

GLASGOW BAR ASSOCIATION
EXXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 16th December 2019
Minutes

- **Sederunt**
 - Billy Lavelle, Fiona McKinnon, Craig Dewar, Moira Deeney, Alison Heron, Andrew Stevenson, Tracey Mulholland, Lindsay Gaughan, Katy Wilson, David Fiskin, Lorna McCann, Michael Gallen, Umar Hussain, Jim Bauld, Eddie Gilroy

- **Apologies for Absence**
 - Scott Adair

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**
 - Approved
 - Proposed: MG, Seconded: AS

- **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts in credit.

- **President's and Chief Executive's Reports**
 - Membership
 - We are now in a new membership year. It has proven difficult to get members to rejoin. We will adopt same system as last year where invoice will be sent out.
 - There will be further discussions about attracting corporate members
 - **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
 - York Street
 - The majority of cases have now returned to GSC, save as for AWI
 - **Action:** Remove from future agenda
 - Cells at GSC
 - MD lodged complaints on behalf of a number of members. There are due to be new staff starting in or around 23/12. There is a new category being added to the Clerks' notes as to why courts have gone down so as to account for delays in cell area
 - **Action:** MD will report back at next meeting as to outcome of complaints
 - Barlinnie
 - MD is awaiting a response from earlier communications to Barlinnie. We have been very proactive in communications to try and alleviate difficulties for members
 - **Action:** Remove from agenda and MD will report when necessary
 - Social Ideas

- Karaoke Night to be planned for February
 - 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
 - Annual dinner; a provisional booking has been made with the Grosvenor and will be confirmed for the first Friday in September
 - CPD
 - We reflected on last year's programme. A number of sessions required to cancelled due to numbers. There are new requirements for CPD for Solicitor Advocates
 - **Action:** CPD sub committee formed AH, BL, FMcK to meet in January after next meeting
- **Matters Requiring Special Attention**
 - Practice Note Summary Procedure
 - New procedures to be adopted at Hamilton and Paisley Sheriff courts. We know neighbouring Bars have a number of concerns in relation to same
 - **Action:** Sub Committee EG, MG, DF to meet ASAP
 - **Action:** continue to January agenda
 - Sharing of Written Records
 - A member raised same
 - **Action:** Encourage best practice
 - Extension of Civil Assize to Hamilton Sheriff court
 - Members are encouraged to report any difficulties re same
 - **Action:** highlight to members for awareness.
 - **Action:** FMcK to speak to Dean
 - Case Marking and Stats
 - Discussion re same. MD wrote to various persons, seeking information re stats and in particular, prosecution levels
 - **Action:** DF will attend Criminal Justice Meeting
 - **Action:** MD will ask for national and jurisdiction figures for diversion
- **AOCB**
 - Committee Details
 - **Action:** all to check details are up to date
 - New Wi-Fi
 - We have a new 5 year contract in relation to same. Service is much -improved.
 - **Action:** New Password in January and will be monitored to consider frequency of change of password
 - **Action:** Stickers will be placed in computers in library as reminder that these are for GBA members usage
 - Court Car Park Ballot
 - We will not be processing ballot forms for non members this year

- VP and Involvement on LANT
 - Discussion in relation to same and whether this presents a conflict. At present, it was decided that it does not. However, this will be monitored.
 - CPD sub committee
 - As above
 - Date for next AGM
 - **Action:** Continue to January agenda
 - Update Constitution
 - **Action:** Continue to January agenda
 - Membership category for those not now practising
 - **Action:** Continue to January agenda
 - Staff Contracts
 - Specialist advice will be sought
 - **Action:** MG, LM and FMcK to seek quotes
 - Honorarium to Past Secretary, Des Ziolo
 - **Action:** Continue to January agenda
- **Current Consultations - None**
 - **Next Meeting**
 - Monday 13th January 2020, 1745