

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

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

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<p>Present Hilary Wade, Mick Love, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, Brian Loader, Julia Nicholson, Tricia Thomas, Ameer Tabarandak, Janet Tabarandak, Christine Patrick</p> <p>Apologies Ged Jones</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 17 November 2023) The minutes were accepted</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check Hilary met Sarah, the new Victoria Hall Manager, and found her very helpful.</p> <p>3 Newsletter Brian to discuss the centre pages of the newsletter in his report</p> <p>4 Membership Susan had circulated the membership statistics prior to the meeting and reported that we now have 496 members (of whom 19 are associate members 4 are new members and 11 are reciprocal members.</p> <p>5 Finance Michael reported that he is still struggling with Barclay's Bank. Michael circulated the accounts and reported that there are no major outstanding payments only the ongoing issue of the £300 with Barclay's Bank. A question was asked about charity groups paying VAT, in this case when paying the Victoria Hall. Ged would be asked to investigate maybe via head office.</p> <p>6 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls) Brian reported that he had received an email from Peter Webber pointing out a disparity between the centre pages of the newsletter and Beacon. The following were confirmed and changes would be made to Beacon and the Newsletter. Creative Writing – Mary Ann Harris</p>	<p>Ged</p>

Croquet – Peter Gaskin
Out and About – Mick Love
Play Reading 1 – Brian to confirm
Play Reading 2 – Jean Platt
Write a Memory – Brian to confirm

Brian to liaise and confirm with Ged.

Ged

7 Any Other Business (AOB)

Hilary said she had heard that Furness u3a highlight a different group at their general meetings to encourage members to join the group and suggested it might be something we could consider.

Brian reported that David Law had paid his membership fee but not submitted a membership form, he would chase. David Law has not been added to the membership.

Brian

At a recent general meeting the members had commented on not being able to hear the audience questions at the end of the talk. Brian suggested that the person with the mike could relay the questions and this was agreed.

Pickle Ball has come back to the Victoria Hall.

Brian reported that some u3a emails are still going into members junk folders. It was agreed to speak to Peter Webber.

Brian

Trisha thanked the Christmas Tree group for the Christmas Tree entered into the festival at St Pauls.

Confirmed that Michael would obtain raffle tickets and maybe 10 small prizes for the Christmas general meeting.

Michael

It was agreed that Ameer would investigate banners for u3a outside events and report back.

Ameer

8 Date of next meeting

Friday 12 January 2024, Council Chamber, Victoria Hall