

MINUTES OF U3A COMMITTEE MEETING ON 21ST February at Abbey Row

Present : LM, AG, DS, HH, MC, LH, RA

Apologies : JS and PS

Minutes of 24th January 2025 were approved

Matters arising: JS to follow up on website stats

Chair's report: no report

Treasurer's report: the group is in a sound financial position. The books have been verified by Richard Tice. The financial report will be received AGM for approval and the reappointment of RT.

Secretary's report: LH attended the Abbey Row committee meeting on 29th January. The next meeting is 26th March at 2.15.

Group co-ordinator's report: LM's previously submitted report was discussed and accepted. There is a new group leader for table tennis. Christine Henderson will step down from running the intermediate Spanish group. A thank you card to be sent.

Membership secretary report: a report had been previously circulated showing membership at the highest level ever.

Succession planning: RA reminded the committee that the constitution requires that members stand down after 3 years (HH appointed Mar 20, LM Mar 20, there was no AGM in Mar 22 due to covid). Officer roles may need to be clarified. DS will not stand again at this AGM.

Forth coming meetings: 6th Mar AGM and GQT – LH to collate questions and send to Prue Pullen

3rd April – Jane Nimmo talking about Antarctica

1st May – speaker from Pets Rescue Charity (name to be confirmed)

5th June – summer social

4th Sep – meeting new members

Forth coming committee meetings: 21st Mar, 18th Apr, 16th May, **22nd Aug, 19th Sep, 17th Oct, 21st Nov.**

AOB: AG suggested there should be a social event for committee members and group leaders and deputies. This with the appropriate funding was proposed by RA

and seconded by LH and agreed by the committee. MC will approach Ednam House, to arrange a light tea in May.

Suggestions for travel group trips were discussed.

For next meeting agenda: Proper sound system (John Alexander to investigate)

Suggestions box for members to submit ideas for meeting speakers/topics

Poster design to submit to Visit Kelso FB to advertise monthly meetings open to all.