

DARLINGTON U3A
COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 28th April 2023

Time: 10.30 am

Place: Bannatyne's Hotel (Library)

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

Apologies: Jenny Lumley, Tom Vout, Carol Ryan.

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: Ken
4. Matters Arising
Linda confirmed that she had written to South Durham u3a Chair re: publicity releases.
5. Progress Report: Treasurer
Our finances are still good now that membership is increasing again.
Ken was asked by Steve (Local History), if Committee would discuss the profit made on York trip. Steve charged £20 to cover all costs, but made large profit and suggested he return £2 to each traveller. u3a would still make a small profit.
Proposed by: Victoria Seconded by: Linda
Ken will contact Steve and arrange this.
6. Progress Report: Membership Secretary
Sue reported that we now have 129 paid up members – 14 of whom are new!
50 of our previous members haven't renewed, so Committee and Group Leaders will be encouraged to check membership at their groups.
7. Progress Report: Project and Development Lead
The trip to Richmond and the theatre was a huge success, enjoyed by all and cost effective.
Tai Chi has started today at Friends Meeting House with a paid tutor (Mike).
Various groups were suggested in the survey (Stately Homes/ Gardens/ Theatre but as yet, we have not managed to encourage anyone to lead.
Preparations are complete for our Cornmill publicity event. Committee and members, led by Sue, Victoria and Clive, will man the stall from 9.30 and hopefully we will attract new enthusiastic members, willing to help run our u3a. Sue mentioned a 'Tea Dance' taking place in the Market Square on 20th July and suggested we could run another publicity event then. All agreed this was a good idea.
8. Main Meeting and Group Leaders' Meeting Review:
Victoria will again review the Dolphin Centre set-up with Sue Minto. Consensus was that the stage would be better away from the window.
Tea/coffee tokens were a success and 30 drinks were paid for, saving u3a a substantial amount of money.
Those Group Leaders who were able to attend the meeting gave a review of their groups and will try to ensure all their members are fully 'paid up'.
9. 40 Skinnergate:
Kathy has managed to secure this venue for £15 per hour. She has booked each Tuesday Afternoon for the next 3 months and will deliver Literature, Art History and Victorian History. Joyce has decided to stay at The Well with her Classical Music.

10. Any other Business:

Our Committee has only 9 members. At the AGM no-one not already on the Committee put themselves forward to join us. Each existing Committee member will try to encourage suitable members to consider joining us.

The meeting closed at 11.45am

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