



West Lothian 50+ Network

Minutes of Members Meeting – 19th February 2022

1. **Introduction:** Anne welcomed members to the new Hub and introduced the speaker, Councillor Harry Cartmill, who gave an interesting talk on The Hidden History of Bathgate.
2. **Vote Of Thanks:** Bill Collins gave a vote of thanks, on behalf of the members, to Anne and Willie, the Committee and all volunteers for all the hard work they had carried out on the refurbishment of the new Hub.
3. **Raffle:** The raffle was drawn and first prize was a hamper donated by The Cooperative, Whitburn.
4. **Business:** Refurbishment of the new Hub is almost complete. It is hoped that a PA system and hearing loop will be installed soon. Sue has managed to reach agreement with the Council about the outside sign and it should be up soon. The main building is already being used by 17 groups. Anne explained how the room divider works and issued an invitation to members to use the front area to have a catch-up there, buy or exchange a book or jigsaw. If any group requires space, please contact the Hub.
5. **Holidays:** Harmony holiday to Bletchley Park and the National Arboretum on 22nd to 26th August opens on Wednesday 2nd March. Cost £339, single supplement £40, deposits £50 from March 2nd. Skye holiday – balance of £335 due by Friday 25th February.
6. **Trips:** The Devil's Porridge Museum on Saturday 26th March – opens 2nd March, cost £20.50.
7. **Events:** Daffodil Tea on March 19th. Free as costs covered by Christmas Grant from WLC. Two sessions because of numbers, tickets will be issued available on 2nd March. Possible upcoming events: Dates and details to be confirmed.
COFFEE MORNING – May 7th, JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – JUNE, SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC TRIP – JUNE, THRIFT SHOP 20TH OR 30TH OCTOBER, CRAFT FAIR, 5TH NOVEMBER – CHRISTMAS KRACKERS, DECEMBER.
8. **Staff:** We have appointed a new manager – Karen Stephen, and a new Development Officer – Cheryl Scott-Davidson. Karen has already started and we are in the process of agreeing a start with Cheryl.


As BT have been dilatory in installing our Broadband, we have changed provider and hope that it will be installed on March 1st. This is the reason for the changed Hub hours. The Hub-coordinators work from 10am to 12noon in the Hub, then work from home where there is Broadband from 12noon to 2pm.

9. **Fees:** The fees of £20 are due on 1st April. We have been reminded that the details of our Gift Aid consent should be updated 5 yearly. In order to comply with this we ask all members to complete an updated Membership form, ticking the box where appropriate. It will also give us an opportunity to check that the details we hold for you are correct eg telephone number, email address etc.so we would ask you to complete the whole form. Don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box and sign the form if you wish to allow us to collect Gift Aid. A form is enclosed if posted and attached if emailed.

10. **AGM:** Saturday May 21st 2022

11. **Reminiscence Group:** We will have another go at reviving the Reminiscence Group. It could be on a Monday or Friday depending on busy diaries. It will be held in the Bennie Museum at the back next to the Museum of Childhood. Interested names to the Hub with preferred day and we'll be in touch.

12. **Next Meeting:** No meeting next month as that is the date of the Daffodil Tea. The April meeting will be 16th April.



Anne Webster - Convenor

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