee member had been contacted and confirmed that he had interpreted the message as a personal point of view not an expression of a Grange u3a stance.]

8 Date of next meeting

Friday 15 December 2023, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall