

## Minutes of SI Cockermouth Business meeting 23/6/22

**Present:** H Tinnion (chairperson), J Hetherington, C Blake, J McCulloch, J Spencer, D Bertram, M Dewis, A Winkworth, J Markwell, T Juurmaa, B Williams, S Mendus, J Shaw, C Rawlinson, H Lord.

**Apologies:** L Edmiston, H Potts, K Shankland, T Burgess

1. Matters arising from the minutes of 5/6/22 meeting.

None

2. **Chairpersons report.**

HT as acting chair of the meeting, welcomed members. Following the speaker from CCF at our April meeting, we had agreed to discuss/identify if there were any actions for us as a club. Various options are possible including nominating CCF as one of our charities for the year; supporting one or more of the projects funded by them. JH offered to review the information provided in the talk and report back to a meeting later in the summer with a possible way forward.

3. **Treasurers report.** (Report emailed to members prior to the meeting)

Account balances:

Charity £716.43

Admin £68.32

Subs £2,117.86

TJ will move some money across from subs to admin in the coming weeks.

The accounts have been successfully externally audited. As the auditor does not charge for her work, as in previous years a gift token has been given to her to thank her for her work.

4. **Programme Action.**

**Funding for Ukraine:** in total this stands currently at £512, this includes the money from the clothes sale and also £112 raised at the recent carboot sale.

CR thanked all those members involved in both activities for their work. There will be a second car boot sale on 3/7, to hopefully sell the remainder of items. BW, SM and HP are organising. CR will send out an email with details and anyone able to offer some time on the day can respond.

CR has identified some other possible ways we can help refugee families. Through her contact, she has been told of a number of families who are or who will be, hosting refugee families in our area. The contact has suggested that ways we can help include; organising activities during the holidays; a social event for the families and host families; providing transport to essential appointments.

After discussion, we agreed that CR should feedback our willingness to organise a social event of some sort. CR will also email out to club members asking if anyone would be able to offer transport (probably a sort of register of us, who can be contacted and if we are available provide lifts) We will need to do a risk assessment for all of these activities.

CR also reported that there are weekly coffee mornings for refugee families and their hosts. One is held at Broughton Moor village hall. CR will check if we can help with this also BW offered to attend one of the sessions.

**PCF:** Our box has been received and successfully utilised. CR advised we should now consider filling the second box in the coming months.

**Trees:** 2 successful maintenance sessions have taken place and out of 400 trees planted, all but a few have survived, a great result. CR and JS advised that there will be further maintenance sessions later in July and August. Dates to be circulated.

**Calvert Trust bedmaking:** BW has contacted Penrith club, who will help but have very few members able to take part. We are still keen to support this so BW will contact the trust to get dates.

## **5. Membership.**

DB reported we are doing well in identifying potential members, Kim and Jan have attended a few recent events and seem keen.

SI Penrith have emailed us and the Carlisle club, regarding meeting up to identify good practice in recruiting and retaining members. We agreed this is a good idea, with a few people from each club meeting up. LE to respond to Penrith with our willingness to be involved.

## **6. Planning meeting 4/7 at 7pm at BW home.**

This is to plan for the September to November period. LE to email details to members.

## **7. Federation ballots.**

5 vacant posts were voted on:

Sigbi Director of membership.- nomination- Dishy Attwood.

Sigbi Director of governance- nomination- Giselle Davis

Sigbi Director of PR and marketing-nomination- Ann Rogers

Sigbi Assistant Programme Director of prosperity-nomination-Shukla Chattopadhyay

Sigbi Freindship link-nomination-Kathy Warwick.

All nominations were unanimously accepted.HT to send this information to Sigbi.

## **8. Federation Conference Belfast 2022.**

So far attending from our club; MD, CR, LE, JSh and DL and AD as link members.

## **9. Communications and website.**

DM leading on communications, as she was not at the meeting, report not available. LE and CR are meeting to liaise regarding handover if website. CR reminded members the importance of sending information to the leads for this.

## **10. Development plan.**

RE leading on this, she was not at the meeting so no report available.

## **11. Any other business.**

TJ suggested that for any new member wanting to join partway through the year, she would work out a reduced amount of subs required.

However, it was agreed, that where possible, new members should be encouraged to attend meetings and be involved, but join and pay subs at the beginning of the year (April).

DB asked that we set up the microphone at speaker meetings, as it is sometimes difficult to hear them.

**12. Future meetings.**

4/7 Planning meeting 7pm BW home

7/7 Business meeting JH to chair, DB to be minute taker.