

“The aims of an intergroup are to aid the constituent groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic and by using their combined strength and unity to improve and maintain good relations with all organisations within the community”

(The AA Structure Handbook for Great Britain 2022)

Alcoholics Anonymous Cornwall Intergroup (CIG)

Minutes from hybrid meeting held on Sunday 17th March 2024

Abbreviations

CIG –Cornwall Intergroup

GSO – general service office

GSR – group service representative

ECLO – electronic communications officer

HLO - Health liaison officer

PI – public information

1. A minute’s silence was observed and the Preamble and Declaration of Unity was read out.
2. Val (Chair) welcomed everyone attending. Thanked Paul for enabling the meeting to be hybrid.
3. Introductions made by all those attending the meeting.
4. A reminder that this is a business meeting and there will be zero tolerance for background chatter as it is very distressing for online participants. Please raise your hand if you want to speak but if you do not have the floor, save your comments and asides for the break.
5. A count was made of those eligible to vote which was 21 members at the meeting.
6. Apologies were made by Kate H Wednesday Hayle GSR, Caroline Intergroup Secretary, Ellie Newlyn GSR and Simon Liskeard.

Register of attendees

Name	Group	Service position/observer
Val	Wednesday Hayle	Intergroup Chairperson
Clare	Tuckingmill online Thursday	GSR
Nick R	Saturday Perranuthnoe	Where To Find Liaison Officer (WTF)
Rob D	Penzance online Friday	Region Officer 1
Gabrielle	Penzance	GSR
Dave S	Liskeard Tuesday	GSR
Liz C	Camborne Tuesday	GSR
Malcolm		Telephone Liaison Officer (TLO)
Peter K	St Just	GSR
Mike		Electronic Communication Liaison Officer (ECLO)
Steffy		Health Liaison Officer
Sally H	Bodmin Tuesday	GSR
Lee N	Newlyn Monday	Stand in GSR
Jess C	Penzance online Friday	Region Officer 2
Janice	Camborne/Tuckingmill	Intergroup Treasurer
Claire W	Thursday Truro	Share Liaison Officer (SLO)
Simon S	Callington	Region Rep/GSR
Raymond H	Callington and Launceston	GSR

Paul A	Yate Friday	Hybrid Technician
Phil	Wadebridge Friday	12Step Coordinator/GSR
Julian	Wadebridge Sunday	GSR
Tammy	?	Observer
Charlie	Wednesday Helston	GSR
Michelle	Penzance	Observer

7. Minutes of the last meeting were approved and no amendments were made. The last Cornwall Intergroup minutes were approved by Raymond and seconded by Sally H.

8. Matters arising

Group Conscience There was an honest and open Group Conscience discussion held within intergroup for members to share safely on how they felt about the resignation of the chair and the events leading up to it. The group conscience was called for by several members before the Cornwall Intergroup meeting.

Website Discussion

The following list are the responses received from the Cornwall groups on the proposal for a new website. The deadline for replies was February 23rd 2024. The proposal was that Eyes Down Digital create the new website at a cost of £4000+VAT.

Group	GSR/Officer	In Favour	Against	Abstain	Get Quotes
Tuckingmill Monday	Caroline	Yes			
Hayle Friday	Caroline	Yes			
Hayle Wednesday	Kate H	Yes			
Camborne Tuesday	Liz C	Yes			
St Mawes	Pip	Yes			
Newlyn Monday	Ellie		No		
Tuckingmill Thursday	Clare	Yes			
Liskeard Thursday	Christine	Yes			
Bodmin Tuesday	Sally H		No		
Perranuthnoe Saturday	Nick R		No		
Penzance Friday online	Rob D		No		
Penzance Saturday am	Gabrielle	Yes			
PZ Saturday online	Linda	Yes			yes
St Just Wednesday	Peter		No		
Saturday Camborne	Jo J	Yes			
Sunday Redruth	Kate C	Yes			yes
Wednesday Redruth	Kate C	Yes			yes
Wadebridge Sunday	Julian	Yes			
Wadebridge wed lunch	Clare	Yes			
Padstow	Clare	Yes			
Truro Thursday lunch	Clare	Yes			
Helston Wednesday	Charlie	Yes			

22 Responses: (17 in favour and of those, 3 asked for more quotes; 5 were against the motion)

Val informed all present that there were 17 groups that voted in favour to having a new website. There was then a discussion on how CIG move forwards. Sally H, commented that

her group felt they didn't have enough time to make a decision. Dave, liked Mike's original quote and felt it suited the fellowship. Mike (ECLO) then read out his report on all of the web companies that have given quotes to build a new website.

