



West Lothian 50+ Network Annual General Meeting

Saturday 21st May, 2022

1. Minute of 2020/21

Minute proposed by Irene Calder and seconded by Barbara Haddow.

2. Committee's Annual Report

This was proposed by George Thacker and seconded by Alison Millar.

3. Treasurer's Report

Proposed by Christine Thacker and seconded by John Mumford.

4. Summary of Year's Events by Chair.

The Convenor gave the meeting details of the events of the year as follows:-

It was another difficult year for the Network with shutdowns affecting our operations. However, we seem to be through the other end, fingers crossed.

We have had a busy year. We were given notice from the premises we had in 4 George Place. We were perhaps naïve, but we didn't expect there to be a big demand for property during a national pandemic.

We learned from that and decided that to secure the Network for the future and to ensure we were masters of our own destiny we would look for bigger premises to rent. This was to provide premises that only the Network used and so give members a place of their own to operate groups from as well as being a drop in meeting place for all members.

We worked on the building during the months of September to December with the view to be open by the end of the year. Covid stopped us with a shutdown over Christmas and the New Year. However, shortly afterwards we were able to resume our activities.

We had a bit of a blip with our Broadband/telephone when BT let us down badly and the staff had to resort to working from home as we had no internet. We kept the Hub open in the morning to allow members to come in and the staff worked from home in the afternoons dealing with emails and other queries. We eventually cancelled BT and moved to Sky.

Covid is still affecting our operations with members and staff suffering from it resulting in last minute cancellations and reduced staff to man the Hub. Thank you all for being patient when this affected you.

Hopefully we are now on our way and some sort of normality.

We had hoped to have our official opening in December 2021 but Covid stopped us again. We eventually held our Official just this week on Wednesday 18th May 2022 with Moira Niven, Lord Lieutenant of West Lothian carrying out the ceremony.

We have invested a lot of time and money into the new premises and have tried to future proof it as far as possible.

We are pleased to be getting back to normal. Our outdoor groups opened early on in the year with the internal groups following on when they were allowed to and when they felt safe

to. Most of our groups are now up and running with a few remaining hoping to restart very soon.

We restarted our Day trips in June 2021 and have been to many enjoyable days out. The list of places is too long to recite but it is highlighted in the Annual report. Heather and Sue have most of 2022 trips now planned and are releasing a list so you can see further in advance which you would like to go on.

We were not able to carry out many social or fundraising events, however planning is underway for the remainder of 2022. We'd love to hear from anyone who has any ideas or suggestions they would like to make.

The Committee give their time as volunteers to help run the Network. It is important that we have a diverse Committee to ensure all age groups and interests are represented. We encourage our members to get involved. We need to ensure continuity in the Committee and we are all getting older year by year. We especially encourage our younger members to consider whether they would be able to give their time to join the Committee and support the Network and its members.

5. Amendment to the Constitution and SCIO Charity.

The Chair informed the members of the setting up of the SCIO charity.

6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2022/23

The Chair handed over to Cheryl Scott-Davidson for this part of the proceedings

6.1 Election of Office Bearers who wish to be re-elected.

- i. **Chair** – Anne Webster. Proposed by George Thacker and seconded by Brenda Kilpatrick.
- ii. **Secretary** – Mary Ferrie. Proposed by Barbara Hadow and seconded by Alison Millar.
- iii. **Treasurer** – Jeanette Scott. Proposed by Liz Wark and seconded by Christine Thacker.

6.2 Committee members

- i. Sue Bedford-Visser
- ii. Willie Webster
- iii. Heather Waddell
- iv. Vanda Collins

All above were proposed by Lesley Martin and seconded by Christine Thacker.

6.3 Members wishing to be elected on to the Committee

- i. Eleanor Shaw. Proposed by Irene Calder and seconded by Brenda Kilpatrick.
- ii. Tom Fairlie. Proposed by Kath Fraser and seconded by George Thacker.

7. Election of External Financial Examiner

Chair informed members that Brian Maloney has agreed to continue in this capacity.

8. AOCB There was none.

Date of next AGM – Saturday 20th May 2023 at a venue to be advised.