

Boldon and District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting 12th September 2022

Present Chair P Devenport (PD) G Cucchi (GC) S Soulsby (SS) Sheila Miller (SM) Bill Coombs (BC)

1. **Apologies for Absence** J Jordan (JJ) C Jordan (CJ)

2. **Minutes of previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 11th July were held over to the next meeting

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Chairs Report**

PD contacted Shirley at All Saints Church, and the hall is available on 26th September. PD will contact Celia Coulson but is not going to attend the national AGM meeting in October. It has been proposed the capitation fee to go up in line with inflation but PD is not going to vote.

There is a recruitment workshop on 30th September but PD is unable to go.

Kath has added a new trip to Morpeth/Wallington Hall on Saturday 19th November.

There is to be an extra music group meeting on 13th October. Adam is doing a Desert Island Discs with Tricia Stewart who was involved in the film Calendar Girls.

5. **Treasurers Report**

BC reported subs for this year amounted to £2,116.00.

The groups are showing a loss at the moment of £227.10. The art group lost £116.00 but BC is waiting for money from them. SS to contact Doug Burn to say we are concerned about this.

BC has a query over rent on East Boldon Methodist Church and will check this out.

BC has paid a deposit of £160.00 for afternoon tea at the Grand Hotel.

Current bank balance is £8,908.00.

6. **Membership Report**

GC advised there are currently 211 members. We had 3 new members this month but 2 members have resigned.

7. **Group Report**

SS reported the group leaders lunch at the Britannia went well and was appreciated by all. Bottles of wine were given to those unable to attend and thank were received.

Maureen from flower arranging is yet to receive her wine and SS will contact her to arrange this.

Peter Winfield is to start a new music appreciation group at the Chapter House on 22nd September.

SS pencilled in end of October/beginning of November to do a short course on Christmas crafts. SS to do input for first two meetings but Marion Wheeler will run the group. PD suggested that attendees pay up front for the craft materials.

One of our members is interested in a knit and natter group and SS will investigate. SS will try and organise another spare key for the hall.

Anita Harrison has given up the lunch club as restaurants wanted pre-orders and deposits. PD is going to advise this in newsletter and is going to ask if anyone wants to take over the lunch club.

The choir group is going to be abandoned.

8. **Speakers Report**

SM handed £40.00 cash to BC from the Scrabble group. The speaker booked for 19th Sep is unable to do rearranged meeting on 26th Sep due to a prior engagement. SM will endeavour to find another speaker for 26th September.

9. Beacon Report

PD advised nothing has changed and members portal was the same.

10. Website report

PD advised there were 300 hits more than the previous month. The music appreciation group is back on the website.

11 **Facebook** There are 48 of our members on the Facebook group. GC is now an Administrator. PD is putting Kath's new outing on and advising meeting on 19th September is cancelled.

12. Any Other Business

The committee all agreed to cancel meeting on 19th September and replace it with meeting on 26th September.

51 people have booked for afternoon tea at the Seaburn Hotel and GC is to advise hotel of final numbers the week before.

PD suggested committee members arrive at hotel around 1pm to set up the room.

PD is going to do a flower arrangement and thank people for attending.

Date and time of next meeting

Next committee meeting 10.30, 10th October at East Boldon Library.

Next Monthly meeting 17th October