

GLASGOW BAR ASSOCIATION  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Via Video Conferencing  
on  
Monday 6 March 2023 @ 5.45pm

AGENDA

- Sederunt: LC, MG, TM, AH, TM, DF, LG, JM, JB, AL, PM, DZ,
- Apologies for Absence; ER, PB
- Minutes of Last Meeting – Approved MG, seconded PM
- Treasurer’s Report – Main Acc in Credit High Int Acc in Credit
- President’s Report (See Action Points)
  1. Custody Court Working Group: Sh Findlay 23/03. Sh Lunny will take over. Key issues – lack of Geoamy staff, (prisons in building and court) delays with Crown case marking and access to cells. Made clear access only 3 rooms. 2 interview rooms female cells, duty room, back of court 3. Access to top rooms in the cells too. Raised all of that – these other rooms deemed unsafe. The assault on CD is the reason they cite – way left for estates to revisit that. Geoamy unable to attract staff. Crown case marking has been elevated to a national level. Raised getting better communication with Geoamy, so there is a way of checking client arrived. Raised that there are rooms around the back – the staffing is the issue for Geoamy.
  2. Local Criminal Justice Board: Current Sh Principal and Sh Principal to be on meeting. Raised issues with the cells. How they can revisit the issues in the cells. He said he would look at it. Sh Principal wants us to relay to members court 4 starts at 9.30. Trying to have custody warrants called. Sh P critical of the crown – crown offered no specifics about why this was happening. Another issue raised – undertaking slots – length of time between release and appearance.
- CPD – 17<sup>th</sup> March FL weekend. 14 non-residential spaces yet. Not a profit maker this time. DB did not sponsor drinks, denovo declined. 21 bookings for PM CPD. Melissa Rutherford doing a trauma awareness CPD on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Risk Management and Billy Lavelle to do a CPD too. Sub-committee members
- Social Ideas – Quiz on Friday. Sold out. Dinner ongoing. Paisley Bar dinner table raised. Raffle prizes for quiz
- LANT Update - Implementation of the increase in fees – won’t be done until 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 which is a disappointment. Hoped that it would be earlier. The fee review remains outstanding.
- SG Updates – no updates

- COPFS Updates – We now have phone numbers for the principal deputies. Raised the issues with disclosure and the switch over from internet explorer to other internet search engines. Also security certificates have expired. [Servicedesk@copfs.gov.uk](mailto:Servicedesk@copfs.gov.uk) for certificates. Additionally, PIDMS raised again.
- A.O.C.B
  1. Sheriff retirements. Sh Findlay retiring email from the clerks drinks reception at court then onward. Sh Wood retiring. We will work on a package of gifts.
  2. LSS Presidents' lunch. Email from the new president and he is doing a faculty visit. JB will go and represent the committee.
  3. SLAB meeting KT Head of criminal legal assistance. KT at the custody court working meeting. Opportunity to have a dialogue with them. KT is the face of SLAB. Offer is whether we want to resume the quarterly meetings. Quarterly meetings not necessary. MG indicates there could be no issue with having a line of communication and the committee agreed.
  4. RFPG – collaboration Advocacy programme – Charles Hennessey emailed regarding this. Civil advocacy over 4 weeks. Suggestion that Sh Elfallah do it in a criminal manner. Sub Committee will consider and revert.
- Current Consultations for Information & Consideration
- Next Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

contd....Action points/

<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Continue</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Continue to next meeting</b>	<b>2022-2023 membership drive</b>
<b>CPD</b>	<b>Education committee</b> <b>Sub</b>	<b>Continue to next meeting</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>Social Ideas</b>	<b>Social committee</b> <b>Sub</b>	<b>Continue to next meeting</b>	<b>Monitor</b>