

## **BRANSTON & DISTRICT U3A**

**Committee Meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Branston Sports Pavilion 2pm**

**Present:** Garry Snelson (GS Chair), Janet Foster (JF), Rick Smok (RS), Anne Pickersgill (AP), Christine Hodson (CH), James Hewson (JWH), Robert Waltz (RW), Jane Haresign (JH), (arrived 2.40pm), Eileen McKelvey (EM).

- 1. Apologies:** Marjorie Barr
- 2. Minutes of July Committee Meeting:** The Minutes were agreed to be correct and accepted as a true record. All agreed.
- 3. Branston u3a Constitution Review of Chair and Vice Chair Position:** As there had been little response to previous appeals to the membership to volunteer to take on the roles of Chair and Vice Chair, it had been decided to discuss whether amending the Constitution with regard to the length of time each officer would be required to serve would potentially encourage a more positive response.

After a lengthy discussion when various options were discussed, it was agreed that, should the Constitution be amended, the favoured option would be a one year term for the Vice Chair, with the option to be re-elected for further terms, to a maximum of 6 years, and for the Chair tenure to remain at 2 years. There would also be no requirement for the Vice Chair to take over as Chair. The Vice Chair could possibly be a Committee Member who supported the Chair as required.

Rather than the Committee making an immediate decision, it was decided that Garry would send an urgent email to all the membership detailing these proposals, and asking for feedback. It was also agreed that James would speak to those members who had expressed some interest in taking on the roles to discuss in detail their views and any reservations. **Action GS, JWH**

- 4. Final Details of August BBQ:** Janet reported that 68 members and 3 guests would be attending the BBQ, and Chris said she had already given this number to the butcher. Janet reported that a subsidy of £408 (£6 for each member), would be moved from the Main Account to the Social Account, and the total

amount payable to the butcher would be £1420. All preparations were going well and prizes would be available for the games and the raffle.

**5. Christmas Function:** Garry reported that he had enquired about the possibility of the Christmas Function on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, being held at Pottergate Golf Club, but had been advised that the maximum number possible would be 50, which would be 20 less than the number that would be expected to attend. It was therefore decided that, as it had generally been voted a success, we would repeat the Fish and Chips meal of last Christmas, with a limit set at 80, with guests allowed, and providing the same meal options and sitting arrangements. Chris would look into entertainment options and James would confirm the date with Mark's Plaice. **Action CH, JWH.**

**6. Heighington Christmas Market Stall:** Following an invitation from Heighington Christmas Market for the u3a to have a pitch, at no charge, at their event on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, it was agreed that this would be an excellent opportunity for publicity. We would have to provide our own gazebo, and there was some discussion about this, including ascertaining the size of the pitch, which Janet would do. We would already have the flag and leaflets, and some other sort of visual display would be needed to attract attention, plus, possibly, one of our groups providing entertainment. The stall could be manned on a rota basis throughout the day. James said he would find out if we could borrow a gazebo if it was the right size. It was agreed further discussion would be required.

**Action JF, JWH**

**7. Any Other Business:** Further to the Third Age Trust (TAT) resolution, to increase TAT subscriptions, at the AGM, Anne reported that another u3a was proposing an amendment to the resolution which would limit any increase to 10% each year, and was looking for support for this amendment. It was agreed that TAT really should produce budgets so that informed decisions could be made about any proposed increase, and that we should wait to see what other amendments were put forward before making a final decision on voting.

Robert reminded us that he had received an email on 15<sup>th</sup> August from Heritage Lincolnshire, asking us to publicise their Knights to Remember event at Bolingbroke Castle 20-21<sup>st</sup> August. It was agreed that it was too short notice

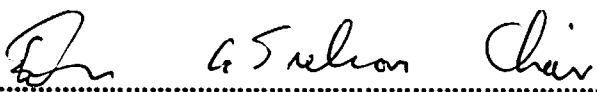
to advise our members of an event the following weekend, and Robert would reply to that effect, and ask for more notice in future. **Action RW**

Anne reported that Neighbourhood Meetings would be bi-monthly, September and November, for the rest of the year, then would go back to being 3 monthly. The next one will be at Heath u3a, if they can't do it, it will be at Lincoln.

- 8. Date of Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Moor Lane Pavilion, Branston 2pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.20pm.

Signed by the Chair as a true record.

  
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