

CALDICOT AND DISTRICT

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Charity Number: 1071447

MINUTES of U3A CALDICOT COMMITTEE MEETING 28th September 2023 at 10.00pm CALDICOT RUGBY CLUB

1. Welcome by Linda Stewart

Present Rob Harry, Linda Stewart, Joy Ganesh, Jan Potter, Lyn Howells, Cindy McOwen, Glenice Dallow, John Calvin Thomas, Betty Waite.

Apologies Maurice Turner

Declaration of Interest None

2. Minutes of meeting 28th August 2023 read and approved by all present

Matters Arising 28th August 2023

None

3. Treasurers Report

Please find attached. The report was discussed and this will be further discussed at the October meeting as to how we plan to move forward. Do we need to increase fees ? Are we going to increase membership ? Will hall hire and the increased rentals become a future problem ?

ITEM FOR NEXT AGENDA OCTOBER



Finance rept.pdf

Membership Report

At the moment membership stands at 363. We gained 8 new members at the open day. As we are half way through the year fees are now £5. The new members packs were well received. Report attached. Full list of members to go to Linda, Rob, Glenice and Betty as requested.



Membership
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4. Group News. Glenice noted not all groups represented at convenors meeting. Most groups were represented however at Open Day. Next convenors meeting will be 2nd November.

5. Website/ Newsletter/Facebook

John said Facebook group is working well. Not all members have access but this should be covered by website or newsletter. Many want printed copies. Linda said it is still problematic getting newsletter articles. Joy said Chepstow U3A had given some ideas on how they filled their magazine. Competition- take a picture of somewhere in Caldicot and ask where is it? Has a member had a particular incident, job or family member etc who had done something unusual ? A bit think outside box.

6. Chairperson visit. We have been asked for a car parking space.

Do we want tablecloths (we have white ones already) Fresh flowers.? Who wants to join with chairperson for lunch ? What issues do we want to bring to the forefront in discussion. Support needed for smaller U3As from Head Office. Fees. Convenors. Ideas / help in forming new groups.

7 First Aid Training 9th October

Rob said at the moment there are 8 in each group but ideally it should be 12. Many members say they have already had training. It is hoped that available spaces will be filled and each group will have a member with up to date training.

8 Open day

Generally the committee are very pleased with the way it went and 8 new members were signed up. In future we need to look at local events and ensure that there are as few clashes with other events, September 9th was busy and possibly we need to move it to a slightly later date. Convenors worked very hard to make it successful. We did not use the town team gazebo as we were down on manpower due to covid. Looking forward we could perhaps match open day to a town special event Saturday. Linda to enquire as to when in 2024 these would be held.

9 AOB

Christmas Party 9th December.

Originally the Melody makers had been asked to give entertainment . Rob has now received an email which says they need £100 to cover music costs (they have to buy in as they are not allowed to copy) Rob said this cost together with hall hire, food and other sundries makes it a more expensive event especially as its free (other than bring a plate of food). If we are having a magician (free) and the melody makers it was suggested it should become a paid, ticketed event. This was agreed and the sum of £3 per ticket be charged and food provided. However food would be kept items for a tea with a Christmas theme eg minced pies, Christmas log roll.This will be in the choir hall.

November 4th. Caldicot has a special event morning and this is a U3A coffee morning. Handicraft and art will have an exhibition, sale of goods.

November 25th, The Methodist Church have an event and have asked handicraft, art and gardening groups to join with them for this.

Next Meeting Committee Thursday 26th October 2023 Rugby Club.

Next Meeting Convenors Thursday 2nd November and 30th November