

## LEWES U3A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 3 March 2021 using the Zoom conferencing facility at 11.30 am

**Participating:** Gordon Bull (Chair), Marion Tyler (Secretary), Michael Austin, Ann Holmes, Janet Kennedy, Hazel O'Hare, Susan Murray, Jackie Ralph, Jennie McWalter, Neil McWalter, Anne Williams, Margaret Sheppard (Minutes Secretary)  
In attendance Derek Blayney for Items 7 and 10.

**1 Apologies for absence:** none

**2 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2021:** these were approved for publication.

**3 Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda:**

Item 8 Recordings can be uploaded but it is not advised.

Item 10 completed

**4 Treasurer's report:** We have received £500 from the Police Proceeds of Crime fund. The Bankline account has been opened and HO'H is awaiting a tutorial on its operation. It was **agreed** that HO'H should apply for an on-line payment card to use with the account.

**5 National U3A Day:** The sub-committee comprising JR, GB and Chris Roach are planning the following possibilities: On-Line 10 minute taster sessions of courses, which will then be posted on the website and a Public Lecture on the history of the u3a by GB. Physical activities (if permitted) may comprise taster sessions for outdoor activities and a membership stall in the very airy Linklater Jolly Room and a stall in the farmers' market. The windows at the Tourist Information Centre have been booked for 28 May-4 June and there will be other publicity material.

**6 Use of the website:** It was noted that the Community page is not being much used.

**Action:** The working party on the future of the u3a will discuss this.

**7 Beacon replacement report:** report circulated

Beacon 2 information will not be available for at least six months.

**Action:** DB will prepare a paper on what functions are available with Beacon 1 for a future discussion on what we want to use it for.

HO'H will research the possible use of PayPal.

**8 Charity Commission:** The Commission are still deciding if we can alter our Section 3 Objects.

**Action:** MT will include the suggestion in the EGM papers to seek the opinions of members if we do not get permission in time.

**9 Meeting for tutors and Convenors:**

**Action:** MT will arrange a meeting for Friday 26 March to discuss how the year has progressed and if the convenors have had sufficient support, the possible future continued use of Zoom and use of the website.

**10 Any other business:**

**i Zoom Bridge:** report circulated

**Action:** GB will write to the convenors supporting them in suspending a member who has broken the Bridge Group Code of Practice, and to whom they will offer further coaching.

**ii Possible reopening in September of physical meetings:**

**Action:** JMcW and NMcW will contact the Town Hall and other venue providers and their findings will be presented to the Tutors and Convenors meeting.

**iii Request from the University of Santiago, Portugal:**

**Action:** GB will inform the university that he has passed their request to assist with research to TAT.

**iv Zoom licences:** It is not envisaged that any further licences will be required for the summer term but can be purchased for £32 each.

**11 Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday 31 March 2021 at 11.30 am. Meetings will continue at 4-weekly intervals for the present.

The meeting closed at 1.05 pm.