

Boldon and District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting 11th July 2022

Present Chair P Devenport (PD) G Cucchi (GC) S Soulsby (SS) J Jordan (JJ) C Jordan (CJ) Sheila Miller (SM)

1. **Apologies for Absence** Bill Coombs

2. **Minutes of previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 13th June were agreed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising**

PD Media Savvy have sent the videos but PD hasn't had time to look at them yet. Denise is going to send in the charity commission report we have over 200 hundred days before it is due.

4. **Chairs Report**

Membership card were distributed at the monthly meeting and to every group that PD attended. There are about 100 left to give out.

PD has helped Kath Lodge send out emails and print tickets for the trips she organises. Stephanie Yearnshire is updating the guideline booklet.

There has been no progress on identifying new members and a new members pack.

5. **Treasurers Report**

Currently £9100 in current account Bill has paid for the bus and tickets for the Queen at the cathedral concert and £45 toward the regional u3a zoom licence. He has been trying to sort out the Virgin account after been charged £7 and also trying to open a savings account. Pat is going to set him up with a Beacon password to try their system as well as using a spreadsheet.

6. **Membership Report**

GC We have a total of 205 members after I removed the lapsed members.

There were 2 new members last month.

I have set up a WhatsApp group for the committee and possibly group leaders to use.

PD and GC are meeting Pam and Phil to demonstrate using the bar code scanner with the memberships cards.

GC has updated the membership form with the new bank details and PD has uploaded it to the website.

7. **Group Report**

SS There are 10 groups running and the Lunch group dates are now on the website. I have emailed Linda Snowdon about how many people have signed up for the midweek walking group which is now been led by different person for each walk and Madge is leading it for the first time. However it is a 7 mile walk and the temperatures are predicted to be very high so there may not be many walkers. There is a leader for the August walk but no-one has volunteered for September yet.

SS is going to arrange a lunch for the group leaders, door helpers, the committee, and Ann Telling as a thank you. Looking into dates and venues.

PD confirmed the this would be paid from the u3a funds.

JJ is still working on restarting the choir and is happy to lead it, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. SS will send an email to previous members of the choir and ask them to send in their favourite songs. If we still join with the Boldon and Cleadon Library we need to find a choir master.

PD. Peter Winfield wants to restart the classical music group and is deciding on a date.

PD Has been to the chapter house and tried the wifi but there was little or no signal so the next technology meeting will be at PD's house

8. Speakers Report

SM. This month's speaker had to drop out but Stephanie Yearnshire has stepped in to give a talk on The other side of Elvis. Speakers are booked unto November and I am looking at booking something for a Christmas party in December. PD suggested a professional singer. SS knows someone in Whitburn Village who is in a band SODs (Sunderland Old Diners Society) who may be available, and will see if they are playing any of the concerts in the park.

Beacon Report

PD is going to give Bill Coombs treasures access.

10. Website report

PD. A small decrease in numbers last month but more people are looking at minutes and newsletters. I have added the lunch group to the calendar on the website.

Facebook is ticking over there are 47 members not many posts but plenty of likes. There have been posts from the flower arranging, Sunday walking and photography groups.

11. Any Other Business

PD. Plans for an afternoon tea to celebrate 40 years of the u3a. Looking at The Little Haven and The Sea hotel GC to ring and find out what size rooms they have to accommodate 50 to 70 people with an afternoon tea served at the table. Looking for a date in September to be announced at August monthly meeting. The u3a will subsidise the cost by £5.

PD. Is going to put a photo and short bio of a different member of the committee in the newsletter each month starting with herself.

JJ is going to look into ordering cupcakes for the Christmas meeting

Date and time of next meeting

Next committee meeting 10.30 8th August at Gillian Cucchi house due to closure of the library for 2 weeks holiday.

Next Monthly meeting 15th August.