

# MINUTES – Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## UNITARIANS IN EDINBURGH

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Zoom

Present : Joan Cook, Julie Finneran, Naomi Keir, Brian Robertson, Ann Sinclair

Apologies : None

Conflict of Interest : None

### Agenda Items

- Julie welcomed everyone to our first meeting of 2023 and gave opening words – Differences of Opinions

1. The minutes of the last Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were confirmed. Proposed : Julie Seconded : Joan

Formal Confirmation of Council Meeting Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Proposed Julie, Seconded Joan.

Formal Confirmation of AGM Meeting Minutes following amendments – done and up to date ready for confirmation at the next AGM.

2. Matters Arising from those Minutes:

Numbers on Council/Co-opting - Updates from All. - ongoing

Children's Programme Update – A possible application is in process and may be taken forward for a 3 month trial basis.

3. Team Updates:

a) Management Team

Reports distributed by Ann and received by all Council members.

Upper Hall Roof Lights investigating and the leak. Approved for repair by council. This will buy time but we still need to address the other roof issues.

Julie has done extensive work on reviewing opportunities for grants, and information is still coming in.

We may use capital reserve and Geddies funds but this will be presented to the Membership in the meeting we plan to hold on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Naomi mentioned idea from the community about a Building Manager and will share the email with Council. Discussion of this possibility was had and will be considered as an option for discussion at the next meeting.

Provision Member Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March in Church and put this in the bulletin.

Ann will contact Hardies to update them.

b) Ministry Team

Meeting was last week.

Ann and Joan will liaise together to ensure that Ailsa's payments due her is up to date and Joan will be her effective line manager.

Monika has stepped down and we thank her for all her commitment and dedication.

Wayside Pulpit notices to go outside the church.

c) Communication Team & Pastoral Care Team – Naomi

Hazel

Postal and cards expenses can be claimed if wished with receipts.

d) Monthly Financial Status Update – Ann Sinclair.

Cashbook and reports were sent and reviewed.

Contract for Gas and Electric lasts until 2024 so we are price protected at the moment.

Contractors rates were reviewed and updated.

Insurance is due for renewal and Council will make the necessary arrangements.

4. SMART Goal Updates:

- i. Roof: To critically review the upper hall roof situation and create a practical proposal for membership for consideration by March 2023  
UPDATED date due to responsiveness grant applications.
- ii. Identify and recruit at least 4 additional people that can help with the short and long term running of Unitarians in Edinburgh by October 2023.  
UPDATE More people are stepping forward and of course more are always welcome!
- iii. Social Events: To plan, coordinate and run 3 social events to encourage participation and collaboration of community between now and June 2023.  
UPDATE: In Person Quiz night was well attended and great fun.  
Christmas Lunch also went well.  
In Planning Stages:  
Lunch after Church in the planning stage.  
Board Game afternoon/evening.  
Film Night  
Walking the Labyrinth in George Square Gardens in Summer.  
Polwarth Church has a labyrinth inside.

5. Any Other Competent Business

Membership List:

1. Needs to be updated and so Ann and Joan will go through and keep it updated.
2. Letter to go out encouraging members to participate, and confirming status in a positive way.

6. Next Meeting: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 on Zoom

Opening and Closing Words next time: Ann

7. Closing Words – William Martin Advice for Modern Parents.

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