

Grange and District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 9 August 2024 in Room 4, Victoria Hall

	ACTION
<p>Present Hilary Wade (Chair), Tricia Thomas (Vice-chair), Brian Loader (Groups Co-ordinator), Roger Handley, Janet Tabarandak, Ameer Tabarandak, Susan Jones (acting Secretary), Mick Love, Michael McCormick (Treasurer), Margaret Brennand (taking minutes) and Erline Robinson for item 4.</p> <p>1.Apologies from Julia Nicholson</p> <p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting (12 July 2024) The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by Hilary Wade.</p> <p>3. Matters Arising - Actions</p> <p><u>5c query from Brian Loader</u> – Michael McCormick said he still had to check on an amount not showing on the system for the Wine Appreciation account. He explained that there is an anomaly with Beacon showing amounts in previous years accounts but not in the current year. He added that there is now a new function coming in on Beacon which may address this issue. Actions: Michael to check on Wine Appreciation account and investigate new function in Beacon</p> <p><u>6. Handbook for group leaders</u> – Brian Loader said he would email group leaders once he had a meeting with Susan Jones (due Wed 14 August) Action: Brian to email group leaders to check who has copy of Handbook</p> <p><u>7. Invoice for Levens trip</u> - Michael confirmed that this had been paid.</p> <p><u>8. Payment for banner</u> – Janet Tabarandak confirmed that payment had been received by company. The banner was on display at the meeting and all agreed it looked excellent.</p> <p><u>9. Information to website editor</u> – Mick Love confirmed that he had sent information to the website editor about the u3a stand at the Classic Cars event.</p> <p><u>10a. Donation for June speaker</u> – Hilary Wade confirmed she had spoken to Morag Hill.</p> <p><u>10c. National elections</u> – Hilary said she had voted on behalf of our u3a.</p> <p><u>10e. Room availability</u> – Susan Jones confirmed Room 4 was now available for committee meetings and we can make tea and coffee in future.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>BL</p>

4. Newsletter

Erline Robinson updated the Committee about the next issue of the newsletter. The deadline was 20 August, but she had not received many items. Michael said that there was a £40 discount on offer from the printers if we placed an order by 1 September. Erline was confident of meeting this deadline. Brian said he hoped to harmonise all the information about groups after meeting with Susan Jones. He was now taking over responsibility for maintaining information about groups and dealing with any amendments.

Roger Handley suggested that perhaps the Creative Writing Group could provide a story in serial format for the newsletter.

Actions: Brian Loader to remind group leaders about deadline for newsletter. Brian to send amendments for centre pages to Erline. Hilary Wade to contact Jean Cowgill of the Creative Writing Group.

BL/HW

5. Membership Update

Susan Jones reported that current membership was 508 with 3 new members (associates).

6. Finance

a. Licence - Michael McCormick reported that he had paid for the CLA licence. Brian Loader had query about a Climate Change group showing films. The group had u3a members but wasn't a formal group. He was going to speak to Bob Lear for advice. Roger Handley said that it depended on the source of the film – they may not need a licence for environmental type films. It may also be sensible for the Climate Group to become a new u3a group.

Action: Brian Loader to investigate further

BL

b. Signatories – Michael said that he still hadn't heard from Barclays despite repeated chasing. Hilary said she hadn't received anything.

Action: Michael to continue chasing up Barclays Bank.

MM

c. Accounts Michael reported that members were still paying amounts into the wrong account.

Michael concluded that generally all was ok. Free entry to monthly meetings for members was costing about £200 a month but there was money to cover this.

7. Group Leaders/Co-ordinators

Brian Loader reported that two members had asked him to circulate information. One request was not deemed appropriate but the other was to publicise a ceilidh at the end of the month in aid of charity. **Committee agreed** that this was an appropriate request.

Action: Brian to check that event still needed advertising.

BL

Brian also reported that the French Conversation Group had a new leader following an accident to Hilary Austin. There was also some confusion about who was in the Group and who had paid.

Action: Brian Loader to clarify this with Michael McCormick and the new leader (Hazel Edmondson).

BL

8. Classic Cars Event (11 August)

Mick Love said that all was in hand for Sunday. He had been offered a stand twice the size and had accepted. This would cost £10.

Following was noted –

- Mick and Brian to set up Gazebo 8.30am (ideally need 4 persons)
- Hilary to bring table
- Janet Tabarandak to bring board and set up on table, also bring banner
- Mick and Brian on duty all day – plus anyone else who wanted to join
- Hilary Wade would be there most of day
- Brian to print off membership forms and take along
- Mick has spare newsletters

All

9. AOB

a. Map of York

Mick Love said he needed 45 copies of map of York.

Action: Mick to send master to Michael who would print off copies

ML/MM

b. Heritage Open Day at Victoria Hall, 7 September

Hilary said that the Victoria Hall Support Group (VHSG) team was approaching users of the Hall for a display – ideally with photos past and present. **It was agreed** to have a display similar to that used at the Methodist Church Hall recently.

Action: Hilary to contact Jen Parr of the VHSG and also Malcolm Kimber about photos. Hilary to publicise this with members.

HW

c. September monthly meeting.

Hilary said that the speaker would be Mark Braithwaite but we need a title for his talk.

Action: Hilary to contact the speaker

HW

d. Room booking

As there is no September Committee Meeting the room booking should be cancelled.

Action: Susan Jones to confirm

SJ

No further business – meeting ended 11.30am

Next meeting – 11 October 2024