

**West Lothian Writers
Annual General Meeting**
Tuesday 18th April 2017
Carmondean Community Centre, Livingston
7pm

Attending:

Liam, Cheryl, Margaret, Chris Y, Evie, Ian, Jenifer, Eric, Chris G, Stephen, Susi

Apologies:

None received

Minutes and Matters from Last AGM:

Stephen presented the minutes from the 2016 AGM. They were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

What We Did Last Year – finances

This year we held a Feedback Session with Janis MacKay, Burns' Night; with the meeting beginning with a Burns' themed writing exercise, a Halloween Party and a Christmas Party. We also celebrated our 10th Anniversary, sharing writing and a meal at the Black Bull in Mid Calder.

As always we were well represented at West Lothian Write, Woo'er with Words & Holocaust Memorial Day.

Finally we welcomed a lot of new members this year including Chris Y, Evie, Liam, Mark, and Anne

Election of Office Bearers:

As required by the constitution the committee – Stephen, Eric, Anne, and Susi – stood down from their positions. Stephen restood unopposed as chair, Eric restood unopposed as treasurer, and Susi restood unopposed as secretary.

It was also proposed that we create an additional, temporary, position to assist the committee to arrange future events. This was considered and it was decided that this was not required at present but could be reconsidered in the future.

Update to WLW Constitution and Membership Fees for the Upcoming Year:

The proposed changes to section 2.3 Membership Fees of the WLW constitution and to the Membership Forms were approved.

It was agreed to keep the fees the same for the upcoming year therefore yearly membership is set at £5 while it will be £2/£1 every fortnight.

Upcoming events/project for 2017/2018:

- Story Writing Workshop: Saturday 13th May from 09:30-14:00 at Linlithgow Academy. Snacks to be provided. Cost to be confirmed
- Feedback Session: Tuesday 13th June Janis MacKay will be providing feedback on writing up to 1,000 words/2 poems. Writing to be emailed to Janis in advance
- Performance Workshop: Date TBC, Regal Theatre. Polly Phillips will be running a Performance Workshop for up to 8 people. Cost to be confirmed.
- Third Anthology: Members will be able to submit up to three pieces. It was decided that no theme would be set. Cheryl and Margaret agreed to assist the committee members to read and select pieces for inclusion.

- Book Festival: It was suggested that we attend the Edinburgh Book Festival as a group. However, concerns were raised due to other commitments, therefore, it was decided that the event could be broadened to include the Linlithgow Book Festival and events at Far From the Madding Crowd Bookshop.

Any Other Business

- Discussion was held regarding joining the Federation of Writers, and it was decided that a link to their site should be sent out in one of the fortnightly WLW emails
- The AGM closed at 7.50pm