

**MINUTES OF
ERU3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023
AT 1.30PM IN EASTWOOD HEALTH CENTRE**

Present: Roy Bryce (Acting Chair), Allison Kershaw, Shirley Thorogood, Mary Fyfe (Secretary), Avril McAllister (Minutes), Ann Scott (Treasurer), Susan Bulleid

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1	WELCOME	
	In MM's absence, RB welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	APOLOGIES	
	Marbe McNeil, Robert Humphries, Lillas Dunlop, Teri McCormick	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
	The Minutes for August 2023 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.	
4	MATTERS ARISING	
	Items covered elsewhere in Agenda.	
5	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<p>MF reported on recent communication from u3a Trustees for Scotland on a circulated survey. This survey asks for opinions on the performance of Trustees and how they can further assist individual u3a groups. Also requested were examples of good practice. On the latter question, ERu3a can respond on our ability to address the social side of isolation through our wide range of groups and activities.</p> <p>Also requested was information on what individual groups found most difficult. The one issue which ERu3a experiences is sourcing volunteers to assist both on the Committee and as facilitators. However, we would assume that ERu3a members consider that they are provided with a good service.</p> <p>MF updated the meeting on activities taking place during September. MF will email this list to ERu3a members.</p> <p>Lastly, the Scottish Facebook group are looking for volunteers.</p>	MF
6	UPDATES	
(a)	<p>Beacon</p> <p>AK reported no issues with Beacon.</p>	
(b)	<p>Website</p> <p>RB reported Beacon and the Website would be moving across to Wordpress shortly. We will be notified when this has taken place.</p>	

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(c)	<p>Group Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Andrews Church have requested tables and chairs be put away after our meetings. • Kumihimo pop-up group to meet on 2 October in the Oak Room EHC. JC has been asked and agreed to do a Kumihimo demonstration at GWu3a. • Social Bridge Group to meet downstairs in future. • Italian Beginners – no meetings in September and possibly October. • AK will meet with the three Bridge facilitators on 5 September to discuss Social Bridge and Tournament. • The Bank at Neilston was closed for the last Sewing Group's August meeting. MF will email The Bank ahead of the next group meeting to avoid this happening in future. An invoice has now been received for use of this venue up until May 2023. • First meeting of the new Stagecraft group was on 5 September. • New Poetry group first meeting was held on 8 September. The Minister at Broom Church has agreed to give us the room free of charge. • RH has updated the inventory list. Facilitators to be reminded to advise RH when they hand over equipment. • An email has been sent to all facilitators whose groups meet in NMPC reminding them about the Conditions of Use of the Hall, Parking, Fire Safety, Heating and Kitchen Use. Confirmation of this sent to the Church Officer. • Following a complaint to Online Across Scotland from one of our members, Committee are reminded that no personal details, including names, should be published on ChitChat without the individual being notified. 	MF
(d)	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>AS reported based on current membership, there is sufficient funds in the bank account to cover costs for the next two years at the current level. This means there would be no requirement to increase annual subscription during this period.</p> <p>Confusion has arisen related to a member who has enquired about a charitable donation through Riviera Affinity Scheme whereby u3a can receive a small percentage of their booking. AS will seek clarification on this issue.</p>	AS

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(e)	<p>Following discussion related to delaying the AGM in 2024, agreement that the next AGM will be held on 18 September 2024.</p> <p>Membership Secretary</p> <p>RB reported the current membership is 548 and includes 17 new members.</p>	
7	FACILITATORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 2023	
	All arrangements in place. Committee will each host a table, and each table will have a question to consider during the event.	
8	MONTHLY MEETING	
	Wednesday 20 September 2023. This talk is related to the Macular Society.	
9	AOCB	
(a)	SB may be able to manage the Meet and Greet at Barrhead as well as NMPC.	
(b)	MF reminded the Committee of the Workshops being held during September, and will email a list of these.	
(c)	The next Facilitators meeting will be 7 or 14 October 2024. Confirmation of this date at the next Committee meeting.	

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 9 October 2023 at 1.30pm in The Oak Room, Eastwood Medical Centre.

Signed Date 18/09/2023.....