Sally H asked Mike which web builder he preferred. Mike said it was hard to answer and wants the groups to decide. He stated there are two he prefers as they will be the easiest to use for newcomers. He reiterated that the current website is especially poor on mobile phones and hard for the ECLO to update. He is keen to move away from WIX and use WordPress. Nick asked if we can wait and get a full quote from Castle Gate who are in the process of rebuilding the main AA Great Britain website. Mike has contacted them and the information is in his detailed report. All agreed we can wait for a full quote from them. Phil suggested a committee moving forward to help Mike with the website. Phil & Jess offered to be on the website committee. Steffy asked if we can agree on the two proposed web builders that Mike prefers, wait for Castle Gate and drop the others? Intergroup then voted in agreement with this suggestion. Mike and Liz both stated they are concerned about how long this is all going to take as there has been and continues to be a delay on choosing a web design company. Gabrielle suggested that we can give the committee the final say, once Castle Gate quote is available, on who they select so that they then can move forwards straight away. CIG voted on this proposal and it was a unanimous vote agreed with 21 in favour.

CHITs During the website discussion, CHIT forms and group reference numbers for this were brought up. Nick currently holds CHIT forms for individual groups. Mike asked if they can be scanned in and saved on a file. Jess queried if GSO have CHITs on their database. Val asked how do people find out their group numbers. Nick stated that if groups want CHITs they can contact him. Sally H said that felt too personal and she would rather have a system where it is access for all. Val asked if we can have a list of groups and numbers on the website. Liz inquired if we can find out for certain if GSO has this information, i.e. CHITs and individual group reference numbers. Val inquired if someone would find out by the next CIG meeting; Steffy has agreed to do this.

Cornwall Intergroup Hybrid Meetings Phil has looked at the tech cost for speakers, microphones, cameras & a screen. Brand new they would cost £3,248.15 and we may also need microphone extensions. Val asked about second hand 'OWL' speakers. They are available for less and purchasing everything second hand is an option. Second hand possibly would cost around £2000. Sally H asked who will carry all the equipment around as it won't fit in her own car. Raymond mentioned that instead of a screen, we could use a projector as CIG already owns two of these. This suggestion was agreed as a good solution. Val said that we need someone to step up and take charge of the hybrid equipment and running the hybrid side of the meetings. Steffy reiterated that it's vital for someone to take responsibility for taking the hybrid forwards, it's almost like a service position in itself. Gabrielle asked if we have voted on going forward with hybrid. Vote was taken on going forward with hybrid; CIG were in favour of moving forward with this, 15 in favour, 1 no and 5 abstentions. Val asked if anyone present today at the meeting could manage the hybrid going forwards. No individuals at the meeting volunteered.

Dave stated he does appreciate that we need to move with the times but perhaps at the moment, financially, the website should be the priority. Liz agreed that the website should be the priority at the present time. Phil enquired is having the hybrid right now, going to solve the problem of participation by members coming to CIG. He said it doesn't have to cost too much if we go second hand but only 3 GSRs and two observers came today online.

Steffy stated it is a yes vote. It feels like we are saying that we are in favour of moving towards making intergroup a hybrid meeting but no one is able to take it on right now so it's still something that will happen in the future, hopefully the near future.

Service Activities In Groups

9. Elections

Val informed the meeting attendees that since the last meeting Christine has withdrawn her nomination as vice chair so Intergroup needs both a chair and vice chair.

Janice nominated Steffy for the position of chair. Seconded by Nick. Steffy said that she is busy with her Health Liaison Officer role but that she always thought it would make sense to rotate out of her current position when the 3 years are up and into chair if Val was staying. The timing would've been perfect. Steffy elaborated by saying she was aware CIG really need a chair, but didn't know if it was the right time. Liz and Jess both agreed that Steffy would be a good chair but also spoke about hearing very positive feedback on the HLO work that she's been doing. If she wants to concentrate on her health service then she should. Gabrielle said that if Steffy took the chair position, she would go up for vice chair in order to support Steffy. Steffy said, she needed guidance from her sponsor and asked if CIG can have a 'caretaker' for the CIG meeting in May otherwise we will have no chair for that meeting. Phil said that its important Steffy isn't pressured into this role, and that its unfair for her to feel this. Nick said that hopefully there will be a PI committee soon and Steffy can delegate some of her health work to them. Liz asked that we take this back to our groups and let people know we need a chair and maybe someone who has been having a break from CIG involvement for several years might come back. Steffy agreed that this is what we need to do.

In the absence of either a chair or vice chair, Gabrielle and Steffy will chair as caretakers at the next CIG meeting in May. CIG is hoping that people will be encouraged to come forwards to take on the roles permanently.

Convention convenor. Nick withdrew his nomination.

Peter was voted in as the Public Information liaison officer with 15 in favour and 6 against.

10. Group reports

Group reports were not read out at the CIG meeting. They are published to read below:

Tuckingmill Monday A friendly meeting with around 16 members attending each week and growing stronger. It is an experience, strength and hope meeting except the first Monday in the month which is a step meeting. All of our service positions are filled at the present time. A lovely venue which has accessibility for the disabled and disabled toilet facilities. Caroline GSR.

Hayle Friday A very friendly group with people coming from a local treatment centre. The meeting has been quieter lately and we would welcome eagerly any members who would like to join us. We have a new chair person and literature person and looking for someone to take on the role of refreshments. Shortly the Chips service position will also be available. Caroline GSR

Liskeard Tuesday We have changed venue and day. From Saturday night to Tuesday night our new venue is The Morley Tamblyn Lodge, Lodge Hill, Liskeard PL14 4EN. We have had our first conscience meeting, Roxanne is our secretary, Linda treasurer and I remain GSR for 1 year. We look forward to seeing visitors in the near future. Dave S. GSR

Penzance Friday Online Topic Meeting Ours is a recovery-orientated online group using the Zoom platform. We pride ourselves on being a place where members can share openly on

problems with alcohol or alcoholic issues, in a friendly environment. A topic is chosen each week aside from the first Friday in the month, when we have a Tradition as the subject. We usually get around 10-13 members at the meeting, and sometimes more, usually including some from abroad. Many attendees are in long-term sobriety and also some in shorter-term recovery. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers.

Bodmin Tuesday Step Meeting Numbers have dropped off over the last 2 months, still 8-10 core members, unfortunately we cannot give a donation at this time. Hybrid meeting, up to 3 on zoom. Sally H GSR

St Mawes We have a very small but steady number of members. We're self-supporting but unusually haven't been able to give a donation to Intergroup this time. We'd love to have more people attending so please visit! I hope to be on zoom tomorrow and will see you then. All the best. Pip

Rotation of Officers

Post	Officers Name	Rotating Out	Contact details
Chairperson	Val	Jan 2024	chair.cornwall@aamail.org
Vice-Chair	Vacant		
Treasurer	Janice	Nov 2023	Janice26504@aol.com
Secretary	Caroline	May 2025	cornwallaasecretary@gmail.com
Where To Find Liaison Officer	Nick R	Jan 2025	aawheretofind@gmail.com
Public Information Liaison Officer	Vacant		
Employment Liaison Officer	Vacant		
Archives	Vacant		
Share Liaison Officer	Claire S	Nov 2025	claire@cornwallbunnyboarding.co.uk
Telephone Liaison Officer	Malcolm	March 2025	07749515504
12 Step Coordinator	Phil	March 2025	12step.cornwall@aamail.org
Probation Liaison Officer	Vacant		
Health Liaison Officer	Steffy	Nov 2025	health.cornwall@aamail.org
Electronic Comms Liaison Officer	Mike G	Nov 2025	cornwalleclo@gmail.com
Armed Forces Liaison Officer	Vacant		
Young Persons' Liaison Officer	Vacant		

Region 1	Rob D	Nov 2024	rob9f92220@hotmail.co.uk
Region 2	Jess	March 2024	jess.chown@yahoo.co.uk
Region 3	Simon	Jan 2025	simonsavory72@gmail.com

11. Officers Reports

Chairs Report

In November 2022, I put myself forward for the position of Chair because I knew that there was a certain amount of ill will towards Intergroup in Cornwall and I hoped to be able to work towards countering that negative assessment by making Intergroup more transparent, welcoming and inclusive. It was my hope that more groups could be encouraged to participate thus making Intergroup more relevant and effective. Unfortunately, recent events have exacerbated this unhealthy division and contributed to a perception of Intergroup as quarrelsome and dictatorial. I am not happy to be resigning because I feel that we have accomplished a great deal as a group and there is still more to do. I will be forever grateful however to all of those colleagues with whom I have had productive and rewarding working relationships.

