

GLASGOW BAR ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 13th January 2020
Minutes

- **Sederunt**
 - Billy Lavelle, Fiona McKinnon, Craig Dewar, Moira Deeney, Alison Heron, Tracey Mulholland, Lindsay Gaughan, Katy Wilson, David Fiskien, Lorna McCann, Umar Hussain, Jim Bauld, Eddie Gilroy, Scott Adair

- **Apologies for Absence**
 - Andrew Stevenson, Michael Gallen

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**
 - Approved
 - Proposed: TM, Seconded: LM

- **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts in credit

- **President's and Chief Executive's Reports**
 - Membership
 - This is an ongoing issue which we will continue to monitor. All invoices have now been sent out to members who are yet to rejoin
 - **Action:** MD and JB to liaise re potential members
 - **Action:** Sub committee of LM, LG, TM, BL, MD, BL, UH to meet to discuss approach
 - Cells at GSC
 - Further to complaints lodged, we have received a response from GeoAmey which we do not consider sufficiently answers the issues raised
 - **Action:** MD will raise at forthcoming Custody court meeting
 - **Action:** BL is due to meet with the SP shortly and will raise with him
 - Social Ideas
 - Karaoke Night to be planned for February; LG is making enquiries re possible venues
 - **Action:** LG to liaise
 - Quiz night will be organised for March ; arrangements have been made with DJ and quizmasters
 - **Action:** EG to liaise with venue
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting
 - Paisley Faculty Burns Dinner – Will be advertised to members

- CPD
 - Sub Committee will meet ASAP
 - **Action:** meeting to be held and ideas to be formulated
- Practice Note Summary Procedure
 - This has only just commenced in local courts as part of 18 month pilot. FMcK has spoken to Dean at Hamilton and MG has spoken to Paisley Bar. It is early days in the pilot.
 - **Action:** continue to February agenda
- Extension of Civil Assize to Hamilton Sheriff court
 - FMcK has spoken to the Dean at Hamilton in relation to matters and has prepared a note in relation to same
 - **Action:** FMcK to monitor and report
- Case Marking and Stats
 - MD had been seeking figures re diversion but has found it difficult to obtain. There are due to be further meetings with PF and Custody court where the issue will be raised
 - **Action:** CD to raise with PF
 - **Action:** MD raise at Custody court meeting
- **Matters Requiring Special Attention**
 - Practice Note Summary Procedure – update
 - As per action points
 - Extension of Civil Assize to Hamilton Sheriff Court – update
 - As per action points
 - Case Marking and Stats – update
 - As per action points
- **AOCB**
 - Co-opt Country Member
 - Scott Adair has been co-opted onto the committee as our country member.
 - Proposed: BL, Seconded FMcK
 - Date for next AGM
 - **Action:** Continue to March agenda
 - **Action:** Constitution Committee to meet (MD, FMcK, AH, AS, MG)
 - Update Constitution
 - **Action:** Continue to March agenda
 - **Action:** Constitution Committee to meet
 - Membership category for those not now practising
 - **Action:** Continue to March agenda
 - **Action:** Constitution Committee to meet
 - Staff Contracts
 - Specialist advice will be sought
 - **Action:** MG, LM to seek quotes, FMcK having already obtained one

- **Action:** FMcK and BL to decide which to go with and report progress for the next committee meeting
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting
 - Civil Legal aid Review
 - On Agenda in error
 - Committee Details - confirmation all are correct
 - All committee members have ensured that details are up to date. EG to have photo taken for website
 - **Action:** EG to provide photograph to MD for website
 - Honorarium to Past Secretary, Des Ziolo
 - A discussion was held in relation to same. A proposal was made to make an honorarium to the past Secretary. After a vote, the majority decision was to keep the position as it presently stands. The committee wished to thank Des for his hard work over the past two years
 - Judgement re Interest on late Payment of Fees for A&A accounts by SLAB
 - Discussion re same
 - **Action:** FMcK will do a note to be circulated to the members
 - Member's Query re difficulties accessing PF's Office in SC
 - A discussion was held in relation to same.
 - **Action:** EG will speak to Member
 - Bail Undertakings
 - An issue has been raised in relation to the continuation of bail undertakings which is having a detrimental impact on clients
 - **Action:** CD to raise with PF
 - **Action:** MD to raise at Custody court meeting
 - **Action:** TM to do a note
 - Proposed Dates for future Committee meetings
 - Discussion re the setting of same for remainder of year. Same have now been agreed (undernoted)
 - TCPD certificate due for renewal
 - **Action:** MD to complete
 - Changes in practice for Civil Practitioners
 - The civil office at GSC had raised some proposed changes re the issuing of interlocutors and extract decrees
 - **Action:** LM to liaise with Civil office member
- **Current Consultations**
 - Bill for Medical Self Referral of alleged victims of sexual offences
 - A discussion was had re same. The committee decided that we were not placed to respond
- **Next Meeting**
 - Monday 3rd February 2020, 1745

Undernote

Future meeting dates for this committee

3/2, 2/3, 6/4, 4/5, 1/6, 6/7, 7/9, 5/10, 2/11