

Bailgate U3A

Minutes of Committee Meeting 16/07/19

In Attendance: Baz Aveyard (BA), Rosemary Palmer (RP), Annie Newcombe (AN), Joan Foord (JF), Dave Hunt (DH), Linda Mason (LM), Melody Cottrell (MC), Derek Cottrell (DC,) Julie Killey (JK) .

1. Apologies for Absence

Peter Norval (PN)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of last meeting were accepted as a complete and true record.

3. Matters Arising

BA reported the quote of £78 for scones and butter to be served at the August Social had been accepted. (See below).

4. Finance

DH reported the Balance in the accounts on 25/06/19 was £1,852.70.

BA reported HSBC had turned down our application for a bank account.

After discussion it was decided to apply to Lloyds Bank which has a Lincoln branch and, in the meantime, to continue with the Coop. The paperwork to add the Treasurer as a signatory to the account (alongside BA and PN) is underway.

5. Membership

A N reported to date 119 Members have currently paid subscriptions, 2 more renewed today and there was 1 new member at the meeting.

6. Interest Groups

There were no changes to report.

There was a discussion about some recent instances of individuals attending Interest Groups before paying their membership subscription. RP reported she had recently reminded convenors that this is not permissible for insurance reasons.

7. Speakers

RP reported that 4 speakers for next year had been booked.

8. Website & Newsletter

AN reported she had met with DC to introduce him to the U3a website builder software. He is now registered as an editor and has successfully trialled editing one of the Group pages.

DC and AN will meet further once more new material is available from convenors. Pam Simpson, the outgoing Chair, is no longer registered as a website Editor.

9. Correspondence

JF reported that a notice for the Neighbourhood Group AGM had been received. It was agreed this should be displayed on the notice Board for the next meeting.

10. Forward Planning

August Social.

After strong representations from certain members, it was decided to buy jam to go with the scones for the August Social. The venue will set out tables and provide tea and coffee, and there will be a pay bar.

BA is organizing “ice breaker quizzes” and groups will be encouraged to disperse to different tables to encourage more socialisation.

11. Any Other Business

Resilience.

There was a discussion about how best to ensure each committee role had a designated backup who could step in when holidays or illness or other commitments made this necessary. The pairings agreed were:

- DH and BA (Finance)
- AN and DC (website)
- BA and PN (Chair)
- RP and JK (meeting and greeting speakers)

There was a discussion as to how to provide backup for the Membership Secretary role. AN agreed to continue to support membership activities once she steps down from the committee. The Chair expressed thanks for this. There was a recognition that the role of Membership Secretary is onerous.

The merits of using “Beacon”, the U3a’s integrated membership, groups, email and finance system, to reduce the work of Membership Secretary, was considered. It was agreed BA would consult other Branches on their experience of the system and report back.

12. Date and time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th September at the Nightingale Rooms following the monthly meeting.

Signed :

Date:

Baz Aveyard