

Minutes of SI Cockermouth Business Meeting 1st September 2022

Present: J.Markwell(chairperson), J.Hetherington, LEdmiston, C.Blake, H.Potts, B.Williams, H.Tinnion, D.Bertram, R.Earthy, M.Dewis, A.Winkworth, J.Shaw, S.Mendus, T.Burgess.

Apologies: C.Rawlinson, D.McCracken, J.McCulloch, T.Juurma, K.Shankland, (prospective new members; K.Kimberlee Smith, J.Graham.

1.Minutes of the last meeting 24/6/22 were accepted as a true record. No matters arising.

2.President's report:

Lovely social evening was held at SM home in July, attended by a good number of club members. A lovely walk led by SM, followed by puds and cheeses.

3.Treasurers report: Account balances remain as at June meeting.

4.Programme Action:

Bedmaking sessions at Calvert Trust well underway, with 3-4 members per session. Two more sessions in September before we finish. BW has been asked by the trust if we could help with weeding, after discussion, it was felt that we were unable to help on this occasion. BW has emailed Cockermouth WI, asking if they would consider helping us with bedmaking next year, she awaits their reply.

Support to Ukrainian refugees in the area: We have raised £500+ so far. Cockermouth rotary are also donating funds. **RE to find out the details of who/how and where the funds are being used**, to help inform how we proceed with using the money we have raised.

Tree planting and maintenance. **LE to do a drive by to assess what maintenance is required, once JS returns we can then organise dates to carry it out.**

10 days of action 25/11-10/12: We need to agree how we wish to mark this project for this year. Ideas being considered include; turning a landmark orange(with lights!)e.g. Mayo statue. We also agreed that we would use the display in Firns for this theme. RE to lead on this.

Great big Green week: KK sent LE some information about this eco themed event. There is a free film being shown at Rosehill for anyone interested, 24th September

Council changes in Cumbria: LE circulated leaflets about this a short questionnaire is included which needs completed in the next few days, members are encouraged to send individual responses.

Cumbria Police and Crime Commissionaire: LE has been contacted by the above to ask if we are willing to speak to a journalist about the work we have done with Grab bags, this is for an article in the local press. **LE to look at information on relevant PA reports** and extract and pass on any relevant details, also to refer them to NOW as they are the

recipients of our work on the bags, and therefore more able to provide details of who the bags have helped etc.

5. Programme for the Autumn:

Speaker meetings for 20/10 and 17/11, KK is sourcing speakers. ***LE to check with her if this is being progressed.***

A planning meeting is scheduled 28/11 ,more details to follow.

6. Membership:

Potential new members, KA and JG are now attending some meetings and events. LE has had contact with another potential member, Lynne Palmer, who will attend the charter meal.

7. Fundraising:

Date for the quiz night to be agreed by LE with her husband.

8. Region:

Regional meeting 24/9 at Scotch Corner. Cost is £20. Members attending; MD, SM, JS, DB. ***Any other member wishing to attend to let LE know asap and send £20 to TJ.***

MD advised that the International President will attend the next regional meeting. Region has suggested that clubs may wish to present the IP with a cheque for her chosen charity. We make an annual donation to whatever charity/project the current IP has chosen (this is the collection made in December in lieu of sending each other Christmas cards) We felt that this is sufficient so will not make a separate, additional donation.

MD reported that clubs will be consulted about their views on hybrid meetings (combining zoom and in person meetings)

She also reported that Hexham Abbey is being considered as a venue for meetings.

LE to check that our facebook page is linked to Sigbi facebook page.

Dates to follow of regional safeguarding training.

9. SIGBI:

International convention in Dublin 2023-more information to follow

Ballots:

Director of PA-one nomination: Lindsay Green. Unanimously voted in favour.

Asst Programme Director of peace; - one nomination Meenakishi Ray. Unanimously voted in favour.

Asst PD of people: 2 candidates. Eleanor Evans. Unanimously voted in favour.

Asst PD of planet; Anitha Rajarajan Unanimously voted in favour.

10. Communications and website:

DM not at the meeting, so there is no update on communications. LE reported that all minutes are now on our website.

11. Development plan: RE said there was no update on this.

12. Friendship links: MD to contact Edinburgh and Northallerton clubs.

13.Welfare: No issues.

14.Meeting Carlisle and Penrith clubs: JM and DB attended a meeting with these clubs at their request to discuss/ advise on best practice in recruiting and retaining members. We shared how we approach this. They will contact DB in the coming months for follow up meetings via zoom.

15.Taste Cumbria event 24-26 September: We are sharing a stand with rotary (at no cost to us). This is an opportunity to promote our club, DB to pass on publicity leaflets to RE. BW to pass on banner. Members are needed to help RE on the stand, 2 per session, sessions are;10-12,12-2,2-4 each day. LE to send email out to all and anyone available to contact RE.

16.Next meeting:

Charter meal 15/9-anyone who has not let DB know they are attending, please to do so asap.

Business meeting 6/10 Judith Spencer to chair.

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		
12	UKPAC meeting in Solihill		
26	Regional Council Meeting		
28	Planning		
December			
1	Christmas Party		

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

Organisation	Website	Member's area log in details
SI Cockermouth 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/	