

**MINUTES OF GAYWEST COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2015**

In Attendance:

Colin O'Brien (Chair)

Antony Russell (Cafe Host)

Michael Reid (Events Co-ordinator)

Jim Phimister (Membership Secretary)

Brian Milligan (Secretary/Treasurer)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

1.1 John Martin sent his apologies.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

2.1 These were agreed and approved as accurate.

3. **Matters Arising**

4.2 Colin has written to "Lads Locker Room" and emailed "Simply Pleasure" about discounts for GW members but has not yet received any response.

4.3 Timings for the LGBT History Month Event on Sunday 19th February have been received and Colin will liaise with James Whatmore.

4. **Chair's Report**

4.1 Colin & Jim attended the "Swansea Sparkle" event, organised by LGBT and of particular interest to the Trans community. It went very well but, if repeated, would probably not warrant GW having a stall to publicise the group.

4.2 Our pitch has been booked for Gloucester Pride, which will take place 11th June. Bristol Pride will be on 9th July and Weston Super Mare Pride will be on 30th July in Grove Park.

4.3 The Eddystone Trust will re-stock the condom box on 12th December.

4.4 Michael has agreed to open the Rainbow Cafe on 26th December and it was decided that there would be no Bath Pub Night on 23rd December.

4.5 As the spring in the Rainbow Cafe banner has broken, Colin will endeavour to have the banner repaired; should this prove not to be feasible, he will purchase a new banner.

5. **Secretary's Report**

5.1 There have been no matters which need to be brought to the committee's attention.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

6.1 The latest bank statement dated 4th November shows a balance of £5,559.40. Once outstanding bills and credits are taken into account, the balance is £5,861.30, but this includes £595 which members have paid in for their Xmas meal and which will, in due course, be paid out to the Pavilion Cafe. Building Society assets remain unchanged at £2,140-88.

6.2 Our previous Chair had been asked to cancel the 0800 Freephone number, which was in his name and which only he could cancel. Regrettably this had not been done. Now that confirmation of cancellation on 10 November 2015 has been received, the outstanding invoice for £4-29 has been paid.

7. **Events Co-ordinator's Report**

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7.1 The information put on each table has been updated.

7.2 Now that we are no longer able to hold our picnic at Camers, we will need to replace it with something else and need to gather ideas for what this could be.

7.3 Michael suggested that we should consider twinning ourselves with other gay groups, including some on the continent. This was agreed to be a very good suggestion and worth following up.

8. Membership Secretary's Report.

8.1 We have had 6 new members since the last meeting, with 1 death and 2 people who have not renewed their membership. There are a further 13 who need to renew by the end of the year. Our current membership stands at 83.

8.2 Jim has input all the amendments to the constitution as agreed at the AGM and it is now ready to be put on the website.

9. Magazine Editor's Report

9.1 The December magazine is ready to go to the printers and will be available at the Rainbow Cafe on Saturday.

10. Cafe Chief Host's Report

10.1 Colin will replenish the stock of teabags at the Cafe.

10.2 The herbal teas are not used much and look unappetising. It was agreed that perhaps we should stock only one herbal tea from now on and soundings taken as to which this should be.

11. Website Sub-Committee Report

11.1 Newicon have recently inserted our Cookies policy free of charge. They have also made changes to the plugin updates for Facebook and Twitter, so they can be accessed directly from the website, at a cost of £180.

11.2 Colin & Jim have written instructions for the website and hope shortly to finish the instructions for putting the magazine on it.

11.3 The website is working well, one outstanding action is to transfer the ownership to info@gaywest.org.uk.

12. AOB

12.1 The arrangements for the Xmas meal were discussed and agreed.

12.2 Colin passed out a list of subjects which need to be addressed in the months to come.

14. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Tuesday 19th January at Colin's home.