

Minutes of the second meeting of the Edinburgh & the Lothians Group Committee, held in the Kings Manor Hotel, Edinburgh on Monday 23 September 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

1. All members were present.
2. Meeting of Committee meeting held 8 May 2024.
The Minutes of the meeting were agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chairperson.
3. The only item arising from the last Minutes was that Alex had suggested our Group's Newsletter be included in our Group's online page and the Secretary confirmed he had requested this and confirmed each issue is now so included.
4. Secretary's Report.
The Secretary said there had been very little correspondence from Headquarters since the last meeting. He confirmed all committee members had received the September 2024 Member Communities Communique. The message therein from Pete Worster had explained the absence of the Communique in recent months, including the changes within Head Office. The Secretary said he was personally sorry to learn that Nick Hoath had left, since he had proved very helpful to our Group and he was sure to other Groups also. He wished Pete well in his newly acquired responsibilities. The Secretary explained he and our Treasurer Alex Allan, had recently converted our Boundless membership to "Boundless Plus", explaining that the upgrade now allows for a number of additional benefits, including free access to National Trust properties in Scotland, roadside assistance and local breakdown recovery from LV/Britannia Rescue. Our upgrade came just in time for us to gain free entrance to our Group visit to Falkland Palace last month. The Secretary spoke of the cancellation of our tour of Murrayfield Stadium on 17 September, the first cancellation of a planned event in our forty one years. The Secretary said we originally had twenty names planning to go, but for a variety of reasons, the number was eventually reduced to only four and we therefore decided it was best to cancel. Alex Allan suggested it would perhaps be best to send a reminder to those noted as due to attend an event, just to confirm attendance and the Secretary said he would do this in the future.
5. Treasurer's Report : 8 May to 22 September 2024.

The Treasurer reported on the Group's finances as follows :

| <u>INCOME</u> | | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Brought forward from bank | £ 193.28 | 8 May | Room for comm. meet £ 78.00 |
| Cash in hand | 56.23 | 8 May | Travel exp. for same. £ 24.15 |
| Imprest 19 Sept. | 250.00 | 29 Aug. | Payment to D. Little for Microsoft software £ 59.99 |
| | | Sub Total | £ 162.14 |
| | | Cash in bank 22 Sept. | £ 305.29 |
| | | Cash in hand | £ 32.08 |
| Total | <u>£ 499.51</u> | Total | <u>£ 499.51</u> |

6. Last and next Group events

The Secretary reported on our Group's last four events : the afternoon tea at Dunblane Hydro, attended by twenty two, the guided tour of St. Giles Cathedral on 19 June, attended by twenty three, the Seagull Trust Cruise on 16 July, attended by twenty three and the visit to Falkland Palace on 19 August, attended by eighteen. The committee agreed all had been very successful and enjoyed by those who attended.

The next three events were discussed, namely the guided tour of the National Mining Museum in Newtongrange, on 16 October, arranged by the Secretary, the Beetle Drive and Fish & Chips on 14 November, arranged by the Secretary and the Christmas lunch & Merriment on 6 December, also arranged by the Secretary. The expected attendance at these events are nineteen, seventeen and twenty two respectively and the Secretary said he would confirm final numbers for each event nearer their dates.

7. There was a brief discussion on the Boundless Social breaks for 2025 and the 4 night/5 day break in the Cumbria Grand, Grange-over-Sands, 14 to 18 April was chosen to be included in our next year programme of events. As this event is usually booked up quickly, those committee members interested will make a booking soon and prior to our programme card being printed, the Secretary said he will inform those members who have attended this event in the past.

8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 23 October at 10.00 a.m. in the Rosemount Room of the Kings Manor Hotel. The main purpose of this meeting will be to finalise our programme of events for 2025.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12.40 p.m.

John Marshall

Secretary

Chairperson

