

DARLINGTON U3A
COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 24th November 2023
Time: 10.30 am
Place: Bannatyne's Hotel (Library)

Present: Kathy LeRoy (Chairman) Tom Vout, Victoria Laing, Sue Murton, Ken Gray, Joyce Spanswick
Linda Mellis (Sec.)
Apologies: None

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Kathy LeRoy.
2. Attendance and Apologies: see above.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.
Proposed by: Tom Seconded by: Joyce
4. Matters Arising:
None that weren't being addressed.
5. Treasurer's Report:
Ken reported that Barclays Bank need information and signatures to close our small 'Business Account'. He and Linda will ensure that all necessary forms are completed. Finances are still in a healthy position. Gift Aid is still an issue but hopefully will be resolved with the help of Sheena Adkins.
6. Progress Report: Membership Secretary.
Sue reported we now have 172 members.
She will arrange the new (yellow) membership cards.
7. Progress Report Project and Development Lead:
Lunch Group: Oven provided excellent food and service, and the lunch was enjoyed by all. Christmas arrangements are going well, Dolphin Centre are providing plenty of information re: the arrangements (tables, food etc.) and Victoria has each member's choices, membership number etc in hand. Sue has organised games and raffle prizes. Uptake for the two trips (Kinren and Harrogate Flower Show) has unfortunately been slow but may improve in the new year.
8. Committee Nominations:
Linda confirmed nominations so far. Thankfully, members have been nominated for each of the 'Officer' positions: Chair/ Vice-Chair/Treasurer/Secretary plus other nominations for Committee which means that our u3a will be able to continue.
9. Meeting dates 2024
Linda suggested meeting dates for the new year, which were agreed by Committee. To be confirmed and published by the new Committee.
10. Visit from Northern Region Chair.
After discussion, it was agreed that Victoria would contact Cecilia and re-arrange her visit.
11. U3a Quiz:
This inter u3a quiz will take place on Wednesday 28th November and 6 of our members will attend. Good luck!
12. Committee Lunch:
Joyce has organised the lunch at Blackwell Grange for Friday 8th December which will be a lovely celebration of our work together over the year.

13. AOB:

Sue commented that many members asked if Darlington u3a had the facility to take membership money by card. Victoria added that members indicated they would have liked to use card payment for other expenses (Christmas Lunch/trips etc). Committee agreed that this was a very reasonable idea and were happy to put forward the suggestion that the new Committee (elected at the AGM on Friday 3rd February 2024) should take this forward.

The meeting closed at 11.25am

Signed.....

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