I would like to make it a matter of record that as Chair, I never acted alone despite contrary accusations. I consistently consulted and worked with Caroline and Janice as members of the Standing Committee, Mike and Steffy as Liaison Officers and other members of Intergroup. The planning meetings for the Autumn Gathering were collaborative, good humoured and effective and it was always my hope that the Intergroup meetings could achieve a similar ethos.

It is important to remember that AA, at all levels of service, is a democratic institution and the only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking. The handbooks offer clear guidance as to the requirements for doing service at intergroup level, but nowhere does it say that a deep knowledge of the Concepts and Traditions are a requirement. There has been a worrying tendency to weaponize the Concepts and Traditions in a way that can make newer member of Intergroup feel inadequate. It is my view that this is something that must be guarded against just as we must guard against any form of hierarchy based on a service record or length of sobriety. Members of Intergroup are guided by the Twelve Steps, by the Service and Structure handbooks and by our own Terms of Reference. While the Concepts and Traditions underpin the structure of AA, they are also open to interpretation and not hard and fast rules.

I have enjoyed my time in the chair for the most part and I am grateful for the friendships I have made. I hope that in future the more troubling aspects of my time in the chair will give way to something that is more in keeping with the spirit of unity that is the cornerstone of our Fellowship.

Janice Treasurer Please see the appendix giving details of the report. Opening balance £6,039.88

Income	£4,116.00
Expenses	£ 539.80
Closing balance	£9,616.08

As always many thanks for all contributions from groups and individuals.

As I will be leaving this post by November I have written a summary of what the position involves. I am looking forward to guiding/sponsoring somebody into the role in the near future. Also I will be passing on the laptop with all the information on.

Bank details for BACS transfers - Cornwall Intergroup AA. Sort code 60 21 37. Account number 57506590 with the group name in the reference.

Caroline Secretary A reminder to both GSRs and intergroup officers to send their intergroup reports, at the latest, by the Saturday after intergroup to ensure they are included in the minutes. I have received only 6 reports from all of the groups in Cornwall this time. Please pass on the message that it would be great to hear from more groups and how they are getting on and if they require any help.

Nick R WTF (verbal report) reminded people to please advise him of any changes needed in good time. Please disseminate this to other groups.

Clare W Share

Malcolm Telephone LO

Phil 12 Step Coordinator

Steffy Health Liaison Officer Last week I carried out a presentation and open meeting workshop for student nurses at Truro college. It was a very positive afternoon. There were 14 members of AA taking part. After an informal presentation, there was an observed open meeting followed by a question and answer session. We had great feedback from the students and the course lead. The message of AA recovery was carried very well. I would like to say a really big thank you to all the AA members who came along.

I have sent out some packs to the practice manager and social prescriber based on St Marys on the Isles of Scilly and to the manager of the Island Hall on St Martins. The packs include posters with added QR codes that link to the Cornwall website and leaflets that I've produced that list all the local online AA meetings. There are no meetings on the Scilly Isles and I felt it was important to reach out, as they are part of Cornwall.

I now have all the leaflets that I ordered for the newcomer packs that I am sending out to specific health professionals that I am linked in with. As well as an anonymised letter that includes the experience strength and hope shares of two members of AA in Cornwall. Ideally, I would like to include contact numbers from the 12 step list but for now I will just include information on the phone lines, the website and the chat now service. But I would like to discuss at a later date having a separate 12 step list for health that can be passed on to still suffering alcoholics that have asked their health professional for information on AA meetings. In other counties it is not uncommon for the liaison officers to have a specific 12 step list.

I have tried several times to regain communication with Penryn school but unfortunately, no one is getting back to me. What I will do after Easter is reach out to two different schools; Nine Maidens, which is a pupil referral unit and Richard Lander.

I have had a conversation with the manager of the treatment centre, he is delighted that Intergroup will be donating some new books to the rehab and asked me to say a big thank you to everyone.

Mike G Electronic Communication Liaison Officer Please see matters arising in the minutes. Following on from Intergroup in January, much work has been put into researching and sourcing quotes from independent and company-based website designers.

