

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 12 January 2024 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	ACTION
<p>Present Hilary Wade, Mick Love, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, Brian Loader, Julia Nicholson, Ameer Tabarandak, Janet Tabarandak, Christine Patrick</p>	
<p>Apologies Tricia Thomas, Ged Jones</p>	
<p>The committee sent their best wishes to Ged and hope he will feel better soon.</p>	
<p>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 13 December 2023)</p>	
<p>The minutes were accepted</p>	
<p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check</p>	
<p>A question was asked about charity groups paying VAT, in this case when paying the Victoria Hall. Still investigating.</p>	Ged
<p>Brian reported that he had received an email from Pete Webber pointing out a disparity between the centre pages of the newsletter and Beacon. See Brian's report.</p>	
<p>Brian still to speak to Pete Webber about the emails going into junk folders.</p>	Brian
<p>3 Membership</p>	
<p>Susan had circulated the membership statistics prior to the meeting and reported that we now have 499 members (of whom 19 are associate members 4 are new members and 11 are reciprocal members).</p>	
<p>4 Finance</p>	
<p>Michael had previously circulated the accounts. These are up to date and the issue with Barclays Bank has been resolved.</p>	
<p>Michael reported that he had cancelled the last Countdown meeting because he hadn't received an invoice for the room booking from the Institute since June.</p>	
<p>Michael has received an invoice from the Victoria Hall for the next 13 sessions (January – March) for Bowls and Pickleball. Michael understood that the Group Leader would be on holiday and had wanted to make it easier for the group members but this would cause him problems because it crosses the end of year accounting period. It was agreed that Brian would speak to Bob and Michael would ask the Victoria Hall to cancel this invoice and send monthly invoices as usual.</p>	Brian/ Michael

5 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)

Still waiting for completed form from David Law, Brian to speak to him at the next table tennis session. Brian

Brian reported that he has been approached by a prospective member, Morag Hill, who is a member of Kendal u3a, who would like to start a Scottish Fiddle group. Brian to canvass members to see if there is any interest. Brian

Group information disconnect between the Newsletter, Web Site and Beacon. Brian has collected the correct information and will speak to Pete Webber re Beacon, Phil re web site and Ged (Susan) about the centre pages of the Newsletter. Brian/Ged (Susan)

6. Projector

A reminder to group leaders that the projector should be kept in the u3a cupboard when not in use and bookings should be entered into the diary kept in the cupboard.

It was suggested that a spare bulb should be purchased for the projector Michael

Susan to ask Sarah if Bob could have a key and code so that he can have access to the projector. Susan

7 Any Other Business (AOB)

Enrolment Day to be discussed fully at the next meeting but it was agreed to extend the booking of Victoria Hall to 3.00pm and invite group leaders to a light lunch. Group leaders can either attend the event with a stall or wear a badge to promote their group. Hilary will speak to Butterfingers about providing sandwiches and Brian will contact group leaders. Brian will give a short report after lunch. Agenda Item/Hilary /Brian/ Susan

Mick currently stores the display boards but asked if these could be kept at the Victoria Hall. Susan to ask Sarah. Susan

Susan reported that the company who collects the names and address for TAM has gone into liquidation and until a new company is found the address list will not be updated.

Ameer has investigated banner types and sizes. He has looked at different companies and will also speak to the Grange Shed. When he has the information, he will let Susan know so that the committee can consider the options. Ameer/ Agenda Item

Registration for the new web site. Susan to ask Ged and email to Phil. Susan

Julia reported that Furness are using the new web site and Phil is happy to talk to them about what has improved and possible problems. The committee thanked Phil for all his efforts. Phil

This is Christine's last meeting and the committee thanked her for all her work. Christine has found speakers for this year up to December.

It was suggested that December could be a social event similar to last year and Hilary would ask if the Sands Band is available.

Hilary

Susan to look at the duration of current committee posts.

Susan

8 Date of next meeting

Friday 16 February 2024, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall