

NAWRA

Committee meeting – 8 November 2021 – on Zoom

Present: Alan (chair), Daphne, Michael, Gareth, Craig, Zoey, Julie, Juan, Corin, Kelly (minutes)

Apologies: Atif, Tom, Maureen, Dan

Communications and publicity

- **Tom** and **Daphne** to look at revising the benefits updaters chart.

Governance

- **Alan** to contact GMWRAG to ask them to nominate a welfare rights organisation in Manchester to receive a £250 donation from NAWRA in Terry Patterson's memory.

Policy and campaigns

- Equality and diversity:
Atif to arrange another meeting of the working group and provide an update in due course.
- Future-proofing the advice sector:
All to consider the format and speakers at a workshop on how we attract and train new advisers.
- Working group on local authority WROs office space:
Zoey to review the draft of the working group's good practice statement.

Finance

- As at 30 September 2021, NAWRA had 282 members. Income from membership fees this year totals £22,350. We have spent £924.03 on IT-related items (Zoom licence, Mailchimp, Jetpack, SurveyMonkey, domain renewal and web hosting) and £9,200 on CPAG's admin/management fee.

Next conference

Our next conference will take place on 9 and 10 December 2021 on Zoom (hosted by Coventry Independent Advice Service)

Possible workshops and speakers (see attached):

- **Alan** to contact Jo Chimes
- **Alan** to contact Zoe at Citizens Advice in Coventry
- **Daphne** to contact Lindsay Owen at Islington Peoples Rights
- **Gareth** to contact Lord Freud
- **Julie** to send workshop title and blurb to Kelly

Future meetings dates and hosts

Online or in-person depending on the public health situation and demand from members.

- 9 and 10 December 2021 on Zoom (hosted by Coventry Independent Advice Service)
- March 2022 (WRAC or St Martins in the Fields, London?)
- June 2022 (WRAC or St Martins in the Fields, London?)
- September 2022 (Edinburgh?)
- December 2022 (Durham)

AOB

Happy birthday to Tom and Julie.

Next meeting

19 Jan 2022 from 2-4pm on Zoom – **Kelly** to send the link by email.