

# AA Edinburgh and Midlothian Intergroup

## Minutes of Meeting on 28 May 2026

**Date & Venue:** 28 May 2026 at St Catherine’s Convent

**Preamble & Traditions:** The Preamble was read 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)	Brian (GSR Palmerston Place)
	Dave (Secretary)	Chris (GSR Tuesday Murrayfield)
	Steve (Treasurer)	Lorna (GSR EPP)
	Graeme (EComm)	Sam (GSR EPP)
	Steven (Archivist / GSR Muirhouse)	Grace (GSR East End Group)
	Christine (Observer)	Tom (GSR Willowbrae)
		Loral (GSR East End Group)
		Ewan (GSR Seaside Serenity_

**Apologies:** Sharon (GSR St Catherines), Mark W (GSR Stockbridge Big Book), Moira (PLO), Cheryl (GSR COTGS Step 11)

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Accepted without amendment

### **Actions From Previous Meeting**

1. Dave to add a standing agenda item of ‘Liaison Posts’ for all future meetings. Complete
2. Dave and George to work towards the completion of all role descriptions for publication on the web site. Carried forward.
3. Steven and Graeme to work together to publish archive material on the web site. Continuing (see Archivist Report below).
4. Sharon and Steven to arrange transfer of photographs. Continuing (see Archivist Report below)

5. George to circulate email outlining options for Region membership. Complete
6. GSRs to consult with group members re Region membership. Complete
7. Dave to promulgate EGM on 30 April. Complete
8. Brian to send Dave the Convention flier and related information . Complete
9. Dave to circulate flier and related information. Complete
10. Brian, Cheryl, Lorna to liaise re organising a literature table. Complete

### **Vacancies / Liaison Roles**

Ewan (GSR Willowbrae) and Cheryl have both expressed an interest in taking on the **Heath Liaison** role. George said that there was ample scope for them to share the Health responsibilities and that he would talk with them both about how they could best work together in this service role. **Action point 1: George to pursue HLO discussions with Ewan and Cheryl.**

Tom had said that he would potentially be interested in the **Region Liaison** role but he would not currently be able to attend the Regional Sunday meetings due to other commitments. George said that this did not necessarily rule him out of taking on other service responsibilities in relation to the Region role and that he would talk separately with Tom to discuss how best to take this forward. **Action point 2: George to discuss RLO role with Tom.**

George also advised the meeting that Moira had previously expressed an interest in taking on the **Roundabout Liaison** role in addition to her Prison role. George had taken advice on this and had concluded that, as the Roundabout role was not an onerous one, there was no contra-indication to her taking on both service positions. As Moira had tendered her apologies, George said he would advise her accordingly. **Action point 3: George to advise Moira that she can take on Roundabout Liaison as well as PLO.**

Steve advised the meeting that he had approached another Fellow who he thought may be qualified to take on the **Armed Forces Liaison** position. This person had expressed an interest in the role and the meeting agreed with Steve's proposal that he put the Fellow in touch with the Armed Forces liaison person at East of Scotland Region to discuss this further. **Action point 4: Steve to progress possible appointment of AFLO and facilitate communication with EoS Regional AFLO.**

Other vacancies are: **Public Information Liaison, Young Persons' Liaison and Literature Secretary.** As always, Intergroup will be very pleased to hear from anyone who may be interested in doing service in any of these roles.

Loral suggested that the role descriptions be supplemented to include an estimate of the time commitment of these roles and it was agreed to this is something that would be considered. **Action point5: Dave to review role profiles and add suggested time commitments. Action point 6: Dave to work on completion of remaining role profiles.**

### **Group and Service Reports**

No written reports, other than the finance report, had been submitted or presented on this occasion.

#### **1. Treasurer's Report**

Steve had submitted the year-to-date Financial Report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. No questions arose. Steve advised that £128 of the Convention reserve had been used on the recent event. This leaves £430 which will be held to underwrite future Conventions. All individuals involved have now been reimbursed for Convention expenses they had incurred and

the Norton Park venue fee had been paid in full. £4,000 had been paid to Scotia Region and Steve said it is likely that that would be the last payment to Scotia with future Regional payments going to East of Scotland.

## **2. Prison Liaison Officer**

Moira had tendered her apologies but had previously reported that she is still awaiting second level disclosure clearance which is required before she can fully take up her duties.

## **3. Archivist**

Steven reported that he is currently working to compile a history of AA in Edinburgh similar to the York and Glasgow ones, He will work with Graeme to put some form of content on the Edinburgh web site. He said that he is currently working with Sharon to catalogue a collection of old photographs which will ultimately be posted on the internet for members to access.

## **Matters Arising**

### **1. Move to East of Scotland Region**

George reported that he, Steve and Dave had attended the East of Scotland Regional meeting in Perth on 17<sup>th</sup> May. We were warmly welcomed and our application to join the Region, along with Borders and East Lothian Intergroup (BELI) was enthusiastically and unanimously approved. The Region is run with a full and active programme with most of the service roles filled by active Fellows. George said that he anticipates a very positive working relationship with EoS to carry our message. This positive feedback was echoed by Steve and Dave.

### **2. Edinburgh Convention**

George thanked Brian and his team for the success of the recent Edinburgh Convention. The event had been well attended with approximately 130 tickets being sold. The shares had been enthusiastically received by the audience, and catering and choice of venue had been a perfect fit for the event. George advised that there would be a separate debrief on the Convention after the main meeting to discuss lessons learnt and how we can make things even better for future events.

### **3. Filling of Treasurer Post From November**

George advised again that Steve would be rotating out as Treasurer at the November 2026 AGM and that volunteers are sought for this position. Steve had provided a summary of the duties of the Treasurer role which had been circulated to all IG members. George stressed that, while IG can still function without many of the other liaison roles being filled, it is essential that we have a Treasurer and that financial prudence dictates that no one individual holds the post for more than three years. Steve reiterated that he is very willing to provide whatever support and advice any new incumbent needed and that anyone who may be interested on taking on this service role could chat informally with him about it without commitment.

#### 4. Continuation of Tram Campaign

E&MLI had, for the past two years, commissioned an awareness campaign for AA on the Edinburgh Trams and a discussion was invited on whether to renew the campaign for a third year. Steve advised that previous years' costs had been between £5,000 and £6,000 per annum for the placement of 40 posters. Graeme reported that metrics from the scanning of QR codes indicated that there had been 48 visits to the web site by this route.

There was a discussion on the pros and cons of continuing the campaign with a suggestion that extending the campaign to the buses may be an option. It was agreed that there would need to be an evaluation of the costs of the various awareness options and whether the return, in terms of carrying the message, justified whatever the costs were. We would also need to take into account the organisation needed to make arrangement with Transport for Edinburgh (TfE) given that we are currently without a PILO. It was agreed that more information on costs and options was needed so that the matter could be discussed in detail at the next meeting. Steve offered to contact TfE to obtain as much details as possible before the next meeting and the meeting accepted his kind offer. **Action point 7: Steve to contact TfE for quotes and options for continuation of the Tram Campaign for a further year, and report back at next meeting.**

#### 5. Gratitude Week

Steve reminded the meeting the Gratitude Week was once again almost upon us (to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of AA on 10<sup>th</sup> June). He said that he would post an appropriate message on the IG WhatsApp chat and asked that GSRs remind their respective groups that any such payments to the IG account be marked as a payment for gratitude week. **Action point 8: Steve to post message on IG WhatsApp chat re Gratitude Week.**

#### AOCB

There was no other business.

The meeting closed with The Serenity Prayer.

**Date of Next Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

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