

MINUTES of CALDICOT U3A COMMITTEE MEETING 26th October 2023 at 10.00am CALDICOT RUGBY CLUB

Present: Rob Harry, Glenice Dallow, Linda Stewart (Chair), Cindy McOwen, Jan Potter.

Apologies : Joy Ganesh, Lyn Howells, JCT, Betty Waite, Maurice Turner.

Declaration of Interest None

1. Minutes of previous U3A Committee Meeting accepted as a true record. All agreed.

2. Matters arising from the above meeting. None

3. Treasurer's Report.

The most recent report from the Treasurer is contained in an attachment that was made available to committee members prior to this meeting. In terms of recent income and expenditure there has been very little change. Most significant has been that Interest groups have been putting their funds in central accounts in readiness for Hall Hire charges. The business Acc as at 17/10 is £4,013 and our reserves are £3,083.

The committee agreed that RH could reconvene the Finance working group with a view to identifying viable alternative financial systems that could be introduced in 24/25.

4. Group News .

The majority of the groups appear to be functioning well with adequate funds for Hall hire and Speakers. Handicraft and Art are involved in a craft fayre alongside our coffee morning on the 4th November. History held an interesting meeting recently and Science and Gardening have events planned for early Nov

5. Membership.

Although not available there appears to be a steady growth in our membership. Coffee mornings and Interest group meetings have proved invaluable in us now pushing toward 380 members. Which is good news.

Facebook/Website .

Both seem to be utilised well by Groups and members . **We may need to request that the same enterprise is given to articles for the Newsletter.**

Coffee Mornings,

Have been really successful. So successful that some people have identified that at times it is noisy, hot and a bit uncomfortable. It was muted whether or not we should use the Schoolroom. A good reference point will be the next coffee morning and craft fayre that hopefully will be well attended. We can also ask members what they want.

National Chair's Visit

Proved to be a success. A good turnout from members who engaged with the chair and provided her with plenty of info about our u3a. She remarked later that there was a lovely buzz in the room and that she was impressed with the amount of interaction from members. The work of Gardening with local School children she thought was really impressive.

Festival of the 70's

Linda and Rob attended a Caldicot Town Council meeting. They informed us that they would utilise local community groups to celebrate Caldicot becoming a Town in the 1970's. We agreed in principle that the u3a could be involved, but with the proviso that our committee would need to be informed and agreed to our participation . The Committee agreed.

Ideas we discussed and one was a Summer Fayre possibly in Caldicot Castle.

AOB

The Xmas Party on 7th Dec. at the Choir Hall. In preparation for this event it was agreed that RH would contact the choir hall to arrange a visit on the 13th Nov so that we could discuss plans for the event. Representatives from the entertainers eg Melody Makers and the Magician would also be invited.

To cover the costs of Hall Hire and entertainment we will sell tickets at £2 per person and also hold a raffle.

Agreed also that we would only serve desserts and tea/coffee. Also that we would have table decorations to hopefully go with the hall decorations.

Committee business was concluded at 11.30am.

The date of the next committee meeting will be Thursday Nov 23rd 10 to 12 pm at Caldicot Rugby Club