

# Grange & District u3a

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 13 October 2023 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>Present</b> Hilary Wade, Mick Love, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, Brian Loader, Julia Nicholson, Phil Nicholson (website item), Christine Patrick, Tricia Thomas, Ameer Tabarandak, Janet Tabarandak. Ged Jones</p>	
<p><b>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 15 September 2023)</b> The minutes were accepted</p>	
<p><b>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check</b></p> <p>Ameer undertook to contact Andrew Musgrave – item closed, no further action.</p> <p>Brian to contact Group Coordinators/Leaders (GCLs) encouraging them to facilitate sharing of lifts.</p> <p>Hilary had informed members that there will be no entry fee for general meetings.</p>	Brian
<p><b>3 Website</b> Phil informed the committee that the software on which our Grange u3a website is hosted is out of date and is to be replaced and he also informed the committee that its members will have to agree the Terms &amp; Conditions of the new software.</p> <p>The roll out of the new software is beginning but it was agreed that Grange would not move to the new software until it is fully tested and user ready.</p> <p>Michael asked whether the move to the new system has any financial implications. Phil said he is not aware of any costs.</p> <p>Phil suggested that the move to the new system would be a good point for a new website administrator to take over from him. It was agreed to start the search for a replacement now to enable a sensible handover period.</p>	
<p>Ged to write a situations vacant piece for the next newsletter</p>	Ged
<p>Brian to contact GCLs to ascertain whether any of their group members could take on the role of website administrator.</p>	
<p>Hilary will call for volunteers to take on the roles of website administrator and speaker finder at the October general meeting.</p>	Hilary
<p>The committee thanked Phil for all of his efforts on the Grange u3a website.</p>	

#### **4 Membership**

Susan had circulated the membership statistics prior to the meeting and reported that we now have 489 members (of whom 19 are associate members 3 are new members and 9 are reciprocal members).

#### **5 Finance**

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

The reserves have come down a little but our finances remain in a healthy state and there are no outstanding debts.

Michael confirmed that the Holding account is primarily used for financial transactions relating to group activities.

Janet raised the fact that the amounts relating to Local Explorers and Out and About should be the other way round and Michael agreed to correct this.

Brian asked where the Table Tennis group funds are recorded. Michael clarified that they have not been shown because there have been no transactions in the period of the report.

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

Not a lot has been happening in the groups during the summer.

#### **7 Any Other Business (AOB)**

Now that the membership serial numbers are approaching 900 Michael asked whether it would be sensible to move to a four-digit numbering sequence to enable us to issue new numbers rather than reusing existing numbers

Susan will contact Peter Webber about moving to four-digit membership numbers in Beacon.

Susan

The committee agreed that Grange u3a would enter the Christmas Tree Festival.

#### **9 Date of next meeting**

Friday 17 November 2023, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall