

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

Present: Marbe McNeill (Chair), Roy Bryce, Mary Fyfe (Secretary), Allison Kershaw, Ann Scott (Treasurer), Robert Humphries, Susan Bulleid, Avril McAllister (Minutes),

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1	<b>WELCOME</b>	
	MM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	Lilias Dunlop, Teri McCormick, Shirley Thorogood	
3	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
	The Minutes for November 2023 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.	
4	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
	There are no matters arising which are not covered elsewhere in the Minutes.	
5	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
	MF outlined recent correspondence from Third Age Trust related to three topics.	
(a)	<p>Summer School 2024: This is being held in Stirling during August 2024. Accommodation is being offered within the University campus. The courses on offer are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative Craft (Fabric Design)</li> <li>• Drawing</li> <li>• Drug Discovery (Where our medicines come from)</li> <li>• Play Writing</li> <li>• Strolling to Admire Nature</li> <li>• Technology (Introduction to Programming)</li> </ul> <p>MF will forward information on this to ERu3a members.</p>	MF
(b)	u3a Pilot Council: The aim is to give u3as a more powerful voice. Two Pilot Council meetings have been held so far and a third is planned. All u3as are invited to submit questions, concerns and ideas for possible inclusion on the Agenda.	
(c)	Third Age Trust AGM 2023: A number of questions were raised at the AGM related to TAM, Finance, Subscription and housekeeping matters. The responses to these questions have been circulated to individual u3a groups.	

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<b>6</b>	<b>UPDATES</b>	
(a)	<p><b>Beacon</b></p> <p>AK reported no issues with Beacon. A new facility has been added for including photos but there appears to be an issue with uploading the photos to emails, particularly when using or sending to gmail addresses.</p> <p>MM will upload the Christmas card to the website and email members a link for this instead of including the image within an email.</p>	MM
(b)	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>RB reported no issues with the website. However, the intended transfer to Wordpress will now not take place until next year. This item should be discussed further at the next meeting (?)</p>	ALL
(c)	<p><b>Group Coordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unfortunately, Robert Robinson has decided to fold the Urban Sketching group due to lack of numbers. This is very disappointing as initially there was a large response.</li> <li>AK met with Keep Moving Facilitator to discuss the success of the group, which has grown too large for the hall. Agreed to suspend waiting list and show the group as full on the webpage. Facilitator will write to members who come infrequently asking if they still wish to be group members. Facilitator now knows how to put on the heating in hall. Registers printed and posted.</li> <li>Collection of weekly fees at paid tutor groups has been an issue for a long time. Both AM (Yoga) and KE(Keep Moving) would be happy to operate a monthly (4 weekly) payment and asked if a Card Reader could be obtained. Following discussion agreed a four-weekly payment will be taken for these groups, ie £10/£15. This will be taken in cash.</li> <li>It was further agreed that no Card Reader will be used for group payments. As payments from a Card Reader appear as one sum, it would be too difficult to trace where individual payments had come from.</li> <li>Basic Bridge Course to be extended for a further 4 weeks.</li> <li>Crafty Beads last meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Facilitator has been thanked.</li> <li>Cuppa@11 Andrea Jones and Annie Wills to co-facilitate this group wef Jan2024. HC thanked.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Italian Beginners group to operate on a session basis as they are unable to take new members with no knowledge of the language midway through the year as this disrupts the group learning.</li> <li>Genealogy Group for Beginners has now held 2 meetings.</li> <li>ERu3a took a stall at the Broom Church Christmas Fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December.</li> <li>Aurs Road to close for a year from 8<sup>th</sup> January, which may cause issue with people attending meetings in Barrhead.</li> <li>HatWalk in February has only 4 tables left to fill, and neighbouring u3as GSS, BAM, Paisley, GWE have expressed an interest in joining us.</li> <li>French Level 1: AK has received further correspondence expressing concern at the group's change of venue to Giffnock Library during the summer. Lack of parking, too few cafes and insufficient transport links have been highlighted as the issues. The facilitator is content with this move, and following discussion the Committee agreed this group will remain at Giffnock Library. There is ample parking, if not in the station car-park then in surrounding streets. Alternatively, there are two bus routes between Mearns and Giffnock and there are several cafes close to the Library.</li> </ul> <p><u>Proposals for new Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request received from Muriel Sutton re a pickleball but no reply received to AK's email.</li> <li>Calligraphy group to meet for 4 weeks in January.</li> <li>Proposed Golf Driving Range meet</li> </ul> <p>(d) <b>Treasurer's Report</b> AS reported a quiet month as far as transactions were concerned. The account is healthy, payments this month have in the main been for accommodation.</p> <p>(e) <b>Membership Secretary</b> RB reported the current membership is 591 and includes 5 new members.</p>	
7	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	
	Table covers and decorations to be placed on all tables. MM requested Committee arrive by 1pm for preparation.	ALL

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	A glass of Shloer will be given on arrival at the hall. MM will give a Welcome at 2pm, followed by a performance by the Ukulele group which will finish around 3pm. Food will be served afterwards. A Christmas Quiz will be circulated around tables. TMcCormick may be able to assist MM with the Quiz. AK will purchase six small selection boxes for table as prizes.	MM  MM/ TMcCormick  AK
<b>8</b>	<b>EVALUATION OF NEW MONTHLY MEETING VENUE</b>	
	MM reported a successful Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9 December. Proceeds from the ERu3a stall have been passed directly to the Minister. Broom Church have been extremely helpful over the last few months and this was a small repayment from ERu3a for the support we have received.  Materials stored at NMPC have now been transferred to the cupboards at Broom. Additionally, SThorogood has a cupboard in the kitchen.	
<b>9</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	St Andrews Church: RH raised the issue of the faulty microphone. There is no knowing when this will work or when it fails. However, the acoustics are good in this hall and a failed microphone is usually not an issue. Calligraphy: In response to AM's request, AK will check on availability of a Whiteboard/Easel at Broom Church which could be used for the Calligraphy group in January.	AK/AM

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 8 January 2024 at 1.30pm in The Oak Room, Eastwood Medical Centre.

Signed ..... Date 18/12/2023.....