

MINUTES OF GAYWEST COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017

In Attendance:

Colin O'Brien (Chair)

Jim Phimister (Treasurer/Membership Secretary)

Michael Reid (Events Co-ordinator/Minutes)

1. Apologies for Absence:

1.1 John Martin was unable to attend.

2. Minutes of the Previous meeting:

2.1 These were agreed as accurate with one additional comment below.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Colin now has the office telephone number and mobile number to contact Action on Hearing in case of need with our wheelchair user. These contact details will be put in the Pink Folder at the Cafe.

4. Chair's Report:

4.1 All three Pride events are now booked for the summer, and the Bristol Pride has been paid for.

4.2 Planning details of the Bath Pride Event are underway and we are in contact with the organisers via Facebook.

4.3 The recent interview with the Venue column of the '24/7' magazine went well and can be followed online at www.bristol24/7.org.uk.

4.4 New address labels have been printed for the summer pride literature.

4.5 Virgin Care will be taking over health care issues for the area around Bath and we are waiting to hear from them.

4.6 Changes to the website are on-going, and the gallery section is being updated for a fee of £75.00. The contact address will be updated. It is noted that we need access to the Constitution and also back issues of the GayWest Magazine before 2016. There was also a query about the size of photos (4MB or less) that can now be downloaded to the Events/Meetings section of the new website.

4.7 The date of the AGM this year will be amended to Saturday 30 September as the previous agreed date clashes with the Age UK Festival at the City Hall in Bristol on 23 September.

4.8 It is noted that committee numbers still remain a problem despite Colin highlighting this in his notices at the Café.

5. Financial Summary Report:

5.1 Jim has completed his new Income/Expenditure spreadsheets, and the auditor James Whatmore can follow them clearly.

5.2 There is a current balance of £5,400.73, with a Nationwide Deposit Account balance at £2,199.71 as at 10 April 2017.

5.3 The sum of £50 was added to the deposit account on 10 April, and in future months, Jim will transfer similar amounts when necessary to bring the current account to under £5,000.00 for insurance purposes.

5.4 It may be possible next year to record the Christmas expenditure separately.

6. Outreach Officer's Report:

6.1 GayWest has been invited by Leyhill Prison to a fundraising event on 28 May (check date) on behalf of the Prisoners' Diversity Consultative Group (PDCG), and for us to host and organise a quiz of general interest to the whole prison and not just on LGBT issues.

6.2 Michael Reid will help volunteer at the Gloucester Pride.

6.3 It was decided to hold the Post-Bristol Pride lunch at the Hatchet Pub in Bristol on Sunday 9 July.

7. Events Co-ordinator's Report:

7.1 Some details and dates have been amended on the monthly events programme which was recently drawn up and these details are being added to the website.

7.2 It was noted that there may be a difficulty downloading 'snap-shot' photos onto the new website (as in 4.6 of Chair's Report).

7.3 The committee agreed that a proposed visit later in the year to one of the Bristol TV studios would be a good idea.

7.4 Michael will update forthcoming events of interest for display on the Café tables.

8. Membership Report' and Journal Editor's Report:

8.1 We are pleased to report the arrival of some new members at the Café, and the membership total currently stands at 82.

8.2 The printed version of the magazine will be ready on 29 April.

9. **Rainbow Café Report/ AOB:** A general discussion followed, and an idea raised of asking for part time Café hosts to unlock/lock and to set up the café when required. Colin will follow up on this and see what is possible. Final details for next week's Dress to Impress event at Weston-Super-Mare where also confirmed.

9.1 Date of next meeting: on 9 May tbc.

(MR 23/04/17)