We currently have 2 quotes from independents and 4 from companies as follows:

Dan Pavlov (Independent/Wix)	£3000.00
Lou Quinton (Independent/Wix)	£850.00
Eyes Down Digital (Company)	£4800.00
Cape Creative (Company)	£5000.00
Solve (Company)	£4995.00
Known (Company)	£7435.00

All proposals and quotes have been shared and I hope everyone has spared some time to look through them. The two independent quotes are based on using WIX's content management system and all company quotes WordPress. As mentioned in my covering email, we are currently using WIX and choosing this option again could be a backward step. WordPress is used by nearly 50% of all sites worldwide.

I have also been in touch with Castlegate IT having spoken to Paul, the Somerset ECLO who informed me that they are redesigning the national AA Website. I have asked them for a quote based on the project specification and stressed that a new site would be self-managed, thereby avoiding any additional site management and admin fees. Castlegate have responded as follows:

"As you may know, we have been working with the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous on the new national website, including meeting finder, due to go live later this year.

We would be delighted to explore the possibility of helping with your regional website. I'll be back in touch soon with more details".

Michelle P emailed me asking that any optional, additional and training costs be specified and made available to all Cornwall AA members. As mentioned previously, we have made it clear that our site will be self-managed and below is a list of costs that fall outside the above quotes for any additional training:

Dan Pavlov/Independent Website Designer:

"Given the scope of the project as outlined in the specifications, my quote for the complete redesign, development and training is £3000".

I emailed Dan on 14th March asking for an hourly rate and no response as yet

Lou Quinton/Independent Website Designer:

"I am also happy to offer a training session to one or a few people at the end, for basic edits and changes to the site (eg images, text)" Total for project - £850.00

Additional support charged at £45.00 per hour

Eyes Down Digital/Website Design Company:

*"Eyes Down will provide CMS training to your team via webinar. **We will record the training and supply a video which can then be used to on-board future staff members.** We offer on-going support and optimisation starting from £300 (+ VAT) per month which is our three hours per month tier. This may comprise any mix of development, design, reporting and strategic planning. Our monthly support is backed by a service level agreement (SLA) which includes guaranteed response times, smaller billing units, a reduced hourly rate for additional work and maximum turn-around times for new work. You can see more in the attached draft SLA. Monthly on-going support is not mandatory, and we are happy to provide ad-hoc hourly support if preferred.*

Based on three hours totalling £300.00, we can assume that additional support would be £100.00 per hour

Cape Creative/Website Design Company:

As there are a range of pricing plans, the levels of support included vary from one hour to two hours and are included in total package costs.

Having contacted Cape Creative, they stressed that all support would be provided during the transition process and understood that there might be times when present or future personnel may need refresher or instruction sessions. These sessions would cost £80.00 per hour.

Solve/Website Design Company:

"We offer an initial training session via Gmeet as part of the project, so the training can be recorded and shared with you for future reference.

Ongoing training can be offered as roles change; for this, we would charge £72.50+ VAT and can include as many of your team as needed"

Known/Website Design Company:

"Support, Consultation and Small Web Development Amendments Will Be Quoted-For Individually.

Our hourly rate is R950 - £39.85 excl VAT.

Any Training, Support and Additional Design or Development Amendments/Updates will need to be discussed in clear detail, in advance, to eliminate the room for error and ensure that everyone is on the same page”.

Both WIX and WordPress charge platform hosting fees. We have been paying an annual subscription to WIX of around £150.00. Having recently checked, annual prices for both WIX and WordPress are £240.00 per annum, although offers are usually available when paying annually.

I recently received an email from a returning member asking if CHIT forms were available at face-to-face meetings listed below. I have answered saying that any info regards face-to-face meetings are updated on our website whenever I receive notification of changes. The meetings in question are:

Newquay/Monday

Tuesday/Bodmin

Wednesday/Wadebridge

Thursday/Truro

Friday/Newquay

Saturday/St Austell

Sunday/Chacewater

Could we please check that all meeting details on the current Where to Find are correct and notify Nick R (WTFLO) if any changes need to be made.

I would personally like to thank Val for her enthusiasm and tireless approach in assisting me with this project and my hope is that the right decision will be made sooner rather than later.

I understand that we are discussing a large amount of expenditure which will benefit newcomers, visitors and existing members for many years to come.

My thanks also to Nick R for taking the time to research both independent and company website designers and forward details.

