

FOUR BORDER ABBEYS U3A

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024 (10:30 – ABBEY ROW)

Present: AG, HH, LM, PS, DS, JS

Apologies: RA, MC, LH

Welcome and apologies

Minutes

- Minor amendments to minutes of 27.9.24 ie initials.
- Minutes approved – **Action:** JS to send to Gillian O for publication on the website.

Matters arising

- Richard O will attend to any maintenance required for the Anniversary Hedge.
- Finance Policy is complete and on the website.
- Kelso Wellness Fayre on 29.9.24 was staffed by MC, AG and JS – a very successful and busy event leading to a number of new memberships. A must for next year.

Chair's report (circulated prior to meeting)

- Attended UK AGM 16.10.24
- Attended Abbey Row Meeting 2.10.24. Thank you Heather H for agreeing to attend next meeting on Wed 29.1.25 2pm – any Live Borders cuts should be discussed which may affect Abbey Row.
- PAT testing of equipment was carried out 23.10.24; Stewart's should schedule for next year.
- I met with next speaker Olga Douglas at KRC to manage access issues.
- **Action:** JS to ask John A for advice on setting up new email addresses to make them easier to pass on to new officers.

Treasurer's Report

- No matters arising – all accounts in good order.

Secretary's Report

- No matters arising.

Groups report

- New German Group starts on 4.11.24 – Helen C as leader and healthy numbers.
- 45 Groups active – all groups hopefully new running as scheduled.
- All Group Leaders have now renewed membership.

Membership report

- Renewal window about to close (end of Oct) – reminders sent.
- 373 current members with 38 outstanding renewals.
- AG also sending out paper newsletter to members without email.
- Numbers to be revisited next month once renewals are closed so we can compare with last year. Noted that this time of year is normally the low mark for membership and new memberships pick up through the year.
- Those not renewing are typically older and scaling back commitments.
- The committee expressed thanks to AG at the end of a very busy period for her.

u3a Health Check Sheet

- Discussed at length and completed – positive for nine out of ten areas. Only shortfall was in not having 20% of members volunteering although high numbers do. Would be higher if KRC didn't set up space for Open Meetings for us. Very positive exercise.
- **Action:** JS to ask GO for website statistics for next meeting and to compare in six months' time – good to see what our reach is.

Trustee Code of Conduct Policy

- Adopted unanimously – to be reviewed in Oct 2026. **Action:** JS to forward to GO for publication on the website.

November Open Meeting

- As normal – new and prospective members to be invited to chat with available Committee members at the end.

AOB

- **Action:** JS check time of next meeting on website.
- Thanks to HH for Travel Group supplies.
- Town bus routes and times altered; some members concerned as it may stop them attending sessions.
Action: JS to investigate.

Date of next meeting

- Friday 29th November - 10.30 at Abbey Row