

BRANSTON AND DISTRICT U3A
Committee Meeting 18th May 2021 at 14.00
Online by Zoom

Present. Janet Foster (JF), James Hewson (JH, Minutes), Chris Hodson (CH), Brian Sentance (BS), Rick Smok (RS), Garry Snelson (GS, Chair), John Tyerman (JT)

1. Apologies Heather Sharpe, Mary Corbould

2. Minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes signed as a true record. All agreed.

3. Matters arising. There were no matters arising other than items later on the agenda.

4. Chairman's Report. GS reported that Buxton u3a had requested permission to use our Equality and Diversity Policy. GS had agreed to the request.

GS and JH had examined our Constitution and considered it to be substantially in order, but a few items might be added. The TAT model is probably better adopted by larger u3as. After further consideration, the possible additional items will be brought to the committee and then to the membership at the next AGM. **ACTION: JH, GS**

There was discussion on the most appropriate format of agendas and minutes to be passed between committee members, and PDF was agreed on.

GS then outlined arrangements for committee documents to be distributed during his forthcoming holiday. **Action: JH**

5. Treasurer's Report JF stated that the report (attached) had been circulated previously. One Honorary Membership fee had been received.

5. Membership Secretary. In the absence of the membership Secretary, no report was tabled.

6. Groups Coordinator RS stated that the 33s Music had now been closed and deleted from Beacon and the website in view of the lack of interest in leading the Group. JF had no feedback re outstanding funds from the Group, and would follow up as necessary. **Action: JF**

RS also reported that members of the Cycling Group had been asked if they wished to act as Convenor following Mary Corbould's retirement, but he had received no replies. If that situation continued, the Group would also be closed. **Action:RS**

PAT testing had been carried out with no problem reported. The certificates and invoice to be sent to the Treasurer.

The Original Walking Group was scheduled to restart on 1st July. Jim O'Hara had given notice of standing down as Convenor in December and a replacement was needed

RS had contacted Convenors to remind them that they needed to contact venue organisers, but had limited response. He had also asked Convenors to add their programme of events to Beacon so that they would appear on the website, again with limited response.

It was suggested that a meeting between GS as the new Chair, RS as Groups Coordinator and the Convenors should take place in order that GS could familiarise himself with the Convenors and they with him. To be arranged at the Pavilion on a Monday in July. Name badges to be produced for Convenors. **Action: GS, RS, JH**

7. 1. Programme Secretary CH reported that July, August and October Monthly Meetings arrangements were confirmed. September's speaker will be from LIVES, but the speaker was not confirmed. November's speaker was in process of being arranged. There was some discussion about the possibility of a Christmas themed visit by Southwell Workhouse representatives combined with a fish and chip meal in December.

7.2. Monthly Meeting 22nd June It was intended that tea, coffee and cakes would be provided for this social event as the first physical meeting after the lifting of Covid restrictions. Invitations had been included in local publications and mention to be made in the fortnightly "Keeping in Touch" newsletter, including a request for numbers of attendees. A local member to be approached to provide a talk as a contingency in case restrictions were not fully lifted. It was agreed that committee members wear name badges. It would be the responsibility of the u3a to conform to any Covid-security rules, and, for instance, hand sanitisers would be made available.

Action:CH, JH

7.3. Rising Bollards at Branston Village Hall and Sports Pavilion Discussion took place regarding the newly installed bollards which would be lowered between 07.00 and 19.00 each day, but might present problems for evening meetings. JF to liaise with Angie Driver re access fobs.

Action:JF

8. Web Site Manager. JH reported that Beacon emails were behaving better but now only show emails as being "despatched", unless there is a problem. The Railway Group page of the website had been updated, completing the groups updating process.

Articles for Sheepwash Times and Limespring Hundred June editions had been submitted.

9. "Keeping in Touch" JH said that KiT was now being published fortnightly. A number members had expressed gratitude that the newsletter had been going for so long. JH would continue with it for a little longer.

ACTION: JH

10. AOB. A request had been made for a u3a member to join the Branston Village Hall committee. No u3a Committee member was willing to volunteer, so it would be mentioned in the next Keeping in Touch.

Action:JH

It was decided that a committee meeting in December was probably unnecessary, so the Pavilion booking to be cancelled.

Action:JF

Discussion about the availability of meeting venues took place, and the possibility of Heighington Bowls Club was mentioned. GS to investigate.

Action:GS

RS reported that all the Pavilion equipment had been checked and was working correctly, as was the PA system in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 15.10

Dates of next Meetings

Next General Meeting: 25 May 2021, Speaker: Stephen Wells on “A Study in Sherlock” (by Zoom)

Next Committee Meeting: 15 June 2021, 20 Veronica Close (garden) or Zoom

Signed as a true record

Date

To Do:

Details of August & December Monthly Meetings

Further arrangements for re-opening of Group meetings

Possible amendments to constitution

Membership Classes

TREASURERS REPORT May 2021	
RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1 April to 30 April 2021	
OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1.4.21	6036.29
TOTAL RECEIPTS/INCOME	8.00
SUB TOTAL	6044.29
LESS EXPENDITURE	735.57
BALANCE AS AT 30 April 2021	5308.72
represented by	
Santander Bank Balance 30 April 2021	5973.12
Add cheque banked 27.4 but not yet showing on acct	8.00
less cheques not presented 226.00 Beacon, 446.40 TAM magazine	672.40
Reconciled Balance.	5308.72
awaiting payment/paid out	
May Speaker fee	
received since 1 May	
U3A SOCIAL ACCOUNT reconciliation for period 1 April to 30 April 2021	
OPENING BALANCE 1.4.21	760.80
croquet £256.82 , Heritage £400, , Social Fund £103.98	
payments received	nil
sub total	760.80
Less expenditure	nil
BALANCE AS AT 30 April 2021	760.80
croquet £256.82 , Heritage £400, , Social Fund £103.98	
REPRESENTED BY BARCLAYS BANK BALANCE 30 April 2021	760.80
reconciled Balance	760.80