

Boldon and District u3a
Minutes of committee meeting 10th July 2023

Present: Chair Shirley Walkinshaw (SW). Pat Devenport (PD). Sheila Miller (SM). Gillian Cucchi (GC). Pam Marley (PM) Susan Soulsby (SS). Bill Coombs (BC)

1. Apologies for absence

Joanne Frankie Sue Masters. Anne Witherington Jim Jordan. Cath Jordan

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved

3. Matters arising

GC has had no progress with TAM

4. Chair report

The chair apprenticeship is slow but making some momentum.

I thank everyone that give their time and effort on June 24th 2023 at the All Saints Church Fair and secured a table to promote all aspects of the u3a and were successful in signing two new members. Well done.

Northumberland Regional meeting to be held on the 20th July 2023. I have sent my apologies due to being on holiday but I also think I need a little more time to process our u3a structure before getting involved with other meetings

Maybe we need to revisit the new members welcome pack. Some work has already been achieved by Sue Masters.

I will not make our u3a on the 17th July 2023.

5. Treasurers report

Current bank balance £4721.28.

We should never have less than £3,500.00 bank balance

6. Membership Secretary

There have been 7 new members this month making a total of 223.

7. Group Secretary

We have 12 active groups.

There will be a few changes for some of the groups over the summer.

These include:

Art Appreciation: will meet on the second Tuesday July and on August 8th.

Contemporary Music : meets on July 17th, August 7th and Sept 25th,

Scrabble are having to miss August due to a clash with Contemporary Music but will resume again on Sept 4th.

ALL groups have room for new members apart from Bridge and Contemporary Music

Enjoy Singing is due to resume on Friday 28th July

Thursday Walking group's emergency contact details have now been cross checked with those stored on Beacon and walk leaders will carry a copy of these with them on future walks.

The Railway group is now meeting in August.

Since our publicity at the Summer Fayre the notice board is hopefully going to make it easier for people to access up to date information.

8. Speakers report

July speaker: Gordan Henderson, Roman medicine.

9. Facebook

62 members, a few people post items but it is generally PD.

10 Beacon

The latest newsletter from Beacon was circulated before the meeting, nothing of great note but they will be restarting training sessions in September and PD will pass these to the committee as soon as we are told. It has been pointed out that not all members have emergency contacts in their BEACON record. PD suggests that an email be sent out reminding members to keep details up to date, with a link to the Portal – similar format to new members email. It is also possible to print a replacement membership card if an individual logs in.

Peter Winfield has been given group leader access to BEACON for the musical appreciation group, so far he has sent one email.

11 Website – there were about 5,000 hits on the web pages, many looking at the EVENTS page. Group leaders need reminding to review their pages and add updates(photos) where possible to keep them interesting for prospective members email u3aboldon@gmail.com with changes. Site works software available but it hasn't been downloaded yet.

Newsletter – it is hoped that Peter W will write an article about the loss of wallet and phone while on holiday – this ties in with advice from the BBC Morning Live programme. Group Leaders have been asked to add information about the groups. If you have not already written a profile for the newsletter could you send one and a photo.

12. Any Other Business

SM is reviewing new members welcome pack together with GC

It was agreed to purchase diaries, at a cost of £4.10 each. A list will be available at Monday general meeting for people interested in purchasing a diary.

13 Date and time of next Committee Meeting – 10.30 Monday 14th August 2023 at Boldon Library