

Minutes of the meeting of Culm Valley U3A
Executive Committee held via video conference on
19 March 2021 at 3pm due to Covid 19 restrictions

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Present: Chair, Sue Hooper-Lawrie (SHL), Vice Chair, Lorna Knowles (LK), Treasurer, Kevin Woodward (KW), Business Secretary, Gill Sole (GS).
Membership Secretary, Susan Greenhough (SG) arrived at 15.23 due to technical issues.

Minutes: Lorna Knowles

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1. Welcome

SHL welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies: None

3. Minutes of meeting of 1st Executive Committee 18 December 2020:

The Minutes were accepted as a true account of the meeting. LK to sign off and send to SHL

4. Matters arising and ongoing actions -

a) GS has returned the signed Constitution documents. Trustee Mandates are held by her.

5. Reports:

a) **Chairs Report** – A provisional booking has been made at Willand Village Hall for 1 July 2021. This date is to be the Culm Valley u3a Relaunch date if all Government Covid restrictions are lifted as expected.

b) **Treasurers Report** – One new member has been added bringing the current bank balance to £1996.40

c) **Business Secretary Report** – Feedback from the Retention and Recruitment workshop that she attended. The National figures showed that 15-20% of members had not renewed during the pandemic. The younger end of the age range had also dropped. There were useful resources given for proforma letters which could be used to reach new members. It was thought that contacting Councillors and MPs at this time was not appropriate.

6. Feedback from Zoom events and forward planning for future events

KW felt the events had been well received although numbers were small. There had been a lot of interest in My Life in 10 Minutes slot. They will continue for the coming months. KW asked if the Facebook page could be changed to an open group and he was happy to help with the administration if needed. This will be done.

SHL

7. Annual Subscription – GS asked for confirmation of membership numbers in order to pay the National u3a Membership. She thinks that some people may have been double counted. KW informed the meeting that the numbers should be full members only and not associate members. The numbers will be confirmed from the Beacon.

SHL

8. National u3a Day 2 June 2021

SHL informed the meeting that the Culm Valley u3a will not put on this event as it is before the date that lockdown is to be lifted. With only 5 on the Committee it was thought to be too big a task.

9. Date and Plans for re-launching Culm Valley u3a

GS had raised her concerns earlier in the meeting and wondered if some PR help would be needed. An event later in the year could be held following the re-launch on 1 July. A presence at a Cullompton Farmers Market could also help to raise our profile. Until we know the numbers who are still interested in taking the CVu3a forward and running the groups they did before or new ones, planning would be difficult. SHL felt that the Management Team idea would still be relevant and should be pursued following a relaunch.

The document, 'Into 2021' will be resent to all committee members to comment on in readiness for 1 July, all being Covid compliant.

SHL

10 AOB

None

11. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that a meeting should be held on 21 May at 3 pm via Zoom to discuss plans for the relaunch meeting on 1 July 2021. SG requested a list of existing Group Leaders and Group Members. This is available on the Beacon and the website.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Friday 18 June 2021 at 3pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 15.57

Signed following the Executive Committee Meeting 21 May 2021



Lorna J Knowles