

DARLINGTON U3A  
COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Time: 10.30 am

Place: Bannatyne's Hotel (Library)

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

Apologies: 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: Tom                      Seconded by: Victoria
4. Matters Arising  
Linda confirmed that she had written to Kath Raine and Alan Pilkington
5. Progress Report: Treasurer  
Funds are beginning to look healthier now that Membership subscriptions are up to date. Gift Aid is being addressed with the help of Sheenah Adkins. Ken asked that Group Leaders remind their members to inform him of any change in taxpayer status or address.
6. Progress Report: Membership Secretary  
Sue reported that we now have 113 paid up members – 13 of whom are new! Another 2 people have expressed interest. One person (who attends a group with his wife) refuses to join.  
Sue has arranged for publicity at the Dolphin Centre and for a display in the Cornmill... Date will probably be 29<sup>th</sup> April (TBC) and members will be asked to help 'man' the desk.
7. Progress Report: Project and Development Lead  
Jolly Fit is making a slight loss but may improve over the coming weeks. The first Wine Tasting group takes place this afternoon and is set to be a success- all tickets are sold!
8. Main Meeting Review:  
Consensus from Committee was that changes worked well. Tokens for coffee/tea will be counted and then we should only pay for those wanted.
9. Group Leaders' Meeting  
The meeting arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> March had to be cancelled because of snow, so Committee decided to hold one immediately following the next Main Meeting (14<sup>th</sup> April).
10. u3a Venue:  
Kathy has been in discussions with a representative from Darlington Council re: a town centre venue – 40 Skinnergate. Rooms would be available on Tuesdays, meaning both Classical Music and Literature could be accommodated. Friday Committee meetings could also use the rooms and as advertising space is available as well, Committee agreed to a trial period of 3 months.
11. Any Other Business:  
£2 payment at group meetings has been raised. Ken suggested that If a meeting is social, and room hire is not necessary, no entrance fee should be charged. Committee agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am

Signed.....

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