

**WEST LOTHIAN 50 PLUS NETWORK
MEMBERS MEETING HELD ON 19th MAY 2018 AT 1030 HOURS
IN THE BRITISH LEGION, 50 NORTH BRIDGE STREET, BATHGATE EH48 4PL**

1. WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND NEW MEMBERS

The Convenor, Judith Hanna, welcomed all members and any new members attending for the first time to the meeting and the Annual General Meeting. The speaker for today had cancelled due to a mix up so this would allow for the meeting to finish earlier.

2. TEA, COFFEE AND RAFFLE

In the absence of a speaker we welcomed Mr Robert Cook from the Answer Project Ltd which was the recipient of our Coin Jar. Mr Cook has already been presented with the cheque, but he wanted to come and thank the membership for their generosity. He gave a brief history of the Answer Project located in Whitburn which supports people with dementia. The organisation started in 1994 and is partially funded by the Council but a large amount of funding from outside sources such as the 50+ Network and grants which has enabled it to expand to run from two to four days a week.

3. NETWORK LOTTERY

The Prizes for this month were as follows:

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| £25 | Vanda Collins |
| £15 | Anne Dixon |
| £10 | Jim White |

4. DEATH OF ROBIN CLAYSON

The Convenor advised the membership of the death of Robin Clayson who had been an active member of the Network. The funeral service is on Monday 21st May at 3 pm at Armadale Parish Church and then at Livingston Crematorium at 4 pm.

5. 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The outgoing Convenor handed the running of the AGM to Willie Webster. This is minuted separately.

6. HAND OVER TO THE NEW CONVENOR

Willie Webster handed over the running of the rest of the meeting to Anne Webster as the newly elected Convenor. She thanked the outgoing office bearers, Judith Hanna and Isobel Wilson and both were presented with flowers. Helen Orr and Mary Ferrie who could not be here today will have their service marked at the next Members' Meeting. We will hold a special tea. Everyone is welcome to come along to thank them for all the time and energy they have selflessly given over the last 20+ years to the 50+ Network.

7. HOLIDAYS AND OUTINGS

Jim Dixon is organising a trip to China and the most likely date will be from 20th May for ten days. The exact places to visit have not yet been confirmed but there are three routes, one of which is Edinburgh, Beijing, Taiwan and costings will be provided by the travel provider quite soon once cost of flights are known. Names will be accepted from the next meeting once details are fully known.

8. DAY TRIPS

Lesley Martin advised the members that there is one place left on the Day Trip to Peebles on Saturday 9th June. This costs £25 including high tea. The trip will depart from the Old Railway Station at 10 am.

9. THEATRE VISITS

Sheila Linscer advised that tickets have now been purchased for the Matinee performance of Les Miserables in the Festival Theatre on Wednesday 13th February 2019. We have twelve tickets but there are still tickets in the same row if anyone wishes still to come. Please contact the office asap and give your name and she will get back to you.

She advised that if there are any performances members would like to attend, especially plays etc they should get in touch with the office with suggestions.

10. GROUPS UPDATE

10.1 Proposed Ukulele Group

This is being organised by ~~Eileen~~ Eileen Lander and will probably take place on Tuesday afternoons. Four expressions of interest have been received. Please contact the office for further information.

10.2 Peebles Walks, Saturday 29TH September

Heather Waddell who is organising this trip gave the members the following information

- Names to the office from Monday 28th May
- Enclose payment at the same time in an envelope adding your name and chosen walk. You can either pay cash (£6.40) or enclose a cheque payable to Heather Waddell.
- The Walks are as follows:
 - A. Wander by the Tweed (approx. 2 miles)**
 - B. The Sware Circuit (Distance 6.5 km/4 miles)**
Riverside walk, undulations, tree roots then returning by road climbing to a view point back to Peebles.
 - C. The Tweed Walk to Lyne (Distance 11 km/7 miles)**
Riverside walk. Undulations, tree roots to Lyne. Returning same way or by Sware circuit view point.
 - D. Innerleithen to Peebles (Distance 11 km/7 miles)**
The route is on the surfaced dismantled railway passing Cardrona. This is hard surfaced almost flat walk.
Bring your bus pass.

Once sufficient numbers for a coach are reached there will be a waiting list.

10.3 Men's Group

Jim Dixon reported that last Wednesday's monthly trip to the Burns Heritage Museum had been very successful. In addition to these trips, Rosemount will now be available every Wednesday from 10 to 12 to just drop in and meet, have coffee and/or lunch even on days of outings.

10.4 Network Choir

The choir is singing in the Bathgate Partnership on Tuesday 22nd May at 7 pm. This is free, but donations will be appreciated.

10.5 Lunch Club

The lunch club will not meet in either June or July but resume on the first Thursday of the month in August.

11. MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

This is still being worked on and results will be published as soon as possible.

12. AOCB

12.1 Holidays

A member asked when the next holiday will be arranged. As soon as the new committee has met, and roles decided, this will be looked at.

12.2 Holiday to Scarborough (4th June)

For those of the membership booked on this trip, Alex Aitken on behalf of the walking group Stroll Along, advised that the bus will depart at 9 am at the Old Railway Station.

Date of next meeting is Saturday 16th June 2018 in the British Legion at 1030 hours. The speaker's topic will be Edinburgh World Heritage.

**WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK
MINUTE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD SATURDAY 19th May 2018
IN BRITISH LEGION, 50 NORTH BRIDGE, BATHGATE EH54 4PL**

1. MINUTE OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Minute of the AGM meeting held on 20th May 2017 was accepted as a true record of the meeting and was proposed by Allan Dungavel and seconded by Barbara Haddow.

2. COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the Report were available at the meeting and also in the office. The committee was thanked for their continued hard work.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies were available at the meeting and also can be seen in the office. Thanks go to both Treasurers for all their continued hard work.

4. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS WISHING TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE

The three prospective new Committee members, Allan Dungavel, Anne McGovern and Joe Murphy each gave a brief summary of their careers and what had brought them to the 50+ Network and how it had affected them.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018/19

5.1 Office Bearers

| | | <u>Proposed</u> | <u>Seconded</u> |
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| Convenor: | Anne Webster | Judith Hanna | Jane O'Donnell |
| Vice Convenor: | Jim Dixon | Barbara Haddow | Ann Milne |

5.2 Committee Members (Existing)

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| Irene Calder |) | | |
| Vanda Collins |) | | |
| Barbara Haddow |) | | |
| Sheila Linscer |) | Allan Dungavel | Kate Mitchell |
| Lesley Martin |) | | |
| Sue Visser |) | | |
| Liz Wark |) | | |

5.3 Committee Members (New)

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| Allan Dungavel |) | | |
| Anne McGovern |) | Lesley Martin | David Armstrong |
| Joe Murphy |) | | |

6. ELECTION OF EXTERNAL FINANCIAL EXAMINER

It was reported that John Flanagan had expressed a wish to continue as External Financial Examiner.

7. AOCB

There was no other competent business.