

DARLINGTON U3A  
COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Time: 10.30 am  
Place: Bannatyne's Hotel (Library)

Present: Kathy LeRoy (Chairman) Victoria Laing, Joyce Spanswick, Tom Vout, Ann Black, Ken Gray, Sue Murton, Linda Mellis (Sec.)  
Apologies: Carol Ryan, Jenny Lumley

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: Joyce                      Seconded by: Tom
4. Matters Arising  
  
Jenny has withdrawn her nomination as Secretary on health grounds.  
As this has an impact on all other nominations, discussion re: Committee Nominations arose. Not enough people have volunteered to sustain the smooth running of our u3a, so after careful consideration and much compromise by existing Committee members, we decided to keep the status quo with a couple of notable exceptions.  
Victoria will take on the role of Project and Development Lead as well as Programme Secretary, which will greatly help us to move our u3a forward. Sue will continue with her vital role as Membership Secretary as well as helping with publicity etc.
5. Progress Report: Treasurer  
A member has kindly volunteered to audit our u3a accounts and they will be ready for the AGM. Ken again re-iterated the problems with Gift Aid. Hopefully some progress can be made.
6. Progress Report: Membership Secretary  
Sue reported that we have more new members. The main push to re-register members will take place at the AGM (3<sup>rd</sup> February). Joyce will help on the day and other Committee members will help where they are able to.
7. Venues:  
Linda has approached the Dolphin Centre and (with Committee approval) has secured The Studio for our AGM. If successful, it may be possible to book it going forward. She will check with Bannatyne's to see if it's possible to have Committee meetings there.
8. AGM  
Since there will not be any need for voting to take place, it will be fairly straightforward. Chair (Kathy) and Treasurer (Ken) will both deliver a report.  
Committee agreed tea/coffee will be provided. Linda will book for 60.
9. Committee Nomination Forms:  
As already stated, no need to pursue.
10. Survey  
Of the 153 forms issued, 86 have already been returned. Sue noted that most would like refreshments/social at the Main Meeting and would like the venue to remain central.
11. New Groups  
Victoria is still investigating the viability of Wine Appreciation. Careful consideration needs to be given to ensuring it is safely dispensed and that the chosen venue is available. Last Friday (pm) of the month is the preferred day. £8 is the suggested amount for attendees to Pay.

12. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

The meeting closed at 11.50 pm

Signed.....

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