

## MINUTES

### GBA COMMITTEE MEETING 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

GLASGOW SHERIFF COURT – COMMON ROOM 5.45pm.

### SEDERUNT

Andrew Stevenson, William Lavelle, David Fiskin, Craig Dewar, Moira Deeney, Fiona McKinnon, Tracy Paterson, Katy Wilson, Jim Bauld, Lindsay Gaughan, Tracey Mulholland, Edward Gilroy, Emma Crilley, Alison Heron & Desmond Ziolo.

### APOLOGIES

Lorna McCann, Ron MacKenna, Scott Adair, Michael Gallen

### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approved

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts In credit

### PRESIDENTS REPORT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

#### CPD MEMBERSHIP

Moira Deeney confirming that 426 members have re-joined this year and confirming that 47 members have not re-joined from last year. The committee thereafter discussing increasing the membership drive of the GBA. Discussing ways of increasing profile of the GBA.

#### CPD

Committee discussing the feedback in relation to the Colessio Hotel- in particular to the family law weekend.

MD reporting back to the committee the feedback from the issues at the Trial Seminar which was well attended.

### COMPLAINTS POLICY

Billy Lavelle advising the committee that he has had a look at the complaints policy provided to him by RMCK. He is in the process of drafting a version for the GBA and once he has done so will distribute it to fellow members. Add to action points.

### ANNUAL DINNER

Michael Gallen providing feedback to the committee regarding a recent meeting with proposed speaker. The committee discussing format and layout of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

### GBA Interns

Committee discussing role of the interns and their responses to consultations in line with their meeting with Katy Wilson and Tracey Mulholland.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT

Following up last month's discussions regarding proposed training that Sheriff's would be receiving in line with the new Domestic Abuse Scotland Act. Discussing this matter and the conclusion being that Andrew Stevenson is not going to contact the Sheriff Principal regarding this matter.

### AOCB

Discussing the number of Undertaking slots that are available on the day. Sheriff Clerks are apparently keen on the idea of solicitors being emailed by secure email the CJSR as it would cut down a workload at their end.

### GBA PROFILES/MEDIA SUB COMMITTEE

Tracey M volunteering to look at ideas of raising the profile of the GBA and discuss media with Ron MacKenna for ideas etc.

### GOLF SPONSORSHIP

Committee confirming £400 as per last year to be contributed to the sponsorship of the GBA golf outing.

### MARTIN LAVERY CUP

This event will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> April and a court be designated. All members are encouraged to attend.

#### ISSUES WITH BARLINNIE

Committee discussing the issue of the new system at Barlinnie Prison regarding implementation of the use of lockers. Discussing that several other prisons already have had this scheme in place for a number of years and it should not impose any difficulty to members. The situation regarding access into the agents visits area will need to be reviewed in early course as a number of complaints from members about the delay in seeing their clients has started to creep back up again. DZ & DF to consult with HMP Barlinnie. Add to action points

#### Undertakings-

Slots for Jan 2018 – 2019 Police had 2929 slots available, they issued 2514 undertakings- 2015 were taken to court after going through COPFS – 15% increase from the year before

#### GBA Trainee:-

Discussing the disappointing news that the application for funding was rejected. Committee thanking Moira for her extensive involvement in the application process. Discussing further options.

Next committee meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 5.45pm