

Minutes of the U3A Committee 17th September 2pm

Present – Keith, Jan, Jo, Lynn, Anne, Kay, Amanda, Phil.

Apologies – Maggie

Items arising from the minutes – none.

Treasurer's Report

The rising cost of groups booking rooms without informing the treasurer is of concern. Some groups are booking multiple meetings per month, Ukelele, Spanish etc. This increasing expenditure needs monitoring. Multiple meetings per month – consider charging £1 per person per session. **This was agreed.**

Quarterly update of finances is due next month (October) so we can review finances then. Keith to email convenor cafe convenors with agreement to increase and also put it in the newsletter too.

Group Co-ordinators Report

21st Century Biology group – after convenor's death there are some ideas of future meeting under the new name 'Life Sciences' but awaiting developments .

Not sure if change is in newsletter coming up? Wait until newsletter in November to put in this new information instead of an email.

Dave White is stepping down from the Choir. Does this need an announcement at the monthly meeting or Jan will do it.

Circle Dance – dates changed – Jan to put a list at back of hall at monthly meeting informing of changes.

Room 101 – re-starting on 10th October.

Speaker Secretaries Report

schedule of speakers to the end of the year (March) and Amanda and Maggie will meet to see who will carry on after March 2019.

Convenors using Beacon Anne has asked convenors again if they want to use Beacon or Bcc on their email. Dave will raise it at the Convenors' Cafe. Phil raised a technical issue with Beacon and will check it out with Dave P.

Convenors' Lunch – need to start organising this with Exeter College – January date. Jo and Jan to organise this – Room for 50 places and get a price per head. 2 courses will be paid out of funds and any extra has to be paid by the person ordering.

Safeguarding Keeping it Legal meeting at Devon Motel. 6 Elements to safeguarding-empowerment, prevention, proportionality, protection, partnership, accountability. Will look at other sites – they have already done this.

Taster Days - we have a policy of offering no taster days to non members. It was proposed by Phil that this decision was based on a mistaken assumption that non-members are not covered by our insurance, they are covered and so up to two taster days per person will now be offered. All convenors will be contacted regarding this.

Obituaries – An obituary has been written for Herbert Macgregor for inclusion in the Newsletter. Trudi isn't keen on lists of deceased members appearing in each newsletter. Phil proposed that just the members who have made a big contribution to the U3A be included if a member offers a written obituary for inclusion.

AOB Kay and Jo – Devon Motel convenors meeting on the 20th. Decisions made in committee need to be listed and put on the web site and given to the new committee each March.

Meeters and greeters has been sorted out for this September monthly meeting.

Exeter Forum David Oare coming to speak at next monthly meeting regarding their organisation.

In September next year Exeter U3A will be 25 – shall we do any celebrations? Had a 20th celebration in 2014.

Kay asked – regarding meeters and greeters – does it matter if only 1 person is there to M&G? Yes , need to ensure that new members are welcomed.

Next meeting will be on 19th November, in Epworth Room, Mint, at 2pm