

Committee Meeting Wednesday
1st March 2023 10.30am
Hillstown Village hall

Present:- Peter Coombs, Gwen Webster, Jean Hassall, Kevin Bates, Steve Holloway, Wendy Lines, Gary Hewitt

Apologies Jen Sykes, Gill Daly

Minutes of last meeting signed as correct.

Matters Arising

Preparations for A.G.M. were discussed and are on track, Gwen will order sandwiches, Love of food will be approached for cakes and the Quilt will be put on display and the raffle will take place.

Wendy will lead the A.G.M until Peter is elected and then hand over to Peter to continue the meeting.

It was explained that some members are not feeling informed about group activities, particularly if they are not able to regularly attend due to work etc.

The pros and cons were discussed with regards to use of BCC on emails.

It was decided that Group Leaders should check within their groups to see if any members object to having their email address visible to others within the group.

Diary Dates, Peter is continuing to compile the Diary. Jean has volunteered to take this duty over with Trish when the Treasury work has been handed over.

Proposed Whisky group has been dropped.

Chair Report: - Nil of note

Treasurers Report - Jean is Stepping down and we have a nominee/volunteer in David Harris. Jean suggested that it will be useful to have a transition period for handing over the accounts. The committee all agreed and decided to co-opt David on to the current committee to facilitate this.

Secretary Report: - Nil of note.

Membership Secretary:- We have already had 31 renewals so far and Gill still has 50 envelopes to give out. Looking at the addresses Gill says we are getting members from all around the District. 4 people have paid by bank transfer so far.

Publicity/Website:- The newsletter will be going out shortly and other than CADG group no reports/news has been sent in for publication.

A.O.B.

Hillstown have made the recommendation that the big tables should be put up and taken down by 2 people to avoid possible accidents.

Cost of room hire for small groups was discussed. Whichever way groups organise the Group Convenor should not be out of pocket.

How to encourage more members to attend the smaller groups we will see if we can help buck up

The library is now charging groups that were cost free, we understand costs at the library have to be covered but at the moment the lift is out of order and looks to be so for some time. This is a problem as some of the Monday Murder club had to go home as they could not get up to the meeting in the Library.

A list was put out at the last monthly meeting for volunteer greeters. There were no names put on the list. We will try again this month.

Gwen suggested that when we have a space to do a film night, we might consider linking the film to the months Speaker subject. This was thought to be an interesting idea. The Garden Room is anticipated to be done by the Summer.

Kevin pointed out that the Projector screen needs to be bigger and we should get a larger one so that it can be seen from the back of the hall. The cost is approx. £250, it was agreed that we should get one and Gwen will see if the Rotary Club might donate some money towards the cost.

Gwen is still mulling over how to bring a Pantomime/Christmas entertainment together.

Next meeting Wednesday 5th April