

u3a Bearsden & Milngavie

Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday 9th April 2024

Place: Milngavie Community Centre

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

Apologies: David Bland, Jim Thomson

Agenda item	Actions
<p>2 Minutes of February Committee Meeting & Matters Arising if not covered</p> <p><u>Reference Item 3b: Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>David G wished to include that the increase to subs, after advising at the AGM in September, would be implemented from January '25 before April '25</p> <p>Maureen asked Linda B to amend March Minutes and send to David B</p>	<p>Linda B</p>
<p>Maureen asked Isobel to update us on Sharepoint progress.</p> <p>She would like advice going forward. Jim T had sent lots of information up to 2020. She has taken this and sectioned into 'headings'. After much discussion it was decided to archive everything not recent or relevant. Maureen asked her to put everything into Folders and Isobel will send to Committee.</p> <p>She then left meeting.</p>	<p>Isobel Macqueen</p>
<p>3a Chair's Report</p> <p><u>1. Fit for the Future</u></p> <p>Maureen referred to John D's Report on u3a in Scotland Zoom Meeting held on 18th March 24. This has been circulated. The Trust wants all u3as to complete a short survey about the proposed changes. Feedback from all u3as and networks will be analysed and they will then decide in June if a resolution is to be presented to u3as for the October AGM.</p> <p>Maureen had sent us an A4 version of Fit for the Future which simplified what is being considered. There was much discussion and questions about various aspects. Maureen thought the Council would work well. Liz Irvine attending Central Belt on Zoom. Maureen will email to find out more info before replying on our behalf. For example "Scottish Rep on Board?"</p> <p><u>2. Induction pack for new committee members</u></p> <p>East Kilbride u3a Trustee Induction Pack – sent to us all – and what did we think? E.K. are happy for their induction pack to be used by other u3as. As Maureen pointed out, our own is not as user friendly; so, we all agreed it could be made simpler. Linda T is going to send a couple of sentences which might be beneficial to add.</p> <p><u>3. Recruitment</u></p>	<p>Maureen</p> <p>Linda T</p> <p>Richard</p>

<p>Maureen had asked for suggestions, especially for new committee members.</p> <p>An item in the Newsletter and a flyer for the MM will be produced to explain to the Membership the urgency of the situation. Richard, together with Linda T, will produce the first draft for the May Monthly Meeting.</p>	
<p>3b Treasurer's Report</p> <p>We've been running down reserves by £1k a year. So, we will need to increase the subscriptions. When subs are increased, the covering email will detail how money is spent.</p>	
<p>3c Membership</p> <p>There are 709 members in total. Bank charges were £80 last month. There was a brief discussion on when to delete names from Beacon, as waiting the current 3 years is far too long. Can he delete them after one year? He is sending out a further reminder around the time of the Newsletter and hope this flushes out the remaining renewals promptly. He will then send a final email in June when members who have not renewed will have become lapsed. They should be removed from groups at that point, as well as our central mailing list.</p>	
<p>3d Groups Report / Nothing to Report as Jim on holiday.</p> <p>3e Linda Tindall's Report</p> <p><u>Birdwatching talk</u> was very good, and many attending have now joined the Birdwatching Group.</p> <p><u>25th April : Hanging Baskets at Dobbies</u></p> <p><u>May: Wine Tasting:</u> There are three separate dates as follows</p> <p>29th April: No 40 (at the Cross) 'Rebecca' £10 p\p</p> <p>9th May: Waitrose but Linda still waiting to formalise</p> <p>5th July: Majestic – 12 people / ? Cost</p> <p>Vanity Fair pencilled in for October</p>	
<p>3f Anne Lindsay's Report</p> <p>Newsletter going well and thanks to Jim T for chasing Groups. Maureen mentioned she liked the photos being sent.</p> <p>We discussed Crypto Puzzle and wondered if worth continuing. A few of the Committee said 'yes'.</p>	

<p>3g IT Report David M will circulate information</p>	
<p>4 Promotional Film Update / It was agreed to leave this while David B away.</p> <p>5 FFTF Update / We covered this earlier in Chair's Report</p> <p>6 Committee Recruitment / We covered this earlier in Chair's Report</p>	
<p>7 AOCB</p> <p>John D has several plastic sheets highlighting New Groups which will be on Welcome Desk. Linda T asked for one to be done for "Hanging Baskets"</p> <p>Reference Newsletter: E.D. Befrienders</p> <p>Sheet on Interest Board and Brian on behalf of Befrienders will speak briefly at the May Monthly Meeting.</p>	

NEXT MEETING:

10AM TUESDAY 14th MAY '24 IN MILNGAVIE COMMUNITY CENTRE