



Hartlepool and District U3A
Minutes of the Committee Meeting Grange Road Methodist Church
Friday 24th June 2022

Present: Roger Say, Phil Jefferies, Chris McCloughlin, Wendy Borthwick, Keith Alder, Jessica Scott, Linda Sargent, Anne Tarbitt

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of Meeting Friday 27th May 2022

Accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Item 3 Tai Chi had not been added to the Groups list in the Newsletter; Roger would remind Barry. **Action: Roger**

Item 7 Phil had sent out reminders and some stragglers had responded.

Item 8 Of 5 members without email, Roger had spoken to 4 and 3 would renew. He had written to 1 member and enclosed the letter with the Newsletter.

Item 9 Phil had emailed Chris about cakes for the June general meeting and Chris had brought them. Roger had obtained the gift card and second raffle prize.

The Luncheon Group was up and running under a new group leader; there had been a small response to the first meeting but it was hoped that this would pick up in future.

Roger had not yet received a response from the Tai Chi group leader but it was reported that she was preparing for a September demonstration.

The Singing Group was still meeting but not under the auspices of the u3a and would be removed from the Newsletter. **Action: Roger**

A possible candidate for Gardening Group Leader was too busy to undertake further commitments.

Phil had investigated where Committee Minutes should be placed on the website and concluded that "Governance" was the best location. Phil would place future minutes here. **Action: Phil**

4. Chair's Report

Roger had received details from the Third Age Trust regarding the AGM on the 6th October. There would be elections to the Board of Directors with more information to follow.

Roger missed the last South Durham Chairs' meeting, where they agreed to have a quarterly face to face meeting starting September 9th at Sedgefield.

5. Secretary's Report/Correspondence

Chris had nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Financial Summary was previously circulated and the situation was still looking good. The Northumbria Region subscription of £23 had been paid.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

Wendy reported 111 current members with 19 official resignations. She had sent letters acknowledging this and thanking resigning members. There were 22 non-renewals although one had indicated they would pay at the AGM and another was still considering as some of the groups they attended were now not operating.

Phil was concerned that membership contact details might not be up to date; a sudden death at Stockton u3a had recently tested their systems. When Phil had looked at our membership details only 80 had this information. After the AGM when current membership is settled, Phil would put out a general reminder to make sure all contact details are up to date and that Group Leaders have this information. **Action: Phil**

8. AGM

Roger had sent out all the papers. After speaking about changes to the Constitution, Roger would propose it and Phil would second the proposal. Tea and coffee would be available at the Fuddle. Phil would provide paper plates. **Action: Phil**

9. AOB

Roger proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Committee members Anne, Chris and Jessica. All had served the u3a for a number of years and their contributions would be sorely missed.

Jessica asked about the u3a banner; Roger would look in the cupboard.

Action: Roger

Chris mentioned that he intended to hold a first History Group AGM to decide a way forward.

Wendy reported that the new priest at St Joseph's was Father Douthwaite. She also said that East Bolden u3a members were now able to sign in electronically at general meetings but it was felt that this method lost a valuable "meet and greet" personal element.

Jessica was still acting as Speaker Finder and would let Phil know about September's speaker to put on the website. **Action: Jessica/Phil**

Phil had removed the hard drive on the old laptop and had brought it in for recycling at the council refuse site. **Action: Linda**

Phil gave Jessica details of an entertaining speaker he had heard at Stockton u3a.

10. Date of next meeting

Friday 29th July 2022 10.30 at Grange Road Methodist Church