

**West Lothian Writers**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2013  
Carmondean Community Centre, Livingston  
7pm

**Attending:**

Anne D, Bill, Chris, Elizabeth, Emma, Eric, Jenifer, Jordan, Norman, Stacey, Stephen

**1. Apologies:**

Anne E, John, Mary, Sally,

**2. Minutes and Matters from last AGM**

Stephen presented the minutes from the last AGM and they were accepted as a fair reflection of the last meeting.

**3. What We Did Last Year – including finances**

Eric presented the finances explaining that we received two arts grants from the council this year for speakers and the writing retreat. In total we have over £1500 so the group is financial secure.

Stephen talked about the last year which has been a great year with lots of new members such as Stacey, Anne D, Jordan

We have a new website which is looking great, especially the new author's pages which are looking really nice.

Five authors visited us last year. They were Ian McPherson, Gillian Galbraith, Janis Mackay, Allan Guthrie, Carmen Reid.

We held our first writing retreat. The weekend was at the University of Stirling with Eric, Anne, Sally and Stephen in attendance.

We published our first collection in From the Purple Notebook which has sold really well and is now available to buy in Far from the Madding Crowd in Linlithgow. Jenifer asked what was the best way of getting more copies of From The Purple Notebook. Eric said he'd bring more copies to the next meeting.

**4. Election of Office Bearers**

As stated in the constitution all the office bearers resigned their post. Stephen re-stood as Chair with the warning that he may have to resign due to re-location to Glasgow. Despite this he was re-elected as chair of WLW.

Eric and Anne E also re-stood for their respected positions of Treasurer and Secretary and both we re-elected.

**5. Subscriptions & Membership Benefits**

It was decided by the membership to keep the membership fee at £5 and meeting subscriptions to £2 with £1 for concessions. A short discussion followed about who counted as a concession. The committee said that a concession was anyone who wasn't in employment.

**6. Upcoming Events/projects for 2013/2014**

An all day workshop at the Linlithgow Canal Centre is to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June from 10 till 5pm with writer Janis Mackay. The name of the workshop is From the Blank Page to the Written Word.

We are also approaching more speakers for our regular meetings. We are presently in discussion with Louise Welsh. The members suggested approaching Dennis O'Donnell and Daniel Pettigrew as guest speakers with the alter focusing on editing.

## **7. Any Other Business**

There was no other business at the meeting so Stephen thanked everyone for attending.