

**Oban u3a
Committee Meeting, Corran Halls, Oban
Tuesday 1 October 2024**

Present: Penny Earle, Chair; Sue Pollard, Vice Chair; Graham Cameron, Vice Chair; Neil Sutherland, Membership; Joy Sutherland, Groups Co-ordinator; Richard Bosworth, Treasurer; Rosemary Young, Speakers.

Apologies: Evelyn McManus, Secretary; Jim McManus, Newsletter.

Minutes: September Minutes approved. Thanks to Evelyn.

Matters Arising:

- **Christmas Lunch:**

Organisation under way, all information will be sent out before the next meeting.
Send a list of free attendees to Treasurer and information to Newsletter.
Margaret Batty will be asked to help at desk on 3 November.

- **Dropbox:**

Penny had made changes to who could access Dropbox after Bob Batty's retiral from Committee.
He will continue to access Dropbox for his science group only.

- **Merchandise:**

Bunting bought for Open Day. Sue is working on a banner for future use.

- **OAS talks:**

Donald Snell's talks going out from Penny's house but require a different host in February.

- **TAT – Fit for the Future:**

After some discussion the meeting voted Yes. It was noted that the Articles of Association can be changed next year.

- **Groups:**

Scottish History is restarting with Rosemary Power.

New Art Group has become a forum for what's going on.

Another Reading Group is starting but as yet without a convenor.

Two new potential groups are Ukulele and Cribbage.

French group are happy with the status quo and feel there is no need for an Intermediate Group.

Joy is getting up to date with Group Lists - Penny will deal with hyperlinks to make this easier.

Group Convenors should have a copy of the risk Assessments for Private and Public venues – Penny will send these out.

Guidance for Group Convenors approved.

Thank you to Sue and Joy for publicity in the Oban Times after Open Day.

Beacon – tick box to advise convenor of joining and leaving changes. Neil had checked forum – there is a thread.

Sue was advised that it was not necessary to balance books for Bridge

- **Membership:**

Thank you to Neil and Richard for all their work

Only 14 outstanding Membership payments.

Those not renewed by November will be deleted.

Currently 152 members.

- **Treasurer**

Christmas lunch expenditure and income from Members will be balanced.

Free attendees will come under Group Convenors Lunch in accounts.

- **Speakers**

Speakers in place for November 24 and for January and April 25 with Laura Corbe pencilled in

and Bob McCulloch on the radar.

- Suggestions which Rosemary will follow up include RLNI (Fiona Campbell), Mariia Slicherbak who is the coordinator for Ukrainians in Argyll, Dementia and Rockfield Regeneration.
- **OAB**
Rosemary will bring the badges to meetings and take them home.
Graham will continue to make new badges and update existing.

The idea of a Publicity Campaign in January was mentioned but decided a mention in the OT perhaps was sufficient.

Finally, Penny mentioned that 1 October 2024 was International Day for Older People.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 9.15am in the Corran Halls.

Minutes taken by Rosemary Young, Speaker Coordinator, in Evelyn McManus's absence.

Minutes approved at November meeting on 5/11/24, subject to changing references from Group Leaders to Group Convenors for standardisation purposes, which has been completed.