

Minutes of u3a Border Abbeys committee on 17th October at Abbey Row at 10.30

Present: JS, LM, LH, RA, AG, RS

Apologies: PD, HH

In attendance : Marilyn B.

Welcome – JS welcomed MB who has expressed an interest in joining the committee and was an observer. A get well card was signed by the committee for HH after her health issue.

Matters arising -A new group leader for the travel group is needed following the resignation of MC from the committee.

Chair's report – JS had previously circulated a report.

Treasurer's report – RA requested that the committee approved that the cost of £60 for affiliation to Abbey Row should be divided between each group which used the facilities. The committee agreed this.

The committee also requested that thanks to RA for all her work should be minuted.

Secretary's report – nothing to add

Group co-ordinator's report – The report had previously been circulated. The crochet group had requested that their work be displayed at the next open meeting. This was welcomed by the committee.

Membership secretary's report – as at the date of this committee meeting AG reported that 444 members had renewed, 24 were outstanding and 43 had resigned, with various reasons such as ill health or moving away.

Abbey Row update – the recommendation report to SBC was still in preparation. It was believed that the report would be released on 13th November in advance of a special council meeting on 20th Nov. it was suggested that JS write to the CEO of SBC to ask about public access to the meeting. Kate the caretaker had been on sick leave and was returning on a phased basis.

Succession planning – RA explained the role of the constitution in determining the role of officers, how long officers and members of the committee could stand. Proposals would go to the AGM in March 2026.

Open Meetings – 6th Nov – Food curiosity – Laura Scrutton

4th Dec – Christmas festivity

8th Jan – Gordon McKay – online safety

5th Feb - RNIB – Neil Atkinson

5th Mar – AGM and GQT

2nd April – Tapestry – Evelyn Grant and plane exchange

7th May – Borders red squirrels

4th June- summer social

Dates of committee meetings – 21st Nov; 16th Jan; 20th Feb; 20th Mar; 17th Apr; 15th May

AOB – there was none.

Following the committee meeting, new members had been invited for tea, coffee and meet the committee and learn more about the u3a. Some 20-25 came.