

## SI Cockermouth and District

Business meeting  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023  
Veeva

### *Present*

T.Juurmaa, J.Hetherington, L.Edmiston, C.Blake, D.Bertram,  
R.Earthy, J.McCulloch, T.Burgess, J.Davison, M.Dewis, H.Lord,  
J.Spencer, J.Shaw, D.Smith, B.Williams, H.Tinnion, S.Mendus.  
PNM: Hannah Kozich  
Apologies: H.Potts, C.Rawlinson, A.Winkworth, L.Maxwell.

### *1.Minutes*

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising. The minutes were accepted as a true record. All matters arising are on the agenda.

### *2.Presidents remarks:*

*Meeting venue for 2024;* TJ summarised the issues-currently no manager at Veeva means uncertainty regarding being able to continue meeting there in 2024 (staff have said our meeting in November is ok). One option is to take a gamble and stay with Veeva, in the hope that the new manager will be willing for us to continue with our current arrangement. Veeva currently costs us £50 per meeting.

DB has obtained the offer of a meeting room at Hundith Hill at no cost, however it is on the first floor, up 10 steps with no lift. We discussed the pros and cons of the situation, some members raised concerns about accessibility at Hundith Hill, for any member with mobility problems, also the location of the hotel being out of town. DB explained that if we turn down the hotels offer, they are unlikely to welcome us coming back to them if Veeva does not work out in the new year. A vote was taken. The result was to accept the offer from Hundith Hill (15 in favour of Hundith Hill, 2 in favour of Veeva, 1

abstention). TJ reassured all members that we will continue to review our meeting venue and if it proves unsuitable for any reason then we will look at other venues).

**FROM THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024 WE WILL MEET AT HUNDITH HILL.**

*Rememberance Sunday.* TJ will attend the wreath laying ceremony on our behalf.

*President for next year.* TJ asked all members to consider whether they could take up this post for 2024-25. **Also, all current officers, please advise LE whether you wish to continue next year.**

### *3. Treasurers report*

#### **Charity Account**

Balance at 25.10.23 £1132.03

£141.18 carried forward

£109.50 from collection at Guida Bass's funeral

£881.35 Re Claire's Nepal charity (direct and via her GoFundMe site)

#### **Admin Account**

Adjusted balance at 25.10.23 £538.69

Have paid out

- gift for Gareth £40

-Hall hire for Christmas Party £40

- Room Hire – Mitchells £250

Regional meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> Hexham

-cost £18

– Apologies from Judith

– Payment from Lindsay and Claire

- need to book no later than 10<sup>th</sup> November so **asap** please – choice of Leek and Potato soup

OR Tomato soup with EITHER Ham and Pease Pudding and Coronation Chicken sandwiches

OR Egg & Cress and Cheese & chutney sandwiches (pudding choice not required)

#### **Subs Account**

Balance at 25.10.23 £1266.07

### *4. Programme Action*

- *Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)*. LE reminded us of the 16 days of action activities planned.
  - St Bees priory event 25/11-CR and JS are attending with our stand. Other members are encouraged to attend to support them. ***CR to email out more details once she returns.***
  - Orange walk 26/11-this will be a walk along the river in Cockermouth wearing orange (JS to bring hi-vis jackets to the next meeting)
    - Meet at Gote bridge at 11am,all welcome including friends.
  - Orange cafe 4/12 10.30 am at the Lakes Centre. Wear orange,DB will reserve a table.
- *Foodbank*. JH proposed that we consider supporting the Foodbank either by reinstating our monthly food donations or making a monetary donation possibly annually. After discussion,it was agreed a monetary annual donation was more suited to the needs of the Foodbank. JH suggested that money donated could be used to purchase food vouchers (Foodbank purchase £10 vouchers which can be spent at Aldi or Harrisons butchers). JH offered to host a coffee morning at her home in the new year to raise funds. JH to send out details.

## ***5. Fundraising***

- Charity Quiz night 17/11
  - CB asked for volunteers to make puddings, SM,HP,HL,BW,DB,TB,RE offered. She also asked for raffle prizes, JH,JD, offered, another couple of prizes would be welcome. Please let CB have them. 44 tickets have been sold, there are still tickets available, please can members have a final push on selling them.
- *West Cumbria Refugee Network*. TB has been asked if we will support a Christmas party for refugee children on 17/12- we are asked to donate money to provide a small gift for each child, also to provide a buffet. We agreed this is a great opportunity to develop further links with the network, we will

donate £100 from our charity account to pay for gifts. TB will coordinate details on all of this, including food etc, she will email more information to all members as she obtains it.

### ***7. Welfare***

LM has recently undergone surgery, we send her our love and good wishes as she makes her recovery.

### ***8. Membership***

We were pleased to welcome Hannah Kozich to our meeting. DB has had contact with 2 PNMs. She will invite them to our Christmas party and the Orange Walk.

### ***9. Any other business:***

- CR Nepal adventure-JS updated us on CR's trip which is at its end. She has been very active whilst there and we agreed to ask her to give a talk about the trip at our meeting, potentially on 18/1/24 (Claire, is that ok for you?).
- Photo permission forms-LE advised us that we all need to redo these, she will email out the form with instructions, she will also bring some paper copies to the next meeting.
- Christmas Party 7/12 -DB reminded us that donations in lieu of Christmas cards will be collected that night.

### ***10. Future Dates***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
19 Oct.	Speaker Meeting- ELM Safe Self Harm kit packing
2nd Nov.	Business Meeting
16 Nov.	Speaker Meeting- Matthew Belshaw, Cumbria Police VAWG Operations Lead- <b>to be held at VEEVA</b>
17 Nov	Quiz Night- Cockermouth Cricket Club
Sat 25 Nov	St Bees Priory event
Sun 26 Nov.	VAWG walk - Cockermouth.
Mon 4 Dec	Orange Café details tbc
Thur 18 Jan 2024	Speaker meeting – Hundith Hill

Organisation	Website	Member's area log in details
SI Cocker mouth and District (Club)	<a href="https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/">https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/</a>	<a href="https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/members-area/">https://sigbi.org/cockermouth/members-area/</a> Password: Veeva
SI Northern England (Region)	<a href="https://sigbi.org/northern-england/">https://sigbi.org/northern-england/</a>	<a href="https://sigbi.org/northern-england/members-area/">https://sigbi.org/northern-england/members-area/</a> Password: sine999
SIGBI website (National)	<a href="https://sigbi.org/">https://sigbi.org/</a>	<a href="https://sigbi.org/members/">https://sigbi.org/members/</a> own username and password for the hub
Soroptimist International (International)	<a href="https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/">https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/</a>	

### Bank Details

Bank Account	Sort Code	Account Number	Use
Subscription Account	16-52-21	54232193	Subs payment
Admin Account	16-52-21	54232185	Dinners; RC meeting etc
Charity Account	16-52-21	54232213	Charity Donations

Please include your own name as reference and email Jane Shaw as Treasurer when you make a payment.

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