

EAST RENFREWSHIRE u3a COMMITTEE MEETING
9th October 2023 at 1:30pm in Eastwood Health Centre

Minute

| | Present – MM, RB, SB, AK, AS,MF, T ST and RH | Action |
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| 1. | Chair's Welcome – MM welcomed everyone and thanked RB for filling in for the September Committee meeting | |
| 2. | Apologies: AM and LD | |
| 3. | Minutes from last meeting held on 11 th September 2023 previously circulated - approved | |
| 4. | Matters Arising from previous meeting – covered by agenda | |
| 5. | <p>Correspondence:- reminder for TAT AGM later in the month, (18th October) voting allocation upto 200 members one vote, 201 to 500 members two votes 501 – 1000 3 votes.</p> <p>Update from TAT – included looking for volunteers for 3rd age magazine, 3rd age trust trading and contributions to working groups, anyone interested to contact Trust's CEO ceo@u3a.org.uk. The trust provides u3a members public and products liability insurance, covering all u3a activities. Committee was reminded that prompt notification of any serious accident or occurrence was essential.</p> <p>Online workshops</p> <p>23rd October – influencing and social change</p> <p>27th October – running your u3a info for trustees</p> <p>30th October – keeping it legal</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Updates:-</p> <p>(a) Beacon update – AK reported the following – on 17th September Beacon was down due to a user carrying out a large Audit log search and was incorrectly entered several times. This caused a database overload and loss of connection which meant other users couldn't use Beacon</p> <p>(b) Website update – RB advised no update on new website</p> <p>(c) Groups co-ordinator – AK reported the following Groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upholstery group postponed until January 2. Issue with using Beacon for Hat Walk, advice sought and no conflict of interest 3. From 2024 Crafty beads will be held in facilitator's home or may cease | |

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| | <p>4. Facilitator SC queried whether another Genealogy could be started this is on going</p> <p>5. BM offered to start a cycling offroad group which could include e-bikes ongoing</p> <p>6. Table tennis start time changed to 10.30am</p> <p>7. Boules group finished for season and will restart Easter 2024 there was an issue where 2 ladies left without paying at Parklands. This is causing bad feeling between parklands u3a, and impacted on the Saturdays Groups, they arrived the same day and had a bad experience.</p> <p>8. Facilitator for creative writing has resigned</p> <p>9. Scottish Country dancing require 10 members to attend each meeting to break even, poor attendance in September due to September holiday, storm Agnes and school strike</p> <p>10. The evening strollers are changing their name Strollers as they will be meeting at 2pm during the winter</p> <p>11. Possible new groups – keyboard group, calligraphy group (short term) second genealogy group</p> <p>(d) Treasurer – report attached MM raised the issue of the use of the Activities Account for payments for Theatre, Enjoy the Arts and Classical Music group visits. This takes up a huge amount of time and it is suggested that we adopt the methods used by other u3as that the group's facilitator should deal with the collection of money from group members for these outings. The Activities account will continue to be used by Keep Moving, Scottish Country Dancing, Yoga and Out & About only. AS advised that a cash flow will be available at the next meeting</p> <p>(e) Membership update – RB reported there are now 567 members 16 new members and 3 former members rejoining as they hadn't paid at the right time</p> | |
| 7. | Review and feedback on Facilitators meeting held on 18 th September 2023 – general feedback was that the event had gone well. However ST had a major issue with Sainsburys who had been let down by their supplies, on site staff had been very unhelpful. Next Facilitators meeting room booked for 7 th October 2024 | |
| 8 | Christmas party –AM will be asked to provide another design for the online Christmas card to the members | |
| 9. | Monthly Meeting - the monthly meeting will be held in the Broom church as there is better heating than the Mearns Parish Church, also the minister has been very helpful. An assessment of the new location will be discussed at the | |

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| | November Committee meeting.SB has offered to mark attendees at the monthly meeting | |
| 10. | AOCB – the knitting group is having a sale of work stall at the Broom church Fair 9 th December 2023 – profits to Broom Church | |
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