

u3a Bearsden & Milngavie

Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday 12th March 2024

Place: Milngavie Community Centre

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

Apologies: Linda Tindall

Agenda item	Actions
<p>2 Minutes of February Committee Meeting & Matters Arising if not covered</p> <p><u>Reference Matters Arising Item 4: Singaloud Choir</u> Maureen emailed choir master but no reply.</p> <p>Ref Item 3f: Maureen had suggested Gavinsmill as a meeting place. She emailed them but no reply. She will pop in to see Julie. Just a reminder, it is an evening venue.</p> <p>Ref Item 4: Greater Glasgow & Central Belt Networks: Maureen and Jim resigned from Central Belt Network as it clashes with our meetings. Greater Glasgow Network more useful to us.</p> <p>Ref Item 5: Fit for Future: Maureen cannot attend the u3a Scotland Zoom meeting on 18th March which includes Succession Planning. John will be there.</p>	<p>Maureen Smith</p> <p>John Davies</p>
<p>Maureen asked Isobel Macqueen to start off meeting with her thoughts on how she could assist with our IT. She had seen request in NL. Her expertise certainly backs up her ability to do this. There was confirmation that Isobel now had licence and it was acknowledged she was okay to use Sharepoint. We all agreed to her 'experimenting' with old committee minutes. Maureen would give her a memory stick. Maureen suggested we could see how Isobel had got on at next committee meeting in April. Isobel then left the meeting.</p>	
<p>3a Chair's Report</p> <p>Maureen had met with Brian McDermott of East Dunbartonshire 'Befriending Service' to discuss the possibility of advertising their organisation in the NL or at a MM. He has agreed to come along to talk at a MM and David B would put it on website to gauge interest, not through the u3a but encouraging East Dunbartonshire.</p> <p>Maureen and Jim T attended the meeting of Greater Glasgow Network, where it was suggested, we look at Causeway Coast u3a's task group 'Support Network' and how they help their older members. It was decided that this was not for us.</p> <p>With reference to Causeway u3a and Riviera Travel, Maureen didn't think we should 'tout' for advertising, and we all agreed.</p> <p>With reference to Paisley u3a and their promotional film, David B has asked on the website for help in promoting our own. There is no feedback yet. Jim T suggested a group would be able to organise. So, there will be more continuing discussion.</p>	<p>Jim T</p> <p>David B</p> <p>Committee</p>

<p>Maureen advised; we now have a CLA Licence at £64/yr. This will enable the Short Story Group and others to copy and distribute printed material without breaching copyright laws.</p> <p>Maureen told us that Jenny had forwarded information about Milngavie Week participation, and we agreed with her that this venue would not be useful to us.</p>	
<p>3b Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Subs renewals are going smoothly to date with just over 400 out of 700 members. At the moment the deficit is £2,500. Next year's subscription increases of £4/5 would still be a good cost.</p> <p>David M advised that Windows 10's end of life was next year, so maybe a new PC required but not a large cost.</p> <p>John D asked when we would advise members about the subscription increase. David G gave options with reference 'year-end'. Maureen suggested we advise at AGM and implement from January 2025 before April 2025.</p>	
<p>3c Membership</p> <p>As of 10-3-24, now up to 700 members. The membership will rise to a maximum on March 31, when we get charged for Beacon, then fall on April 1 due to those members who have not renewed. John will thank those who have renewed at the April MM.</p> <p>A few members lack email addresses, and their numbers seem to be rising rather than falling.</p> <p>A new company to handle the data transfer portal for the Third Age Matters Magazine has been found, so John will shortly upload the addresses for the April issue.</p>	
<p>3d Groups' Report</p> <p>There have been 15 ideas for new Groups. With reference to Wine Appreciation, Maureen advised first meeting is at end of April.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we have lost the Limericks Group.</p>	
<p>4 Contingency Planning for Monthly Meeting</p> <p>There was discussion about going forward if membership numbers increase as St. Andrews capacity 150. The Bearsden Baptist Church and the Milngavie Town Hall had both been looked at. Although hours do not suit us, contact to be made with Baptist Church to find out costs. It was agreed to leave it just now with Easter/Summer coming up.</p>	<p>Committee</p>

<p>5 AOCB</p> <p>There was discussion about a document forwarded by David B and the signing of T. and C. The licence is £50/yr and it was asked “who is going to run this?” Maureen asked if she should sign as Chair.</p> <p>David B advised there is an increase of visits to website and new groups have invigorated interest.</p> <p>Maureen will not be at next MM, so Trish agreed to introduce the speaker with Jim T giving the vote of thanks.</p>	

NEXT MEETING:

10AM TUESDAY 9th APRIL '24 IN MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY CENTRE