

MINUTES OF THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING ON

MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021, BY ZOOM

PRESENT:-

Leslye Henstock Chair

Pam Hardwick Group Secretary assisting chair

Chris Neighbour Treasurer

Ann Street Guest Speaker co-ordinator & Marketing and communications

Nick Mason IT and Zoom advisor

John Harris Newsletter editor

Marie Bartle Membership manager

Wendy Owen Apprentice membership manager

Christine Yates Coordinator of group activities

APOLOGIES:-

Val Saunders, (Pam took the minutes in her absence)

1. INTRODUCTION:

Leslye welcomed the committee members to the meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the 12th April 2021 were read and declared a correct record. Proposed by Chris and seconded by Christine.

25 members have registered their intention to attend the AGM Zoom.

5 copies of voting forms will be taken to Doreen for distribution to members at Walesby who although they have emails are not comfortable with the technology of replies etc.

Howard Bond queried the lack of information regarding u3a insurance in the new constitution. He was informed that it is not a constitutional matter and was pointed in the direction of our website where all the information is contained. He was happy with the outcome and has returned his voting form.

Marie and Christine recorded their votes at the meeting and Pam entered them on the list. There are now 35 fully positive votes and two with a reluctance to accept certain aspects of the change in the constitution.

2. COMING OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Marie declared our membership now stands at 101 with 8 associate members.

A date was set for Picnic in the Park. This is 28th June, 12 noon to 2.00 pm (anyone can meet earlier if they wish) at Sherwood Forest, Edwinstowe near the cricket pitch. Please bring your own refreshments.

July members' meeting will be on 19th. Our guest speaker is from Bilsthorpe Transport and will be giving us tips on driving.

The Garden Party will be held at the Jubilee Hall on the 23rd August, Leslye will of course check with Jubilee Hall that this date is free. There will be no monthly members' meeting on the 16th August as per our usual schedule.

Our u3a day will be held on 11th September, more details to be discussed.

Health and Safety rules will of course be strictly adhered to at all our gatherings.

3. BRANDING PUBLICITY MARKETING

Ann attended a Publicity Meeting and informed us of the advantages of a facebook page. This is separate to our facebook account. The merits will be discussed at a later date.

Ravenshead u3a has given us an open invitation to their u3a day on 2nd June please let us know if you are interested.

Ann has submitted an entry into the Roundabout magazine which will run for a year.

Bowe radio has also been given our information.

Ann has been enquiring into the cost of banners, leaflets and business cards. When all the costings are in we can make a decision on how to proceed. The designs are really excellent, well done folk.

Since the meeting closed John has forwarded the proposed designs for banners, leaflets and business cards for our perusal. (Many thanks John)

4. APPLYING FOR GRANTS

Our Lottery Fund application has been rejected but we have been asked to reapply.

Wendy has applied to RTC organisation for funding. Their application date closes on 24th May and we will be notified sometime in June if we have been successful.

Wendy has discovered that Forrest Town gets funding from their local council and she will be investigating if we have a similar facility through our own council.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris submitted his treasurer's report and stated that Nat West Internet banking problems were being resolved. The Capitation fee of £353.30 has been paid to date and Chris will check with Richard on the timing of this payment (arrears or advance)

Chris submitted a Financial Forecast projected to March 2022. Ann stated that the sum of £50.00 per speaker was not always constant and should this be reflected in the forecast.

Leslye has suggested that the sum of £476.43 which is in the reserve fund should be used to help fund our u3a day. Also the sum of £23.40 which is held in the events group fund could be used for this purpose.

6. u3a DAY

Ideas were discussed for this event. There is a possibility of £100.00 grant from head office if we can fill their criteria by showing how we will promote our organisation. This will be held at the Jubilee Hall on 11th September with the possibility of a quiz, evening entertainment and other ideas to be discussed.

Date of the next meeting is Monday 14th June 2021 at 1.30pm by zoom.