

Downham Market and District U3A Committee

Tuesday 2nd May, 2023 10a.m

9 Lavender Drive, Downham Mkt.

**Present:** JC, FB, JillC, CD, FG, SM, LE, TS,  
Apologies from CC, SM

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** Circulated and approved by the  
Committee. JC signed copy.

**Matters Arising**

Jill congratulated on May Newsletter but need to reduce size in terms of MBs(not content) as too many for attaching to Beacon emails to members. Thanks to TS for finding a solution which may need to be used again if current publishing software not amenable. Suggested Jill liaises with Ken.

**Reports**

- A. J.C Chairman. A discussion is ongoing about a discount from Town Hall over the noise disturbance at the AGM and the lack of wheelchair access. A 50% discount has been requested. There has been no feedback on using money machines from other U3As.
- B. LL. Vice Chair. Confirmed the Heritage Centre has been booked and paid for for 22nd June. Access at 9.45. It will be a drop in coffee morning, no group tables. All new members since last October will be contacted. Event will be for two hours 10.00am to 12 noon.
- C. CD Treasurer. Paid Membership so far 189, 62 cheques (32%), 84 BACS (45%), 43 cash (23%). BACS payments increased which was helpful. All cheques banked at once and accepted that charges will be incurred. Paid out £547 annual fee for TAT magazine, Licence for Beacon £212. Town Hall bill not yet received. Still awaiting bill from Lime Tree. Jill C has receipt for stamps bought. Discussion about six members who have paid but not returned membership renewal forms.
- D. TS. Membership Secretary. 229 Members include 44 not yet renewed. Will email at beginning of June to see if they wish to renew. 20 new members since 1st April.
- E. FG Speakers Secretary. Speakers booked up to March 2024. Will book speakers for May, June and July next year to help new Speakers Secretary. Advisable to book well in advance. Discussion on Xmas celebrations format and raffle contribution, decorations, rock choir, jazz and quiz. Will recommend Groups contribute raffle prizes. Entry will

be free and members will be asked to sign up from October to give idea of numbers.

- F. JCnf. Newsletter Editor. Request info on June speaker from FG. Also needs email address for Lime Tree. Beacon access information needed to access membership list. TA will post labels to JCnf. In June the Photography group will submit info. Can other groups be encouraged to contribute. Not only the groups in the spotlight. It was agreed Mary Davis could include something about the Macular Society and also other charities who wish to provide concise details. Anne Froshaug would like to set up group on retirement, details could be included in Newsletter.
- G. CC. Groups Coordinator. Ukulele group - no response yet from group. Discussion on their expenses. TA pointed out some group details on website need to be updated. Current affairs group are keen to continue but do not yet have a group leader.

### **Feedback on AGM**

It was felt the AGM was slightly ruined by the noise from building work. Renewals went quite well but some members forgot forms and had to be given new ones. Will need to be contacted. We need to encourage new committee members. No nominations this year. Some anxiety about next year when most current committee members finish.

### **AOB**

Extensive discussion on bank change to Co-operative Community Bank. Committee agreed to go-ahead. SM has agreed to be additional signatory. Decision to form sub-committee to discuss details and complete form. Date to be agreed. CD will bring forms for committee members to sign next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.45. Thank you to Tim for hosting.

Next meeting will be on Monday 5th June at 10.00 a.m. and be hosted by LL at 50 Primrose Ave., Downham Market.

Advanced apologies from TA.

