

SI Cockermouth and District

Business meeting

October 5th 2023

Veeva

Present: T.Juurmaa, L.Edmiston, J.Hetherington, J.Spencer, J.McCulloch, D.Bertram, C.Blake, T.Burgess, D.Smith, M.Dewis, B.Williams, A.Winkworth, S.Mendus, J.Davison.

Apologies: H.Potts, J.Shaw, C.Rawlinson, H.Lord, H.Tinnion, R.Earthy, L.Maxwell

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting 7/9/23-there were no matters arising which are not covered by the agenda.

2.Presidents remarks

TJ suggested to members that we access the website and/or Instagram sites of Anti racist Cumbria, who are our speaker on 19/10.

A few members attended the recent Whitehaven Pride event, representing our club. It was a good event and TJ suggests that for 2024 we consider having a stand at the event.

Veeva and Gareth. As we all know Gareth is leaving Veeva this week. In recognition of the support and care he has provided for us at our meetings, it was agreed that we give him vouchers from the Lakes Centre (£40 from club admin and several members present gave personal donations). This voucher with a card will be given to him by Doreen this week before he leaves. We will continue to meet at Veeva and met the new manager, Julie.

3. Treasurers report

JS was not present but gave a recent update on the accounts at the meeting on 21/9.

LE emailed out information to members concerning the SI Foundation which replaces the International Presidents Appeal (this is the one we collect donations from members in lieu of sending each other Christmas cards).

As a club we will be able to access funds from this foundation, to support certain types of projects.

4. Modernisation paper

This has been previously circulated to members, together with more recent analysis of the implications of the SIGBI proposals from the recent regional meeting.

LE led discussion on this item and very helpfully had summarised the main proposals with potential impacts for us as a region and club (see attached powerpoint).

We are required to respond as a club and/or individually by 27/10. After discussion we agreed to respond as a club with LE summarising our views and queries, she will email these around members (thank you LE). MD encouraged members to also submit individual responses.

4. Programme Action

VAWG-16 days of action-we will be doing various activities during this period, these include.

- 25/11-St Bees priory event.CR and JS will attend, other members are welcome to also attend. More details to follow.
- 26/11-Orange walk-route still to be finalised but may be a shorter more manageable for everyone, riverside walk.

- 4/12-Orange cafe at Lakes centre will replace the usual coffee meet-up there on the second Monday.

Calvert Trust bedmaking-BW reported that 11 sessions were completed with 463 beds made. She thanked members who had been able to help with this.

Every life matters-suicide prevention boxes-TJ has now got the materials for our packing sessions. She suggests that we do the sessions in a few members homes, to avoid using up time at meetings. She will email members to ask who is able to host a session.

CR trip to Nepal-this is now imminent with a full itinerary for CR while she is there. She is trying to raise £3000 to fund another sewing project like the one she will see. If members would like to donate to this, please let JS know as it can be paid into our charity account.

Laptop for Ukrainian family-this was raised by TB at our last meeting. She is involved with some work with the West Cumbria refugee network. A worker asked if we could help to pay for a laptop to help with school work for a Ukrainian child who is having to study for tests both in English and Ukrainian. DB offered a spare laptop she has.

As we were running short of time, 2 items were deferred to the next business meeting: Foodbank and SI Penrith discussion.

5. Fundraising

Quiz night 17/11- tickets are available from CB and DB. There are 60 tickets to sell at £12 each, please can all members try to help sell these.

6.Regional meeting 23/9

JS summarised the meeting (this has been previously circulated to members)

Our club was shortlisted for the regional Reach for the skies award for our work with Every life matters charity. LE gave a presentation on our work on behalf of our club.SI Tynemouth won the award, but we are proud that we were in the running.

7.Christmas party for our club

We won't be having it at Veeva this year, DB has asked us all to think of a suitable venue. Gareth will be catering for our party so the venue can't be a hotel etc but needs to have a kitchen and ideally be in or close to Cockermouth. We need to make a decision on this asap.

12. Future Dates

Date	Topic
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
17 Nov	Quiz Night- Cockermouth Cricket Club
Sun 26 Nov.	VAWG walk - Cockermouth.
Mon 4 Dec	Orange Café details tbc

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/ own username and password for the hub
Soroptimist International (International)	https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/	

Bank Details

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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

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