

## Grange and District u3a

### Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 17 May 2024 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>Present</b> Hilary Wade, Tricia Thomas, Brian Loader, Roger Handley, Janet Tabarandak, Ameer Tabarandak, Susan Jones, Mick Love, Michael McCormick,</p>	
<p><b>1.Apologies</b> Julia Nicholson, Margaret Brennand</p>	
<p><b>Visitor</b> Phil Nicholson</p>	
<p><b>3. New Website (change to the agenda order)</b></p> <p>Before the meeting commenced Phil Nicholson, Web Master, gave a presentation of the new website. Those present liked the clean and clear layout and agreed that Phil could go live with it when ready. Phil would probably do this early the following week.</p> <p>Phil said that group leaders would have two weeks from the live date to check their pages and contact him if there were any problems. Brian said he would email group leaders to let them know.</p> <p>When this has been done, Hilary will email the membership with information about the new website.</p> <p>The committee thanked Phil for the amount of work he had undertaken to ensure the change to the new website has gone smoothly.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024)</b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record and approved.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising/Actions Check</b></p> <p>4, second paragraph, correction – Michael said to be clear, the third signatory was for BACs transfers.</p> <p>6. item 2 – agreed and Brian has sent feedback to Bob.</p>	
<p><b>5. Co-option</b></p> <p>Roger Handley was welcomed to the committee. He has signed and returned the Trustee Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Tricia Thomas was welcomed as the new Vice Chairman.</p>	
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Hilary also reported that Morag Hill has agreed to be the new speaker finder and she will come along to the next general meeting. She will not be a member of the committee but will come along as required.

## **6. AGM Report**

No issues to report.

## **7. Membership update**

Current members - 495

Associate - 18

Reciprocal - 8

New members since 19<sup>th</sup> March – 36

Members who had not paid at the end of the 8-week grace period have been lapsed, they can rejoin at any time.

## **8. Finance**

Michael reported that the audit is now complete and signed off. Susan will send to all members.

The auditor picked up several members who said that had paid by BACs when they renewed but there was no record of the payment being received. Michael and Susan will chase.

The auditor also asked for a separate list to be kept of all new members joining at the enrolment morning.

Michael thanked Tony Harrison for his work and said he had done an excellent job.

Michael reported that he was still looking for a deputy treasurer.

## **9. Group Leaders/Coordinators**

Brian had nothing to report.

Out and About – Mick Love said there were problems with members committing to the latest Out and About Trip to Liverpool. The numbers were critical to covering the cost of the coach with just enough at the moment to make it work. If any members pull out near to the day the cost of the coach cannot be covered. He doesn't know whether to cancel the trip or not. Hilary said it would be a shame to cancel again and there was a discussion about increasing the cost per person. Michael said that when the Out and About group was cancelled because there was no one to organise it, some of their ring-fenced money was transferred into the community fund, it was agreed that £50 should be transferred back to the group to cover losses. Mick was hoping losses would not be a regular thing and agreed that payment should be taken

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when a booking is made. He would also readvertise the outing to Liverpool and provide information about the numerous things there are to visit there.

### **10. Copyright Licence**

Susan asked if the group had sufficient copywrite licence cover. It was agreed that we must have a CLA licence as well as the umbrella cover from the Third Age Trust. Susan to purchase a CLA licence from the trust for £64.00 per annum.

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### **11. New Members**

Susan to contact all new members to remind them about the general meeting and to invite them for refreshments and a chat.

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### **12. Any Other Business**

Hilary will be away for the next meeting and asked Tricia if she would chair the meeting.

Hilary reported that she has received an email from Sarah Mason, CEO of the Morecambe Bay Partnership, saying that at the Prom Art event the volunteers had been approached by a very abusive person who said they were coming to the general meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May, where Sarah will be giving a presentation. Sarah asked for support to prevent a similar event at the general meeting. Members of the committee would step in if required.

All

Janet and Ameer reported that they were firming up on the banner and will present their findings at the next meeting. Hilary said that she would prefer them to shop local if they have a choice.

AT/JT

North West Region, changes to the constitution – NWR is inviting members to attend a short zoom meeting on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. Unfortunately, this is the day of our general meeting. Susan will send out details to see if anyone is able to attend.

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### **Date of next Meeting**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024