

Cestria u3a at Chester-le-Street
Committee Meeting No.89 held on Wednesday 19th July 2023 in the Eardulph Room at the
Parish Centre, Chester le Street.

Those present: Robert Berry - Chairman, Tony Morrell, Margaret Pescod, Kathleen Atkinson, Rachel Burton, Margaret Chilver, Anne Lanigan, Maureen Weston.

Apologies for Absence: Margaret Bozic, Angela Hamilton, Christine Logan, Pat Rule, Steve Willan. David Easton has resigned from the committee and our thanks go to David for 8 years as a committee member.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

- Approved and signed off by Robert Berry.

Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on the agenda:

- Notices for Cestria u3a have been given to Cestria Health Centre as part of their initiative for Social Prescribing.

Review of GDPR:

- No issues arising.

Review of Monthly Attendance:

- July attendance the highest this year making it 39% of membership.

Chairman's Report:

- Replacement for Chairman is still open and if more than one candidate comes forward then a vote will take place at the A.G.M. in February 2024.
- Coffee morning at Cornerstones in June was a great success with ~ 50 people in attendance. It also resulted in new members.
- The next one will be in September and it's hoped to become a regular/quarterly event.
- The organisation will be taken on by the Events Group. **R.Btn**
- The meeting of the Network Chairs resulted in small changes to the Protocol.
- Membership of the groups to be taken on trust if no membership card is available.

Treasurer's Report:

- The bank balance at 14th July is £3,319. Down from last quarter due to the payment to TAT of the Capitation Fees.
- Potentially the deficit in 2023 will be greater than the Budget due to extra costs for Bridge Group Fees, Display Boards, and Coffee morning.
- There are sufficient funds in hand to cover this.

Secretary's Report:

- A recent update on Beacon resulted in the ability to email Membership cards rather than just being printed.
- They will be sent to members starting with 2024 renewals.
- New notice boards required costing ~ £150. Purchase authorised. **M.A.P.**

Group Coordinators Report:

- Attended 8 interest groups so far.
- Mah-Jong now twice a month.
- Supporting Bridge Group start up, planned for 4th September.
- Group Leaders are now familiar with Coordinators role.
- Group Leaders meeting a great success with 8 from 11 group leaders attending.
- Hold another one, maybe in November.
- Would like some display boards to advertise group activities.

Membership Secretary's Report:

- Currently 199 members.
- There have been 15 new members in 2023.

Speaker Secretary's Report:

- Will meet with AH and MW in August to start the 2024 list.
- Names suggested as definite bookings for 2024 i.e. Robert Pullen – Dreams and Roger Brown – Music.
- Regional speakers list not always relevant as some speakers do not reply to emails.

Website Administrator's Report:

- Website is now fully operational after November 2022 crash.
- Group descriptions all updated apart from two.
- All personal contact details have been removed and a Bluebird Icon is now used to send an email to group leaders, etc.
- All events are now published on the EVENTS page.
- Downloaded test version of Word Press and starting on familiarisation of system.

A.O.B.:**Events:**

- Trips to Belsay and the Farrell Centre are in the pipeline.
- Awaiting a response from Belsay.
- Looking at coach hire prices.

Meeting closed at 11.40 am.

Next meeting 10.00am Wednesday 18th October 2023 in the Eardulph Room at the Parish Centre, Chester le Street.

Signed:

Dated:
