

**MINUTES OF THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, 11TH  
JANUARY 2021, BY ZOOM**

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| <b>PRESENT:</b>  |  |
| Leslye Henstock  | Chair of Dukeries U3A<br>Establishing DU3A Virtual World on Zoom                           |
| Pam Hardwick     | Group Secretary/Assisting Chair<br>Links with Regional/National U3A and local<br>community |
| Richard Titmuss  | Treasurer  |
| Ann Street       | Co-ordinator of Guest Speakers<br>Marketing and Communications in local<br>press           |
| Nick Mason       | IT and Zoom Advisor  |
| John Harris      | Newsletter Editor  |
| Marie Bartle     | Membership Manager<br>Contact for members' wellbeing                                       |
| Christine Yates  | Co-ordinator of Group Activities   |
| Margaret Titmuss | Catering Manager and Health & Safety   |
| Valerie Saunders | Minuting Secretary at meetings   |

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Leslye welcomed the Committee members to the meeting and thanked everyone for their efforts since the last Committee Meeting.

It was decided that the discussion regarding membership fees for members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 will be deferred until the February Committee Meeting.

There were no alterations to the Minutes from 9th November 2020. Nick proposed that the Minutes be accepted and Christine seconded. Leslye signed the Minutes as correct.

### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

Marie reported that the total membership is now 108 members which includes 8 Associate members and Honorary Life Member, Terry Woolnough.

Leslye thanked Marie for sending a "get well" card to Sue Brewer who has sustained an injury in a fall.

### **3. BRANDING/PUBLICITY/MARKETING**

Ann reported that she had attended a Publicity Meeting held by Notts Network on Zoom on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Fourteen people attended, representing ten U3As. She said that a representative from Ravenshead U3A reported that lower/younger age groups use platforms such as Twitter, Instagram U-Tube, etc. and that these websites should be included when publicising the U3A. They felt that advertising across a large range of platforms would be more successful in attracting new members.

Ann also discovered at the meeting that there was a Notts TV station with community programmes.

Notts Network said that it would be useful for all U3As in the North Nottinghamshire area to work together in promoting the benefits of membership of the U3A, particularly as U3A Day is being held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Leslye commented that she and Pam are in touch with Andy Oxnard, who is Community Group Co-ordinator for Newark and District Council, to help raise the Du3a profile in the area. Marie sent Andy details of her WhatsApp walking group.

Ann is continuing to put monthly articles in the Sherwood Life and Roundabout publications and has submitted a piece for the Edwinstowe magazine for the March issue.

Ann asked the Committee for any other ideas to take forward to the next meeting of the Notts Network Publicity Group.

Ann reported that she had also looked at the web pages of other U3As and was of the opinion that we needed to update and modernise the Du3A web page. The new logo, colours and font all need to be updated.

#### **4. WEB PAGE AND IT'S MANAGEMENT**

There was a discussion around how we can achieve the modernisation of the website and also give more accessibility to the site for Ann, Nick and John.

The current Webmaster is not a member of the Committee and it was agreed that it would be helpful if this position was held by someone who is. Nick Mason, who is the IT and Zoom Advisor on the Committee, has volunteered to take over as Webmaster. He will contact National and ascertain how many people should be given full access to the site.

Leslye will contact the current Webmaster and set out our reasons for the change.

#### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Richard had already submitted copies of the Treasurer's Report for December 2020 to the Committee. There was nothing further to add.

Leslye commented that we still have no volunteers to take on the role of Treasurer when Richard's term finishes at the end of March.

6. This was a confidential matter and was discussed by the Committee.

#### **7. CONSTITUTION**

Although our constitution has been examined and updated fairly recently, it was felt that we should ensure that it is current and relevant to both face to face and virtual meetings. We should also ensure that it is inclusive regarding gender, race, disability and the safeguarding of our members.

Members of the Committee were asked to go through the constitution and report any issues that should be updated or changed.

Richard was asked to focus on financial issues, Nick was asked to look at IT, email addresses and privacy issues and Christine to peruse matters pertaining to Activity Groups and rules.

If any changes are required, please let Leslye know and they will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

Any changes to the constitution will have to be put to the membership at an Extraordinary General Meeting, for which 21 days' notice is required.

## **8. MEMBERS' MONTHLY MEETINGS**

There was a discussion concerning how to encourage more members to attend on-line activities and Members' Meetings.

Christine will send details of events to Group Leaders to pass on to the people in their groups and John will send out separate details, in addition to those appearing in the Newsletter.

Ann has booked Speakers for the next few Members' Meetings:

- January – Sandy Leong will give a talk on the history of surnames.
- February – Rose Cook-Monk will give her award-winning talk about Duncan Edwards from the Duncan Edwards museum.
- March – David Clark will talk about women convicted of crimes and transported to Australia
- April – Steve Herra will give a talk about the history of the Cunard line and some of the famous people who sailed with them.
- June – Graham Keel will give a light-hearted talk on Terry Wogan's hairweave and other stories.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

8<sup>th</sup> February 2021