

Exeter U3A Committee
Thursday 26 September 2019
Mint Methodist Church

Present

Phil Slater, Anne Staley, Amanda James, Keith Shaw, Kay Matthews, Steph Ward

1. Apologies

Jan Rolfe, Ann Mitchell

2. Items requiring urgent attention

None

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed

4. Matters arising not covered in agenda

None

5. Treasurer's report

Finances are on plan and thanks to a generous donation from the university we are in good stead.

Steph, who is going to take over from Keith, was unanimously co-opted onto the committee.

6. Group Co-ordinator's report

All is going well. August a quiet month.

7. Speaker secretary's report

Nothing to report. Speakers booked up to November.

8. Constitution

Exeter U3A is looking to change the constitution to overcome potential quorum issues. However it has been recommended we adopt the model constitution available on the U3A National website and approved by the Charity Commission. This will take place at next AGM. Phil is going to examine the changes but it most likely it will be adopted. It will go out with the AGM papers and needs to be signed by the committee if agreed.

9. Committee

Phil has some concerns about numbers on the committee and the post of secretary. Anne said she had been approached by someone for this post and she will follow his up. An article and appeal for new Committee Members is in the current Newsletter.

10. Convener's lunch

Kay kindly agreed to take on the organisation of this. It will take place at the Exeter College restaurant as before. Date to be decided.

11. AOB

Groups fair 23rd January 2020. It has been suggested we meet in Rowe Hall because of concerns of space and safety in the main hall. However the room is booked so it will have to stay in the main hall.

New member's cafe

A New Member's café was held on 12 September and was attended by 12 new members. The number's caused problem with location (Exeter Library). It was suggested that new members are contacted to see how many would like to come to the next meeting. Anne offered to undertake this. The venue will then be booked as appropriate to member numbers. Members will be notified in a welcome letter. It was agreed that, if acceptable to the Group's Co-ordinator and helpers, that this takes place every two months.

Newsletter

The numbers of people wanting the Newsletter varies and a number of people who have access to a computer take them. It was agreed to put up the price to £1.00. It was also agreed that the people who haven't got email will be written to to ask them about access to the Newsletter. Steph will draft a letter for Phil to approve.

Date of Next meeting – 18 November 2019 2.00 pm