

## **BOLDON AND DISTRICT u3a**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Apologies for absence.** None. Present Chair P Devenport (PD) G Cucchi (GC) S Soulsby (SS) Sheila Miller (SM) Bill Coombs (BC) Jordan (JJ) C Jordan (CJ)

1. **Minutes of previous meeting.** No minutes were available so will be held over until Jan meeting. SS volunteered to take minutes as CJ declined her turn to do so.
2. **Matters arising.** No comments at present. Review at Jan. meeting.
3. **Chairs report.** PD informed the committee re the serious problem of the loss of the website. It is a National problem and u3a are working hard to restore site builder. Individual u3a's will have to update and restore their information. This will be done in due course. PD has worked hard over the Christmas period to restore Boldon u3a website so that members can get up to date information. THANK YOU, Pat. We appreciate all your time and effort. Membership to our u3a is still available.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** BC informed us that the Art & painting group had covered their costs for the last 4 meetings.  
SS had been informed by the group that the last meeting of the year had been abandoned as there was no heating in the schoolroom. BC to liase with Shirley re a refund. This has been completed.
5. **Membership report.** GC informed us that we had 1 new member bringing the total to 214.
6. **Group Report.** SS reported back on the craft short course and is in the process of updating members list to Beacon. See separate sheet. Only 2 people had turned up to the Technology group and it was agreed to review the viability of the group after 3months. JJ now has the technology sorted for the Sing a Long /Choir and will inform us of a starting date when final arrangements are complete. Possibly Feb or March.
7. **Speakers Report.SM.** Tony & Sara are to provide the entertainment for the Christmas Party. Speakers have also been confirmed for the next 4 meetings. SM will send details to PD to update website.
8. **Website Report.** PD is working with National u3a to get us back up and running. Beacon has proved invaluable at this time for maintaining contact with members.
  
10. **Facebook Report.** PD. 55members have joined the group. 48 members look at it regularly. A handful of members use it to share information or pictures.

11.**Beacon update.** PD. Maintenance work on Beacon continues on Tuesday mornings making it unavailable to us for a couple of hours.

12. **A.O.B.** Christmas Party. 77 tickets have been sold. Turkey sandwiches have been ordered. Christmas cake and sweets for table have been purchased. Hot drinks organised.

PD to print off some Christmas quizzes to place on tables.

The committee agreed to meet on Sunday 11th Dec to set up tables for the party. Availability of venue was checked out with Shirley.

Pam Marley, Phil Lloyd, Steve France, Peter Winfield volunteered to help out on the day.

13.**Date and Time of next Committee Meeting.** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. 10.30pm. – East Boldon Library