

S.I Cockermouth Minutes of Business meeting 3rd February 2022 at Veeva

Present:

Martha Dewis (Acting Chair), Joan Hetherington, Chris Blake, Hazel Potts, Helen Tinnion, Lindsay Edmiston, Judith Spencer, Doreen Bertram, Helen Lord, Tellervo Juurma, Angela Winkworth, Sue Mendus.

Apologies:

Claire Rawlinson, Ros Earthy, Jen McCullough, Joan Markwell, Karen Shankland, Barbara Williams, Trish Burgess, Jane Shaw (prospective new member).

1.Matters arising from the previous minutes:

JS asked for 2 corrections to be made to the minutes; JS had rubbed shoulders with SIGBI Presidents past and present and that Foodbank care bags were not needed for Christmas 2021.

2.Christmas collection for SIGBI Presidents appeal- Opening doors to a bright future charity:

As we forgot to do this at our Christmas Party, the collection tin for donations was available to members at this meeting and the next couple of meetings also. Support for this charity replaces the separate SIGBI project which was traditionally chosen annually.

3.President's report:

As CR was not able to attend the meeting, MD passed on the following from CR; Officers are needed for 2022/3, there are a number of vacancies including President, President Elect and vice President. TJ has agreed to continue into her 3rd year as treasurer and LE has agreed to be nominated as Secretary. Any club member interested in any of the vacant roles to contact CR. These vacancies will be discussed at the planning meeting which will be held on 24/2 at CR's house (food provided). All members are welcome to attend but need to let CR know by 17/2

4.Treasurer's report:

Account details as at the end of December 2021;

Charity-£951.18

Admin-£614.32

Subs-£1,573.36

Dewode has sent a thankyou letter for the donation we made.

Toilet Twinning project - the donation from us has been sent to the charity, the toilet in Veevas is twinned with one in Bangladesh. We also agreed to buy taps for the project at £8 per tap.

Subs- T J proposed that subs remain at the same level as this current year. Seconded by CR. Club members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal. TJ to send to LE a breakdown of how the subs money is spent, LE will put this information on the members section of our website.

5.Region and SIGBI:

Next regional meeting is 19/3 on zoom. CR will send out details when they are received. Regional vacancies include President Elect and Vice President for 2022/23. MD will become Regional President in October. She will start to plan her regional event for June 2023 and will have the full support of our club to help her do this. She would like to set up a steering group to help her plan the event, anyone interested in being involved should contact MD.

SIGBI conference 27/29 October in Belfast. MD asked members to consider attending.

6. Programme Action:

8/3 International Women's Day - JS asked members to email her with ideas of how to celebrate it.

UKPAC meeting on projects dealing with modern slavery. SI Durham's New Start bag project was selected although it was noted that there were many clubs across the Northern Region who had also provided New Start bags. CR to email details to members.

Victims Bill consultation - this does not satisfactorily deal with the women who commit crimes as a result of them being abused. We are encouraged to lobby about this, members interested in having more detail should email JS.

24/2- free online conference about living with dementia. CR to email details regarding how to attend.

Virtual learning Professional certificate in Strategic gender and development planning 23-25/3 cost is £1950!

Sleep poverty petition - CR to email details of how to sign for those who wish to do so.

Human rights Act - government plans to replace this with Bill of Rights. Consultation begins 8/3. Anyone interested in commenting/lobbying to email JS who will send further details.

Campaign for the Status of Women (CSW) - hybrid session 14-25/3. Email JS for details of registration and programme.

WCDVS - CR has received no further contact.

PCF box despatched but no confirmation yet of receipt. PCF have advised that they have been taking a long time to arrive. The loan we made has so far helped 4 families.

Tree planting - completed so far, JS reminded us that we will need to arrange to check the trees in the next months.

WOW event Tackling Taboo 10/3 6-10 pm in Whitehaven, Afternoon Tea and various interesting speakers. CR to email details but HP, DB, MD, HT, CB, TJ, LE will attend (HL to advise LE if she can attend). Any other members who wish to attend to reply to email or confirm at the next meeting.

Balsam bashing -WCRT have asked us for support as they develop strategy for tackling invasive species. We will learn more when Annabelle comes to speak to us in March.

Queen's green canopy (for Platinum Jubilee) - this project will continue this year, to be discussed at the planning meeting as a possible project for us.

UKPAC courts domestic violence project. Asking clubs to consider becoming involved. To be discussed at the planning meeting.

Rotary Daffodil project – we have been asked to support this. CR has already sent email on this to us. After discussion we agreed to support this. Anything we do needs completion by the 25 March. SM and JS have already offered their help. LE to identify an easy daffodil knitting pattern which will be sent to members. CR will send out easy crochet pattern used last year.

6.Membership:

Diane McCracken is interested in membership and has attended some social and speaker meetings. Sue Longstaff has also attended a business meeting and a couple of Lakes coffee meetings. Jane Shaw has also attended a number of events and meetings.

TJ reminded club that ideally new members could join at the start of the new soroptimist year in April. JH, LE and CR to check with these prospective members if they are ready to join in April or want more time to decide.

7. Welfare:

JS reported the death of Brenda Cruickshanks who was a long standing member of SI Tynemouth and Whitley Bay. She had been in a care home for some years. Her funeral was on 24/1/22.

8.Any other business:

DB to send out updated membership list. Members to check that their details are correct and notify DB if they have changed. Members can check their own details on the SIGBI website using your own membership number as the password (all the relevant website addresses will be listed at the end of the minutes and in subsequent minutes for ease of access).

9. Next meetings:

14/2 Coffee at Lakes Centre 10.30am

17/2 Speech and language therapy - Lorna Gamberini

24/2 7pm Planning meeting at CR house

3/3 Business meeting

17/3 West Cumbria Rivers Trust – Annabelle Kennedy

Website addresses.

SI Cockermouth club <https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/>

SI Northern England (region). <https://sigbi.org/northern-england/>

SIGBI website (national). <https://sigbi.org>

Soroptimist International. <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/>

Members area log in details

<http://sigbi.org/cockermouth/members-area>

Password: Veeva

<https://sigbi.org/northern-england/members-area>

Password: sine999

<https://sigbi.org/members/>

Username: Surname

Password: Membership number