Monday, 9th January, 2023

Present: Sue Case, Valerie Hearn, Steve Wilkinson, Ted Taylor, Keith Robson, Fiona Rowley, Beth Savage, George Stoker

Regrets: Linda Rollinson, Heather Peel

Outcomes from the AGM:

• The AGMs will be held in January going forward

- Financial situation is 'healthy' and is now showing the desired balance between income and expenditures
- Retiring trustees Fiona Rowley and Valerie Hearn reinstated; as Heather Peel was not present, her re-election is pending
- A new model of membership (and thereby providing voting privileges) will be researched and implemented in the coming year

An abridged agenda with just the AOB was proposed and accepted due to the AGM

	Topic	Key Points	Action Items
1.	AOB	General Administration	SW to create new
		 A reminder that gift vouchers are available. They come in £5, £10 and £20 denominations. They are kept in the top drawer. A new gift voucher for the purchase of a four-week class will be created. 	SW to create new voucher by 31 st Jan
		 There is a list posted on the office wall where session leaders can note any dates where they need cover and where others can put their names down to cover. Sue will monitor on a weekly basis to ensure full coverage. 	All to monitor and update lists

 There is a cleaning and maintenance supply list posted in the kitchen cupboard where we can request replacements. Sue will monitor and manage any purchases. 	
The clean up and refurbishment of Gibson St. continues, with the need for a skip. Sue will organise.	C to organise skip
Fiona will begin working in the office on Monday mornings, taking over many of Steve's financial duties	
	W & TT to speak to loodhorn by 20 th an
and Steve will work together to get the checks done.	W & SC to omplete
Class and Group Sessions	ubmission by 28 th eb
beginning 1st Feb.	T to inform earners nmediately
created, just for this purpose. The 'admin' address will be used for	S to leave phone in tudio by 13 th Jan
• George will continue to monitor email and phone until the new email and	S to monitor until andover

 There are vacancies in the children's club. Valerie to advertise in newsletter and on FB Fiona is in the process of getting information for the costs related to 'warm glass' materials and classes The £1,000 grant from Ballinger has still not been spent. It needs to be used by 21st July. The grant is to pay for children's workshops: pottery, mosaics, and jewellery-making. Fiona and George will source and manage the workshops. mmunication 	FR to provide to SW by 31 st Jan GS & FR to complete by 30 th Mar
 We need a more structured and consistent way of communicating with each other and our members. Valerie and Beth to develop an overall strategy (and processes) for 	BS to draft new website by 15 th Feb
 All trustees and committee members are asked to run any communication items through Val/Beth. 	All to follow communication guidelines
 The format of the minutes will be adapted to include a running list of action items and we will be implementing weekly updates Communication materials (e.g., posters) outlining roles and responsibilities need to be created and displayed for our members 	
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Grant and Funding Strategy

- Kathy to set strategy meeting for Monday, 16th January; future applications for funding/grants need to relate to our overall strategy
- Sue suggested the purchase of a 'community bus'; this could be shared by other organisations in the community. This idea will be suggested in the strategy meeting (in Sue's absence) by Steve
- The idea of a Newbiggin arts festival has still not progressed; the topic will be raised at the strategy meeting
- Phase 3 of our growth plan is about opening up an affiliated, but separate art gallery for the community where the purpose is to display and sell art. The florist shop has become empty and may provide an ideal location for premises. Steve to follow up.
- Steve's list of jobs needs to be addressed. It identifies the need to create role profiles for each of the key functions, e.g., treasurer, communication, tutor, etc. This piece of work should flow from the outcomes of the strategy meeting. Val to lead on it.

Warm Spaces

 Beth to begin warm spaces on Saturdays, from 11 − 4. Sue will be running them at Gibson St. on Wednesdays from 1-4. SW to confirm date and time of meeting

SW to bring forward ideas raised at meeting

VH to post on FB 10th Jan

Next meeting: tbd