

MINUTES OF EXE VALLEY U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023 AT 9.30. AM

Present : M Turner (Chair), C Redhead (Secretary), J Riddiford, J Kelly, A Bush, C Boote.

Apologies: J Jeffrey, D Lal, P Sadler, K Huntley-Sadler

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed with a few minor amendments.

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report

Mike reported that Eric has resigned from the committee with immediate effect.

Mike has contacted the new chair of Tiverton U3A, Mike Warren and they are keen to meet up in the New Year. Mike is keen to work with the Exe Valley U3A and to be involved with our organised trips and social events.

Secretary's Report

National Office have sent various e mails to Chris

1. Susan Parker, the Regional Rep, reported that there is a pilot being formed of a Council – they are having a zoom meeting to discuss it on 13 December and an in person meeting on the 28 February. Any questions for the agenda can be sent in.
2. Sam Mauger, the CEO, is available to answer any AGM queries.
3. There is a new area for members being set up on the National Website which is still evolving.

Chris will e mail Gail with our 2024 committee dates.

Treasurer's Report

The total to date is £3581.70 in bank and £149.40 floats, making totals assets of £3731.10.

Paul has purchased a new SumUp machine as the existing one is problematic. The cost was £69.99 on a special offer.

The monthly meeting numbers are increasing well and the draw is successful and helping with revenue.

Auditing needs to be sorted and Paul would like to meet the Auditor. **Mike** will make contact.

Membership Secretary's Report

We have 225 members, 1 new member and 2 resignations. Roughly half our members have already renewed for 2024.

Beacon Report

Jo is available if needed to sort problems remotely. There will be further question and answer sessions coming up in the future.

Programme Organiser's Report

The Christmas monthly meeting is in hand with Tim at the helm. It was agreed not to have Christmas carols as there will already be audience participation.

IT/Publicity

Carol reported that Tim is standing down from the PA position as from March. We have two months to make alternative arrangements. **Mike** will make some enquiries re the availability of storage of equipment at the Cherith Hall.

Carol will update our three fold brochure and distribute. The posters are being continually updated.

Carol will check on the alarm system at the Cherith.

Social Organiser's Report

1. Anne has booked the Calverleigh Village hall for the quiz evening on Friday 22 March.
2. For the Christmas monthly meeting she will buy 120 mince pies and also bring biscuits.
3. **Anne** will send a reminder to new members regarding the new members Coffee Morning on 26 January and will make this a personalised e mail.
4. The details of the Lyme Regis outing will be discussed more fully at a later date.

Group Co-ordinator's Report

Joan will e mail Karyl to tell which groups need to be involved in accounting for their income and expenditure. **Joan** will also let Karyl know that we will discuss the setting up of new groups at the January committee meeting and also discuss groups giving a two minutes talk at the monthly meetings next year.

Website

Wendy will need to be asked to update the monthly meeting venue on the Website. – It was not decided which committee member would do this?

Welfare.

Several cards have been sent.

Newsletter.

Jill will send details to Mike and Deborah re one particular member for the Newsletter.

Anne will ask Mike to put in a reminder about the coffee morning.

There being no other business the meeting was closed and the next meeting will be on Wednesday 3 January 2024.