

**West Lothian Writers
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday the 19th of April 2011
Carmondean Community Centre, Livingston
7pm**

Attending:

Anne, Eric, Jennifer, John, Norman, Robert, Stephen

1. Apologies:

John Wilkinson

2. Secretary/Treasurers Report

WLW is in a good financial state with £1400 cash reserve in the bank. Over the past year we had three speakers who were Alan Bissett, Magi Gibson and Ian Macpherson.

3. Election of Office Bearers

Stephen said he was happy to continue as Chair of WLW. No one else wanted to stand for the position and so was re-elected as Chair.

Eric said he was also happy to continue as Treasurer of WLW. Again no one else wished to be Treasurer so Eric was re-elected for the following year.

John Wilkinson had expressed an interest in continuing as secretary of WLW however, he was not at the meeting to confirm this. Therefore he will continue in the position on the assumption he wants to continue.

4. Subscriptions

It was agreed to keep the costs the same for next year therefore it is still £5 membership to join West Lothian Writers and £2 to attend each meeting.

5. Any Other Business

a) Website

Stephen has now finished the website. It can be found at www.wlw.org.uk. He would like everyone to have a look at it and suggest anything that could be improved. Also if they have any articles, competitions etc they would like added to the website please email them to WLWriters@gmail.com and Stephen will put them online.

b) Carmondean Community Centre AGM

The Carmondean Community Centre AGM is on Wednesday the 18th of May at 7.30pm. Stephen will provide a report about WLW's activities in the past year but can't attend the event. If anyone wishes to go please contact him.

c) Old Members

Robert suggested that as there are more people on the WLW mailing list than attends meeting a reminder email is sent to non-attenders to try and encourage them to return to meetings. It would also be a good way to find out how we can improve WLW. Stephen said he would send an email before the next meeting.

d) Plans for next year

The following suggestions were made for what WLW could do in the following year:

- A 'How to write a synopsis' session
- A meeting spent on punctuation
- Invite Laura Marney and Alaister Paterson to speak.