

# u3a Bearsden & Milngavie

# Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Place: Milngavie Community Centre

Attendees: David Bland, Linda Boyle, John Davies, David Gow, Trish Kerr, Anne Lindsay, David Martin, Richard Petty, Maureen Smith /Chair, Jim Thomson, Linda Tindall, Suzanne Walker / Guest

Apologies: None

Agenda item	Actions
<p>Maureen welcomed and introduced Suzanne Walker who might like to join the Committee. We all introduced ourselves.</p> <p><b>2 Minutes of May Committee Meeting &amp; Matters Arising if not covered below</b></p> <p>Minutes were approved.</p>	
<p><b>3a Chair’s Report</b></p> <p>Linda T has offered to take on the role of Secretary as Linda B will be leaving the committee.</p> <p>Maureen asked if we needed a social media presence and there was a lively discussion on whether we should have a FB page of our own to raise our profile amongst Bearsden &amp; Milngavie and surrounding areas. Maureen asked Linda T to investigate.</p> <p>Jim suggested a social media interest group. We could point them in the right direction and leave them to it.</p> <p>There was more discussion with AL suggesting a survey with a question “Do you use social media”. It was suggested that Maureen ask at the next MM how many people are on FB or social media.</p> <p>DB said that he could add a questionnaire to the NL page of the website. He will advise the committee.</p> <p><u>Fit for the Future Update:</u> The Report advised significant support from u3a’s to restructure the setup. We will have further opportunities to discuss and question before the AGM in October.</p> <p><u>Greater Glasgow Network meeting</u> was attended by Linda T on Maureen’s behalf. Helensburgh and Glasgow South Side are now using Siteworks.</p> <p>BBQ tickets have sold well, so our first joint venture should be successful.</p> <p>Our appeal for volunteers at the May MM met with limited response. Anne L has produced 2 new leaflets “Your U3A Needs You” which Maureen will laminate for the Welcome Desk.</p> <p>David B suggested forming small sub-groups; a bit of delegation. For example, Mary and Isobel are helping David B and David M respectively but don’t want to join Committee.</p>	<p><b>Linda T</b></p> <p><b>Maureen</b></p> <p><b>David B</b></p>

<p><b>3b Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Although funds are healthy now, it will be necessary to increase subscriptions next year. David suggested an increase from £10 to £15 for single members and from £18 to £20 for joint members.</p> <p>This was approved by the committee and will still leave BaM as one of the cheapest u3as to join.</p>	
<p><b>3c Membership Secretary's Report</b></p> <p>Membership up to 700+ with 21 new members joining in May. Sent 'goodbye' email to 42 members who had not renewed by 31/05/24 which has led to 7 members renewing since then. This puts our overall renewal rate above 90%.</p> <p>There were 300 records to delete for non-members from Beacon. This was done, one by one, by Pamela Davidson and I am very grateful to her.</p> <p>Of the 650 renewals, most were by BACS. Cheques cause more problems and take more time. Next year, by waiting until transactions have been cleared by the Bank and entering them in the same order into Beacon, should make online renewal easier.</p>	
<p><b>3d Groups Co-ordinator's Report</b></p> <p>The Ballroom Dancing group is struggling. Very poor turnout recently and this has resulted in Scott (instructor) indicating that he will not continue.</p> <p>Everything else going well with some groups full. Painting and drawing for example. It was suggested that perhaps Convenors should be saying "there is a waiting list" rather than "full".</p> <p>Art 2 is in the pipeline but no convenor yet. There is a Craft 2 but still in the early stages with this.</p>	
<p><b>3e Events Coordinator's Report</b></p> <p>The Waitrose wine tasting had been very successful, and Linda T had received several emails thanking her for organising it.</p> <p>The next event is a wine tasting at Majestic, Bearsden on the 22nd of August.</p> <p>Suzanne has agreed to help Linda with Events.</p>	

<p><b>4 Newsletter Distribution</b></p> <p>A member had asked if it was time to reconsider the format in which we circulate the monthly Newsletter. Not at all a criticism but a question of whether we could communicate more effectively with our members. It was prompted by the latest issue of “Your u3a Friends Newsletter” which comes as an email which you can open in a browser. This method however would have a cost implication and we would need to learn how to use the new system.</p> <p>There was a short discussion on whether the 500+ ‘hits’ on the NL was an acceptable number. Maureen suggested we wait until after migration before considering any change.</p> <p>It was suggested that some printed copies of the NL could be available at the Welcome Desk at MMs.</p>	<p><b>Maureen</b></p>
<p><b>5 Website Migration Update</b></p> <p>David B is booked on Zoom training on 25<sup>th</sup> June to be followed by completing the workbook. Mary has completed her training and has been working hard, checking and tidying up our current site which needs to be completed before migration. On migration the new site will not go live until final checks have been carried out.</p> <p>There are 200/300 u3s’s which have already migrated.</p>	
<p><b>6 Sharepoint</b></p> <p>David M and Isobel are still looking at the best way to use Sharepoint and we will discuss it more fully at a future meeting.</p>	
<p><b>7 AOCB</b></p> <p>Maureen asked Trish to do the vote of thanks at the next MM which Trish agreed to do. There was a discussion about token/voucher being suitable for Speakers or donation to charity. It was thought £30-£40 reasonable.</p> <p>There was discussion on whether committee meetings were required over the summer, and it was agreed that the next meeting would be in September. The meeting room will still be available if required.</p>	<p><b>Trish</b></p>

**NEXT MEETING: 10AM TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 24 IN MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY CENTRE**