

BOLDON AND DISTRICT U3A

Minutes of Committee Meeting 13th February 2023

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)
(CW) Christine Wilson (SW) Shirley Walkinshaw

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** January Minutes approved PD. November minutes outstanding BC
- 2 **Matters arising No matters arising**
- 3 **Chairs report** PD

Denis Walter has submitted the annual return to the charity commission, thanks to Denise.

At a recent regional Chairs meeting it was mentioned that Group leaders asked people why they don't attend monthly meetings in case the committee could change the format. After discussion we agreed to leave it for now.

PD has written a 'dire state of the committee' statement which the committee agreed and will be sent to all members.

- 4 **Treasurer's Report** BC Bank Balance £6,526 . Beacon fees paid. Credit with bus company after Beamish trip cancelled, however, next trip to be deducted from the cost. BC presented an Asset Register which needs updating.
- 5 **Membership report** It was agreed that this years membership fee be waived for 214 members as there is a healthy bank balance. GC to make a checklist of existing members asking if they want to renew membership or opt out. Agreed new members will be charged the yearly fee of £10.
- 6 **Group Report SS**

Bridge group regularly has 4 to 5 tables and play weekly. Music appreciation group continues to thrive 10-12 attended and has started by finding out information on well known composers most popular works. The group will work through in alphabetical order. Group members are contributing their knowledge in order to support PW. Contemporary music group goes from strength to strength AW organised a trip to see "My Fair Lady" unfortunately the show was cancelled although they enjoyed lunch

at the Engine Room. Thursday Walking group BC organised outing to East End of Sunderland 8 attended, however, clashed with "My Fair Lady" outing. Photography small group, 2 members Colin and Ian are enjoying success and entered into the U3A national monthly competition. Suggestions for new groups Chess and Reading groups SS feels these 2 groups will appeal to some members but will need leaders, SS to provide expression of interest sheets and will provide help where needed i.e. with venues etc. but unable to lead the group. All Saints community room need to find out about access, key and who collects rent. BC. National advisors will provide advice on how to set up new subject groups. Art Appreciation group have a problem with the heating so may change venue. Enjoy Singing Group is due to start Friday 24th February starts 10.30am-12 noon, venue Cleadon Methodist Church, JJ to lead the group. Safeguarding policy and insurance liability in place list of 17 names including old list of 32 names GC to chase these up. £15 an hour for hire of the hall. Charge for members £2 plus tea and coffee. JJ will give demonstration of songs at next meeting.

7. Speakers Report

Jess Jones (retired doctor) will speak about Exercise for Strength and will offer an exercise class involving light weights and other props to increase muscle mass. Will start slowly maybe fortnightly she will not charge. Will require venue possible community room or school room. Cancelled Holocaust speaker Sarah Shaw – SM to chase up for a new date.

8 Website Report PD Members looking at website a lot more. January almost doubled the amount from December. Adam has added some images. Photography and art appreciation group needs updating SS to chase up leaders

9 Facebook Report PD Facebook members 57. A few more members are making contributions

10 Beacon Update PD Training Courses for vice and chairperson would be beneficial.

11 A.O.B. meetings rescheduled for April 3rd and May as there is a clash with bank holiday

Date and Time of next Committee Meeting. Monday 13th March 10.30pm.
East Boldon Library.

AGM 15th May,