

**MINUTES OF THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING ON
MONDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY 2022, BY ZOOM**

PRESENT:	
Leslye Henstock	Chair
Chris Neighbour	Treasurer
Ann Street	Co-ordinator of Guest Speakers Marketing, Advertising and Website
Nick Mason	IT and Zoom Advisor
John Harris	Newsletter Editor
Wendy Neighbour	Membership Manager
Christine Yates	Co-ordinator of Group Activities
Jane Young	Co-ordinator of Group Activities
Valerie Saunders	Minuting Secretary at meetings

1. INTRODUCTION

Leslye welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Apologies were accepted from Pam and Marie.

There was one alteration to the Minutes for 10th January. The Publicity Meeting is on the 23rd February not 26th February.

Chris Neighbour proposed that the Minutes be accepted, Nick Mason seconded and Leslye signed the Minutes as correct.

Leslye wanted to record a vote of thanks to Marie for her hard work and dedication to her role as Membership Manager over many years. There will be a presentation to Marie at an appropriate time in the future.

Health and Safety

Leslye has already published guidelines to members regarding health and safety at Members' Meetings and events, including taking lateral flow tests before attending and mask wearing.

The Committee acknowledges that people will make their own decisions regarding this.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris said that there was very little to report apart from subscriptions in from five new members. The Current Account total stands at £2,720.29 and the Social Account at £883.90.

Chris reported that he was still having problems trying to arrange internet banking for the Social Account. It was agreed that Leslye and Chris would try to progress this by contacting Nat West by telephone together.

3. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Wendy reported that the membership total stands at 147 as follows:

- 136 Fully Paid-Up Members
- 10 Associate Members
- 1 Honorary Life Member

Membership renewal forms are now on the website, with internet banking details for Du3a. The forms can either be used by Members for bank transfer renewals or printed off and filled in by members who wish to pay by cash or cheque.

Leslye would like Mason to add their mobile phone number to the form.

Leslye will send an email to the membership informing them that they can renew now if they wish to pay by bank transfer and that forms will be available at Members' Meetings if they wish to pay by cheque or cash.

John will also put a piece in the Newsletter regarding renewal, including a form for printing off, and confirmation that members can renew on-line if they wish to.

Funding

Wendy reported that the situation regarding funding is as follows:

- £223.01 left from the Community Engagement Fund
- £100 left from Andy Oxnard

Wendy has also applied for funding of £569 for a Benq projector from the Covid-19 Recovery Fund run by Newark and Sherwood District Council and is still waiting for their decision.

4. BRANDING/PUBLICITY/MARKETING

Ann thanked the members who had attended the RSBP walk in Sherwood Forest yesterday. It was not well attended because of the wet weather but Ann said that the RSPB lady had been pleased that so many businesses and societies had contributed to the "trail of hearts" walk. The hearts will remain in the forest until 21st February.

Ann reported that there is to be a VE Day event on Sunday, 8th May, at the RSPB Visitor's Centre. There are to be military bands, swing bands, etc. She wondered whether the Du3a Ukulele Band could get involved. We could use the Feather Banner and perhaps have a stall to raise the profile of Du3a.

Lesley said that she would contact Linda Bond about this and it will also go in the Newsletter.

Ann reported that the next Publicity Meeting that she will attend will concentrate on U3A week in September.

With regard to U3A week, Leslye has been in contact with Jean Hogg and volunteered Du3a to organise a line dance routine which would be choreographed by Janice and videoed, in case other U3As were interested.

Leslye has also learned that there is to be a "Picnic in the Park" event on Friday, 3rd June, to commemorate the Queen's 70-year Jubilee. All U3As will be involved and there is likely to be extensive coverage on television. Leslye said that she thought we should mark this in some way.

Ann has continued to send articles to the local press.

Speakers for Meetings

There was a discussion around what time the Speakers at meetings should begin their talks. Leslye said that she would like members to start arriving at about 12.30 pm so that some Du3a business could be conducted before the meeting, especially if there were any special announcements from Group Leaders.

It was finally agreed that the Speaker would begin at 1.30 pm.

Members' Meetings

Leslye has arranged a rota for refreshments at the Members' Meetings for the next couple of months. She thinks there should be 3 to 4 members in the kitchen.

She thought that 2 greeters on the door would be adequate. Wendy suggested having handouts for any special events which could be given out by greeters to members as they arrived.

Leslye wondered whether the rolling power point presentation of events at Members' Meetings could be revived. Mason will investigate this.

Activity Groups

Jane had nothing new to report from Group Leaders.

The year end is approaching and Leslye asked Jane to contact Group Leaders to see if they had any monies to pay in or take out.

Newsletter

John asked whether it would make sense to move the publishing date of the Newsletter to the end of the month. Leslye said that she would prefer it at the beginning of the month.

Leslye said that some members had commented that the Community News section in the Newsletter was too long and asked John whether it would be possible to condense this in some way. John said that this would be difficult for publication purposes and suggested having Community News at the end of the Newsletter with a caption to say that the rest of the Newsletter is Community news

5. AGM 16TH MAY 2022

There was a discussion around how to make the AGM more appealing to members. Various suggestions were made as follows:

- A 30th Anniversary theme with tea and a special 30th Anniversary cake.
- Entertainment – Du3a Ukulele Band
- A Quiz
- Community Speaker – Leslye could see whether Andy Oxnard was available

Retiring Committee Members

Marie Bartle (Membership Manager) will retire on 14th March

Christine Yates (Co-ordinator of Group Activities) will retire on 9th May.

Val Saunders (Minuting Secretary at Meetings) will retire at the end of May.

Leslye has compiled a list of members who have joined Du3a since last September. She would like to ask those members which Groups they have joined and what they are interested in.

Leslye would like to send out personal invitations to members to attend the March Committee Meeting which will be held on 14th March at a venue to be decided, probably in Edwinstowe. Ann will enquire whether Forest Lodge would be available.

DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 14TH MARCH 2022

TIME AND LOCATION TO BE ARRANGED