

# Grange and District u3a

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 11 October 2024 in Room 4, Victoria Hall

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>Present</b> Hilary Wade (Chair), Tricia Thomas (Vice-chair), Brian Loader (Groups Co-ordinator), Roger Handley, Janet Tabarandak, Ameer Tabarandak, Michael McCormick (Treasurer), Margaret Brennand (taking minutes).</p> <p><b>1.Apologies – Mick Love, Julia Nicholson and Susan Jones.</b></p> <p><b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting (held on 9 August 2024)</b> It was noted that item 3 (5c) second sentence should read “He explained that there is a feature in Beacon that only allowed you to look at Group Financial records as part of the existing yearly account. A recent update to Beacon has now enabled a multiple year summary but he has yet to fully understand and implement it”.</p> <p>The minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by Hilary Wade.</p> <p><b>3. Matters Arising</b> <u>Outstanding Actions:</u> <b>Item 3(5c) - Michael McCormick to PDF drop to Brian Loader the figures for 2021-2024 showing Wine Appreciation Group activities.</b></p> <p><b>Item 6a</b> - Michael confirmed that he had paid for the Licence for last year but was awaiting an invoice for this year. The invoice usually goes to the Secretary. Brian Loader said that the Climate Change Group did not want to become a U3A group.</p> <p><b>Item 8</b> - It was noted that the U3A presence at the Classic Cars event had gone well and the new banner looked good. Brian added that one of the poles on the gazebo was slightly bent. It was important to have 4 people to erect the gazebo.</p> <p><b>Item 9b</b> – The Heritage Open Day at the Victoria Hall was very successful. Thanks to both Malcolm Kimber and Janet Tabarandak for their work in producing photos and display boards.</p> <p><b>All other actions completed.</b></p> <p><b>4. Membership Update</b> Susan Jones had circulated membership figures – the current number is 519.</p> <p><b>5. Finance</b> Michael McCormick had circulated Beacon accounts and said that payment for the coach to York (£700) was outstanding.</p>	<p><b>MM</b></p>

Roger Handley asked if it was useful having a holding account as well as current account and Michael explained that it was very useful to keep groups segregated. Hilary Wade confirmed that she would be authorising a payment for Brian Loader in the next few days.

Janet said she still had not heard back from Barclays. Tricia Thomas asked whether she should start process now as Barclays were taking so long to arrange new signatories. Hilary said she was happy to continue to be a signatory after she had stepped down as Chair next year. Michael added that Ged Jones is still a signatory.

## **6. Group Leaders/Co-ordinators**

Handbook - Brian reported that 10 group leaders had asked for a copy.

Social Tennis – a small group run by Steve Jones was going to continue playing through the winter months, weather permitting.

Table Tennis – Brian said he had bought two second hand tables to replace two of the existing ones at a very good price - £50 each. Fell House School in Grange are keen to use the table tennis tables and equipment on Monday afternoons, starting in the Spring. Brian said he would show the staff how to set up the tables. The Committee **agreed** that this would be an appropriate use of the equipment.

Harmonising lists of members – Brian said that he and Susan Jones had made good progress on bringing together the lists for the newsletter, Beacon and the website. Thanks were noted to Susan Jones for her assistance.

## **7. New Computer for Erline**

After some discussion Tricia Thomas proposed that the u3a buy a new computer for the sole use of whoever edits the newsletter. Brian Loader seconded the proposal, and the Committee agreed unanimously.

**Action: Michael McCormick to speak to Erline and subsequently assist her to set the new computer up.**

MM

## **8. Request for volunteers for blind project**

Committee members, including Ged Jones, did not feel that the request was appropriate for the u3a.

**Action: Hilary Wade to write to the person concerned.**

## **9.AOB**

### **a. Poppy wreath**

Brian Loader said he had ordered a wreath for our u3a. Committee agreed to make a donation of £30. Hilary Wade unable to attend the service on 10 November so Tricia Thomas would do so on behalf of our u3a. It was noted that the rehearsal would be on 6 November.

**Action: Michael McCormick to arrange payment.**

MM

### **b. Christmas Tree Festival**

Committee agreed to decorate a tree again. Theme “Light in the Darkness”

**9. AOB cont'd**

**c. Storage for u3a items**

Roger Handley said he had found a box of miscellaneous items, mostly Christmas lights and decorations. Janet suggested he take them to the next Repair Café. She added that she needed a home for the display boards as their current accommodation would be too damp over the winter. This led to discussion about reviewing the asset register and attempting to find one central area for storing items.

**Actions: Roger to give box of items to Brian for Repair Café. Brian to speak to Alan Postlethwaite about cost of renting a secure and dry container for storing a range of items. Michael to look for copy of Asset Register or speak to Ged Jones who should have a copy.**

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**d. Meet and greet at meetings**

Tricia Thomas pointed out that there is no-one greeting members at general meetings anymore. Committee **agreed** it would be sensible to have a team and then have 2 people to welcome members at each meeting.

**Action: Hilary to email members**

HW

**e. Social prescribing**

Roger Handley said that this issue had disappeared with Covid but might be something to pursue again. Committee **agreed** it would be worth finding out what the policy of the Nutwood Surgery was with regard to displaying posters, leaflets and loading an advert on their TV screen.

**Action: Margaret Brennand to ask at Nutwood Surgery.**

MB

**f. General Meeting 15 October**

Hilary said she was unable to attend the next meeting. Tricia Thomas agreed to introduce the speaker and give out the H&S notice. Brian Loader would take microphone to anyone asking a question.

**Actions: Hilary to send Tricia some text. Tricia to contact speaker to check on his requirements.**

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No further business. Meeting ended 11.55am.

**Date of next Meeting**

Friday 16 November 2024 10.30am