

Minutes of SI Cockermouth Business Meeting 3rd November 2022

Present: Doreen Bertram(Chair), Lindsay Edmiston, Claire Rawlinson, Jane Shaw, Angela Winkworth, Hazel Potts, Chris Blake, Trish Burgess, Helen Tinnion, Helen Lord, Barbara Williams, Judy Davidson Sue Mendes, Tellervo Juurmaa, Martha Dewis (via video)

Apologies: Joan Hetherington, Joan Markwell, Ros Earthy Jen, Mculloch, Karen Shankland., Diane McCracken, Kim Kimberley-Smith

President's report

Doreen opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and especially Martha. Martha gave an update on her progress and received applause.

SIGBI

Claire, Judith and Jane participated in the conference in Belfast. Written report is on its way. Conference had 450 attendees and 75 first timers. Highlights from the conference included:

- Charity work in Kosovo which was similar to PCF in its early days,
- British Red Cross and their volunteers and
- Climate Change talk which underlined the importance of women as well as the impact of climate change on women.

An exec summary suitable for the club www-site was requested.

Treasurer (Report attached).

The account balances are:

- Charity: £883.71 (available £224.91)
- Admin: £826.82
- Subs: £1,489.36
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£589 donation has been made to DED to their Ukraine action. This amount can provide emergency food for two families for six months.

The club has previously discussed donation to PCF. There is £43 available on the Charity account (assuming that there is no speaker in March). Alternatively, some of the carry over which is currently on Subs account could be used.

Programme Action

PCF:

- Claire had met Jane Walker from PCF. The request that PCF sent earlier is not urgent anymore and the club has time to consider donations.
- There is another "box" almost ready.
- Claire is planning a new project for January on reusable nappies.
- Claire has raffle tickets (£5/ticket). People who interested in buying them should contact Claire before 2nd December.
- PCF has Xmas decorations. Claire will bring items for sale to Xmas meal.

Bra collections (Breast Cancer):

- Hospice at Home charity shop has a bra collection for an African country. Hazel will seek more information.
- Against Breast Cancer collects bras for three African countries for sale. Jacy's shop has a box. Jane will get more info.
- Bras unsuitable for sale will be recycled.
- Claire suggested contacting schools in the new year and getting 6th formers involved in bra collection with us. Parent Teacher Association (PTA) groups were suggested as well.

Xmas party collection:

- The International President's collection is for Opening Door for Brighter Future.
- Hospice at Home organises a Xmas jumper collection. Members who feel comfortable with/in Xmas jumpers everyone are asked to wear one in the Xmas party and everyone is asked to donate £2.

16 days of action (Stop Violence against Women):

- 25th November to 10th December
- Lindsay has pulled together a great slideshow that presents works of art that are relevant to the topic (including one from Finland!).
- Pictures and text from the slides will be used on our Facebook page and Firms window.
- We are also putting together a teddy bear display with orange accessories. Doreen and Hazel offered to lend their teddy bears.

Fundraising

Quiz night on 18th November in Cockermouth at St Joseph's. Tickets are £10 each. Currently 37 tickets are sold while the target is 50. All members are asked to help with ticket sales and contact Barbara please. There will be pies, raffle and the club is providing puddings. Barbara already has 6 volunteers to provide the puds.

Regional meeting

Meeting is on 26th November. Doreen, Jane, Claire and Judy will attend. Doreen takes things Martha has asked for to the meeting venue.

For March regional meeting, Lindsay offered to ask if Cumbria action for climate change could provide a speaker.

Comms and www-site

Previous speaker meeting is featured on the www-site. The plan is to include briefing from SIGBI conference, Regional meeting and 16 days of action.

Development plan

Will be discussed in the next meeting.

Wellbeing

Update from some members was given.

Friendship links

Club would like to form more links to overseas clubs.

Membership

There are couple of potential new members. Debra Smith and Jan Graham

Future meetings

- Speaker meetings 17th November at VeeVa.
- Regional meeting 26th November. Doreen, Jane, Judy and Claire will attend.
- Planning meeting on 28th November, 7 PM. Hazel has kindly offered to host the meeting.
- Xmas party, 1st December at VeeVA. 7pm for 7:30pm. £20, roast turkey, alcohol available to buy. Names to Doreen by the next meeting please.

AOB

- Armistice day: Helen L. has again kindly got the wreath for the club. Chris will take it to the cenotaph in Cockermouth on 13th Nov.
- 8th November is National Personal Safety Day- "Stamp out Harassment!". Jane shared information about free webinars that are hosted by Suzy Lamplugh Trust on the topic of sexual harassment within night time industry. The webinar date are 17th Nov 1-2pm, 23rd Nov 1-2pm, 30th Nov 11-12, 6th Dec 7-8pm.
- Sue is organising a Xmas night out for 9th Dec. The venue is Hundith Hill £35 per person. Please get in touch with Sue.
- Judith will be away until 1st December and gave her apologies for next meetings.

July			
4	Planning Meeting- Barbara's		
7	Business - Joan Hetherington	21	Bassenthwaite Walk - Sue Mendes
September			
1	Business-Joan Markwell	15	Charter Meal- please let Doreen know if you can attend and pay by 01/09/22
24	Regional Council Meeting/AGM		
October			
6	Business-Judith Spencer	20	Kim- Cumbria Action for Sustainability - Climate Action

15	SI South Shields and District 75th Charter Celebrations		
27-29 Oct	SIGBI Belfast Conference		
November			
3	Business-Doreen Bertram	17	Suicide Matters- Kim to identify speaker
12	SI Newcastle upon - Tyne 85th Charter Celebratory Lunch	18	Pie Pea and Pud Quizz night, St Josephs Church Hall £10
12	UKPAC meeting in Solihill		
26	Regional Council Meeting		
28	Planning- Hazels House 7 pm		
December			
1	Christmas Party		

Club meetings; [Regional Meetings](#); [SIGBI Events](#)

Organisation	Website	Member's area log in details
SI Cockermonth and District (Club)	https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/	https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/members-area/ Password: Veeva
SI Northern England (Region)	https://sigbi.org/northern-england/	https://sigbi.org/northern-england/members-area/ Password: sine999
SIGBI website (National)	https://sigbi.org/	https://sigbi.org/members/ Username: Surname Password: membership number
Soroptimist International (International)	https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/	