

Minutes of the first meeting of the Edinburgh & the Lothians Group Committee, held in the Kings Manor Hotel, Edinburgh on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

1. All members were present.
2. Meeting of Committee meeting held 23 October 2023.
The Minutes of the meeting were agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chairperson.
3. There were no matters arising from the last Minutes.
4. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary said that despite the length of time since our last meeting, there was not a deluge of information to report on. He confirmed each member of our committee receives a copy of the Member Communities Communique. He reviewed from the September 2023 update, that h/q continues to work on improving the SEN process, whilst confirming he has submitted all notices for each of our events for the coming year. Heather Glanville is to step down as Association Chair at the end of the year, to be replaced by Gerard O'Sullivan from the end of the 2023 AGM. In particular, it was noted the Association AGM was to be held on 1 November 2023. In the 'Groups out and about' section, the Secretary said he was delighted to see a page being devoted to photos of both our Group and the Kingdom of Fife Group's recent events. He also said he was similarly pleased to see page 1 photos on the March issue, of the Kingdom of Fife's celebration of the Chinese New Year and our own Group's visit to the Cool Jade Chinese Restaurant in February.

The Secretary reported on the Draft Minutes of the Club Council meeting on 6 February 2024. In particular, the LGRs mention of the increasing ages of Group committee members was noted. Those around the table were of the opinion that whilst none of us can avoid that inevitability, we are all very willing to continue in our posts for the foreseeable future – however, the search for younger members will never cease. The comment on the average attendance having increased in Group events was noted – the Secretary pointed out that our Groups attendance has slightly increased over the last two years.

5. Treasurer's Report : 23 October 2023 to 7 May 2024.

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

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Brought forward from bank	£ 123.78	24 Oct 23	Room for comm. meet £ 70.30
Cash in hand	40.73	24 Oct 23	Travel exp. for same. £ 24.50
17 Nov 23 Imprest	250.00	30 Jan 24	Printing events prog. £ 121.20
26 Apr 24 Imprest	150.00	7 Mar 24	Room for AGM £ 99.00
			Cash in bank 7 May 24 193.28
			Cash in hand 7 May 24 56.23
Total	<u>£ 564.51</u>	Total	£ <u>564.51</u>

6. Last and next Group events

The Secretary reported on our Group's last five events : the Fish & Chips Natter on 16 November, attended by 20, the Christmas lunch on 8 December, attended by 27, the Dinner in the Cool Jade Restaurant on 8 February, attended by 23 and the guided tour of St Celilia Music Museum, on 10 April, attended by 23. The committee agreed all had been very successful and enjoyed by those who attended.

The next six events were discussed, namely the afternoon tea in the Dunblane Hydro, on 20 May, arranged by the Secretary (the number so far is twenty two), the guided tour of St Giles Cathedral on 19 June, arranged by Alex, the Seagull Trust Cruise on 16 July, arranged by Graeme, the visit to Falkland Palace on 19 August, arranged by Jackie and the tour of Murrayfield Stadium on 17 September, also arranged by Jackie.

The Secretary pointed out that each event was attracting a good attendance, which he said was very encouraging and down in no small way to the thought and work each committee member has contributed once again in this year's programme planning.

7. Any other business : None

8. Date of next meeting : Monday 23 September 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12.10 p.m.

John Marshall

Secretary

Chairperson