

## AA Edinburgh and Lothian Intergroup

### Minutes of Meeting 30 January 2025

**Date & Venue:** 30 January 2025 at St Catherine's Convent and on Zoom

**Preamble & Traditions:** Tommy read the preamble and Steve read Traditions 1 to 12

**Statement on Offensive Behaviour and Inclusive Language:** Read by George, "This group wants all members, whether new or long-standing, to be kept safe while participating in meetings and other AA activities. This group does not tolerate bullying, harassment, discriminatory behaviour or any other form of abuse or exploitation and wishes to foster an inclusive fellowship. Bad language often offends but it's absence never does."

Present	In Person	Zoom
	George (Chair)	Dave P (Secretary)
	Steve (Treasurer)	Duncan (Just for Today, COTGS, Murrayfield)
	Graeme (Ecomms)	Ewan (GSR Seaside Serenity)
	Dougie (PI)	Fi (GSR Edinburgh Primary Purpose)
	Moira (GSR Dowerhouse)	Suzie (GSR Edinburgh Primary Purpose)
	Tommy (GRS Friday St Catherines)	Chloe (GSR Lipstick w Winners)
	Chris (GSR Tuesday Murrayfield)	
	Davy (GSR Gay Recovery)	
	Mark (GSR Stockbridge)	
	Sarah (Observer)	
	Christine (Observer)	

**Apologies:** Josh, Cheryl, Jemma

**Minutes of previous Meeting:** Davy proposed. Dougie seconded. Accepted.

**Actions From Previous Meeting:** Actions 1 to 8 are addressed under matters arising. Action 9 has been completed.

**Vacancies:** Moira expressed her willingness to take on the role of Regional Rep. She gave a brief resumé of her background in the Fellowship and, by consensus, was appointed Regional Rep.

There continue to be a number of other vacancies, and this topic will remain a standing agenda item.

## Matters Arising:

- 1. Website Hosting Update: Action point 1: Graeme to transfer hosting and check for any outstanding liability.** Separation of on-line and face to face meetings is in progress.
- 2. Mobile Apps:** Ewan and Suzie had had feedback favouring re-introduction of the apps. Graeme advised that the cost is currently £25 lifetime payment for Google Play and \$99 per annum for the Apple App Store. Both apps could be re-introduced very easily and there was general consensus that this should go ahead. **Action point 2: Graeme to progress.**
- 3. European Young Persons Event: Action point 3: Stevie will give a presentation on this at the March meeting. George to progress.**
- 1. Conference Questions Update:** The conference questions have been circulated to groups via email and WhatsApp. Workshops to consider Intergroup's response have been arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March. The Regional Rep normally feeds back our response via Region. As Moira has only just taken on this role she will need some guidance with this. **Action point 4: George and Moira to liaise regarding feedback to Region. Action point 5: George to send out further briefing on groups' input.** As Graeme is unable to attend the first workshop, George will need the Zoom login details. **Action point 6: George, Steve and Graeme to liaise regarding Zoom login details.**
- 4. Chit System Update:** Josh has circulated a comprehensive report detailing how the chit system operates for both face-to-face and online meetings. It was agreed that this covered all the bases and that there was no need for a further presentation. Suzie recorded her wish for the meeting to thank Josh for the hard work he had put into this and the meeting unanimously adopted this.
- 5. Trams Campaign:** The current campaign is due to end in July. Its continuance will be considered at a future meeting.
- 6. Attendance at Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP):** There was a general discussion as to whether we should have a representative on this forum. It was generally agreed that it would be beneficial to have some kind of presence most likely in the form of observer. The meeting considered that we would need to be careful that AA were not seen to have any particular agenda in the partnership other than pursuance of our primary purpose. Chloe remarked that the funding focus of the partnership was currently more on drugs than alcohol. The meeting agreed however that it would be appropriate for someone to attend in an observer role with the possibility of exercising some influence. Did we agree an action here to monitor and feedback

## Questions / Matters Arising From:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Steve advised that overall the financial situation is good. Provision has been made for the trams campaign payment in July and insurance has been paid for the year covering all groups within intergroup. The surplus has also been transferred to Region and a prudent reserve is retained. The large donations which have been received are still within the permitted limit although we need to ensure that the same donor is not also donating to other regions. **Action point 7: Steve and George would monitor for future large donation to ensure that the annual limit for an individual is not breached.**
- 2. Region:** In the absence of a Region Rep's report, George advised that discussions had taken place on insurance, the Scottish National Convention, Prisons & Justice and Europa, but that

there was nothing of sufficient significance to report back to Intergroup other than arrangement for Conference Questions input.

3. **Liaison Officer Reports:** Dougie reported that, given school holidays etc, there was little to report from PI. There are some school talks planned for May. Dougie and Josh have also attended a number of events organised by Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Partnership (SHAAP). Josh has also been working with prisons, health and employment organisations.
4. **GSR Reports:** Several written GSR reports had been received and George thanked the GSRs who had submitted them. While he proposed that no routine verbal reports are needed at the meeting he proposed that any Group who wishes to present, particularly with new, or changed circumstances are welcome to do so.  
Chris (GSR Tuesday Murrayfield) reported that their relatively new group had a good attendance of 10 – 20 and a co-membership with mainly early recovery. Their meetings typically include reflection and meditation.

#### **Any Other Competent Business**

George requested that for future meetings, AOCB should be limited to discussion of topic only and that decisions should only be made for matters of urgency.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed with The Serenity Prayer.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### **Summary of Action Points**

1. Graeme to transfer hosting and check for any outstanding liability.
2. Graeme to progress reintroduction of mobile apps.
3. Stevie will give a presentation on European Young Persons' Event at the March meeting. George to progress.
4. George and Moira to liaise regarding feedback to Region.
5. George to send out further briefing on groups' input.
6. George, Steve and Graeme to liaise regarding Zoom login details.
7. Steve and George would monitor for future large donation to ensure that the annual limit for an individual is not breached.