I will be taking the 2 year option of service in this role and step down in November. I hope we can come to a decision to allow for this project to be completed, for me to learn the new operating system and sponsor a new ECLO into the role.

Many thanks, Mike G AA Cornwall ECLO

Update following Intergroup:

During Intergroup, it was decided to form a committee to assist with all things related to updating the website. Many thanks to Jess and Phil for volunteering. We are now meeting weekly to discuss options and last Thursday (21st March), we narrowed potential companies down to two. These two are Cape Creative and Eyes Down Digital. Phil offered to send details/quotes to his cousin who is industry savvy, to help us make an informed decision as to which company and what they are offering, would best suit our new website.

All independents and companies that did not make the final list have been emailed and wished us well with our project. I will continue to provide updates on progress over the coming months.

Jess Region Jess briefly ran through her region report. **Of note for GSRs: there are questions that need to be discussed by groups regarding safeguarding. These have been sent separately.** Jess informed us that Region are withholding Tradition 7 due to an issue raised in Rob D's region report below. Intergroup voted to send money straight to GSO.

Rob D Region Regional Assembly report from 10th March 2024

Here are the main points to report back from the Regional Assembly on 10 March. If anyone wants further detail, please ask me.

The problem with the Southern National Convention (SNC) has again resurfaced. This time, the SNC Committee has finalised the venue for 2024 as Sandy Bay Holiday Village (Weston-Super-Mare) and has entered into an Event Contract with the company that manages bookings. This contract provides for exclusive use of the site but at a cost if the end result exceeds AA's aspirations: £30,000 to be paid if the event is cancelled, and the shortfall up to £79,500 if this figure (for minimum bookings) is not met. The SW Treasurer is again

proposing to withhold SW's 'share' of £79,500 should AA be called upon to pay (ie, £13250). I asked what happened in years prior to Covid but apparently a loss was never made until then. I said I could understand the reasoning behind this proposal, but our Intergroup is substantially against SW Region withholding money like this rather than sending it to GSO to help the still suffering alcoholic so I would be against the proposal. The vote was substantially in favour however: only two votes against it

Hybrid Region Assemblies: it was proposed that SW Region purchased its own equipment so hybrid could continue. The cost was stated to be £1300 including the TV. After discussion it was agreed to investigate whether a projector and screen would be more useful, and the proposal was amended to £1000 to be paid for the remaining equipment. This was agreed by a majority vote

Jess spoke on the 'As We See It' meetings and encouraged greater attendance from SW members. To this end, she had (as previously agreed) provided 2500 generic flyers to hand out to all SW groups, and these were distributed to the Intergroups today. Jess also today rotated out of her position as the rep for these workshops: Peter H from Somerset has taken over

Safeguarding: the document is now 99.8% finalised. The document was either seen previously by the Region attendees, or was seen over lunchtime today. A vote was taken and it was agreed this would now be sent out to the SW groups

Forum on 2 June 2024: this will be a workshop-based event with Ranjan (the AA General Secretary) and two GSO staff, plus two trustees (expected to be those for PI and Health). It will be held at The Kenn Centre, Exeter: the whole building has been hired so breakout rooms can be available. The Regional PI and Health reps will also be there to assist in running the event. All SW Intergroup PI and Health Reps will be invited and Region will pay their expenses. Regional Officers will also be there. I asked about Region Reps and was told they would be welcome, although it will be up to each Intergroup to pay their Regional Reps' expenses if they attend. **Do Intergroup want our Regional Reps to go?**

It was mentioned that some Intergroups' entries in the Confidential Directory were out of date (**can Caroline check ours?**)

Other matters covered:

The attendees who were online at today's meeting said some of the voices were muffled. It was agreed to look at whether microphone extenders might help eradicate this problem Bournemouth Intergroup were looking at getting posters at railway stations and/or on trains. Region may look at this in detail to see if it would be worthwhile doing this on a wider basis (eg Penzance to London trains). Watch this space!

