

Minutes of Four Border Abbeys u3a committee held on 16th January 2026

A moments silence was held for Heather Huntley who had recently passed away. She had been a full and active member of u3a and highly supportive of members. Her wisdom will be much missed.

Present: Jerry S, Rosie A, Pamela D, Tania B. Linda H, Roy S, Alex G, Lesli M

Apologies: Marilyn B

Minutes of 21st November were approved

Matters arising: Borders wheels for next meeting.

Abbey Row update – the Abbey Row committee is looking at a new fee structure, and other areas to increase income. RA has advised groups that affiliation fee and usage will increase.

Chair's report: circulated previously. Prue Pullen to chair GQT and members to submit questions but must be present for the answer.

Treasurer's report: RA had circulated a report prior to the meeting. Bank costs were lower than expected and Gift Aid had contributed to a sound income, and although PayPal was a new expense, it saved time for the membership secretary, so the committee felt it was a very acceptable expense.

Monies were currently not held on deposit and the feasibility of this was to be explored for the next meeting.

The accounts were agreed – proposed by RS and seconded by PD.

JS and LM to prepare a draft worksheet for leaders, with particular guidance for new group leaders.

Membership secretary: a report had been circulated previously. Numbers were good. And the committee recorded a big thank you to AG for all her work.

Group Co-ordinator's report: a report had been circulated previously. There were a few new leaders (see above) and we agreed to hold a meeting of all group leaders to review the document to be produced by JS and LM. Proposed date ???

AGM: the committee agreed that the removal of reduced associate fee (£5 vs £10) should be proposed at the AGM.

AOB: PD will resign at coming AGM and she was thanked for her contribution.

AG sought approval to spend £92 on print cartridges for the history group. The committee agreed.