Cornwall's report had been mislaid. Raymond agreed to assist Simon in reissuing it Plymouth Intergroup's 2024 Convention will be held on Saturday 17 August – further details later

TLOs: there is a meeting on Zoom for all SW TLOs on 7 April 2024 (details have been issued)

2024 Conference: deadline for responses is 24 March 2024, which is also the date for the online meeting on Zoom with the delegates (1000-1200) at which all feedback is welcome Vacancies at Region are 5 Alternate Delegates (especially one or more from Cornwall if possible), Archivist, Young Peoples' LO, Electronic Communications LO and one SNCC rep. Upcoming vacancies are SW Treasurer in June and SW Chair in September 2024 – both of these latter two of course are particularly urgent. Two nominations for the vacant posts were received and seconded at the Assembly: Matt D (Plymouth) for Alternate Delegate, and Adam (Somerset) for Electronic Communications LO. Further nominations welcome and needed! **GSRs: please mention this to your groups**

Voted in today were Carol R (Jersey) as Vice Chair; Craig B (Bournemouth) as Health LO; and – because of the urgency in getting at least some representation on the SNCC – Stevie (Poole & District) was nominated, seconded and voted in as one of SW's SNCC reps.

The next Regional Assembly, in June as well as the Forum, will be at The Hub, Heavitree Park, Exeter EX1 3DN on 16 June 2024. It will also be hybrid so observers are welcome in person or on Zoom.

Any other business

At the end of the meeting Michelle said that Hybrid should be going ahead as it is the ECLOs responsibility. Several members said that it isn't his responsibility. Mike has a huge job on with the new website and the Mike has already said he will not be taking on the hybrid role as well as his other service work for CIG. Michelle stated that she feels frustrated and said she hasn't been heard. Julian stated that it was a shame that Jess and Steffy had to rush their reports as we had run out of time.

Val acknowledged that we had run over time and thanked everyone. Steffy thanked Val for her service and Val was applauded by everyone.

Next Cornwall Intergroup meeting Sunday 19th May 2024 at 10am. This will be held at the new venue (booked for May and September) at Threemilestone Community Centre, Pengelly Way, TR3 6DP.

12. Mike volunteered to do refreshments at the next CIG meeting in May.

13. No resentments were expressed at the meeting.

14. Tradition 7

15. Serenity Prayer was said at the close of the meeting.

Bullet Points

- Intergroup held a group conscience as requested and discussed the resignation of the chair and events leading up to it.
- Website – There is now a small committee to push the new website forwards, consisting of Mike, Jess & Phil. Following the votes from groups being in favour of a new website, it has been agreed that the two most attractive web design companies have been shortlisted and the ECLO will wait for the final quote from Castle Gate. Then the committee will choose which provider to go for and move forwards with the new website. This was all voted for and agreed.
- Hybrid – Intergroup has voted in favour of having hybrid meetings however as there is currently no one willing to take on this responsibility we will have to hold off on moving forwards. Please can GSRs encourage people to be of service and attend intergroup. We need willing AA members to be of service, including someone to run the hybrid meetings.
- The issue of Chits and group ID numbers was raised. By the next intergroup there will be a clearer understanding of how groups can a) access Chits for their meetings and b) find out their group ID numbers.
- Elections – at the next Intergroup, two members will temporarily chair the meeting. GSRs please let groups know that we need a chair for Intergroup. We are particularly interested in AA members who feel they have enough experience of chairing meetings, some IG experience to come forwards. Perhaps someone who has had a break from IG for several years and is willing to return.

- Peter from St Just has been voted in as the new Public Information Liaison Officer.
- Can GSRs please go through the safeguarding questions with their groups before next IG.
- Health Liaison Officer Bullet points:
 - A presentation & open meeting workshop was carried out at Truro college, to student nurses. It was attended by 14 AA members and was a real success. A huge thank you to all the people who came along and took part. The feedback from the students was really positive.
 - Specially designed leaflets have been sent to health professionals on The Isles of Scilly with information on local online AA meetings in Cornwall.
 - In the near future I would like to have a 12 step list with a few willing members of AA who are available to receive a message or a call from newcomers who have been signposted by their health professionals. As this will primarily just be a phone contact; if you have a minimum of 12 months sobriety, have worked the steps and have a sponsor, you can go on the list. Please email me if you are interested.
 - There will be more presentations in the future as well as some informal AA talks in schools.
 - Email: health.cornwall@aamail.org
- Next Intergroup will be at our new Mid Cornwall venue in Threemilestone.
- PLEASE CAN ALL GSRs reiterate how important it is that AA members come along to intergroup. We are not trying to hide the fact that there has been some difficulties. We have had positive discussions and are hopeful that we can move forward with a better atmosphere. However, only one third of meetings are currently represented at Intergroup. We will do better at supporting and welcoming people who come along so please try to do so.