

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held at 10am on 5 June 2023 at 5 Carvers Croft, Much Wenlock

Present: Alison Richards (Chair), Jean Buswell, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, Linda Davies, Christina Gore, Bill Hague, Jane Hague, Michael Theobalds, Robert Toft, Linda Wallace

Apologies: Glynn Emery, David Foster

- 1 **Welcome** **Action**
Alison welcomed committee members to the meeting of the newly named Much Wenlock, Broseley & District u3a, and thanked Linda D for hosting and Linda W for taking the minutes.
- 2 **Minutes of the last Meeting**
Alison thanked Jane for producing the minutes. These were accepted as a true record.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
- 4 **Membership Report**
Michael reported 252 members with 97% on email, with one new member and one resignation. There are 143 subscription payments outstanding. It was agreed that a general reminder for payment of subscriptions would be sent out. After a query about subscription dispensation, it was agreed that members joining from 1 January would not be required to pay subscriptions until 1 May 2024. It was agreed that S Davies be recorded as lapsed. Alison to action. **JH**
AR
- 5 **Financial Report**
Glynn was not at the meeting, but had submitted a statement of accounts. £1735 has been collected in renewals and approximately £450 deposited, but not in the bank yet. He also reported that there are a few queries to be resolved including 2 duplicates. Alison to query with Glynn details of the £450 deposited and also category Kilworth22, as shown on statement. **GE**
AR
- 6 **Appointment of Other Officer Roles (those not determined by the AGM)**
Alison – Chair & Beacon Admin and Portal Contact
Robert – Secretary
Jean – Speakers’ Officer and Theatre Trips
Ian – New members
Jo – Auditor
Linda D – Refreshments
Glynn – Treasurer and Shropshire Network Representative
David – Vice Chair
Jane – Communications Lead & Joint Minutes Secretary
Bill – Poster Boy and Counter
Michael – Membership Secretary
Linda W – Vice Chair & Groups Co-ordinator & Joint Minutes Secretary

Glynn to be approached about taking over role of updating website. **GE**

- 7 **Groups**
Tom Thompson has been introduced to Wrekin and District u3a about how they run their MOTO group.
Neil Lloyd has formed a new six session course on Melodic Ukulele. There are 15 people attending. Jane has put this onto the web site, but Neil cannot accept further members and does not want to publicise the group to the wider u3a. Linda to query with Neil, whether this needs to go onto Beacon, as it is a short course. **LW**
- Michael has taken over the wine tasting group. Several queries have been made about attending this group, so a second group will be considered, if a new Leader can be found. Michael happy to help the new leader. **MT**
- Group Leaders Lunch**
Organised for 12 noon at the Fox, Much Wenlock on 7 June. Group Leaders have been contacted and 20 people have accepted the invitation. Alison to give brief welcome. **AR**
- 8 **Communications**
It was noted that the name change, as voted for by the membership at the AGM, needs to be implemented. Alison has used the u3a Brand Centre to produce new logos and will speak to Glynn about updating the website and Facebook. Robert to notify Third Age Trust. Alison has notified Beacon but there are only 25 characters available in the field length for the name of a u3a so we will ask for “Much Wenlock & Broseley” rather than “Much Wenlock, Broseley & D”. Jane to change posters and Village Life information. It was noted that national u3a are changing from Sitebuilder for websites to SiteWorks with rollout anticipated for 2024. **AR**
GE
RT
JH
- 9 **Marketing and Publicity**
Alison reported that Bridgnorth has stated that the deadline for publicity in What’sWhat is 26 July. Alison confirmed that we will pay £75 to Bridgnorth to be included in their publicity.
Jean reported that information to Village Life and Wenlock Herald had been sent.
- 10 **Review of May meeting/AGM and 10th Anniversary Tea**
63 people attended the Anniversary Tea. It was agreed that it was an excellent afternoon and had helped to raise the profile of our u3a. Thanks went to Robert for giving an excellent speech, Jean for organising the event, Michael for collecting the deposits and Glynn for providing the music.
51 people attended the AGM. Alison has produced the minutes for the AGM. A motion to lower the quorum to 15% was agreed at the AGM. Robert to inform the u3a Trust about this change. **RT**
It was also agreed that the Speaker, Roger Brown on the Great American Songbook was very good and really engaging.
- 11 **Next Monthly Meeting – 14 June 2023**
Speaker is Phillip Caine speaking about Barrow to Baghdad and Back. He will bring books to sell. No equipment is needed, except use of microphone and a large table. Room set in landscape. No fee, but expenses of £100. **JB**
Introduction by Jean and Vote of Thanks by Alison. Linda W to help out with refreshments. **AR**
- 12 **Kilworth House Theatre**
Jean reported that most people have paid for their transport. Linda to follow up on 2 members yet to pay. Gay Bream is having to pull out of this trip. **LW**

13 **Third Age Trust AGM**
18 October 2023 at 11.15am in Milton Keynes. Alison has registered to vote (2 votes). No resolutions have been submitted. Alison is considering going. **AR**

14 **Date of Next Executive Committee Meeting**
3 July at Jean Buswell's house, commencing 10 am.

15 **Any Other Business**
Linda reported that she would pay the Fox for the Group Leaders Lunch and claim this back when Glynn had returned. **LW**

A brief discussion took place on new initiatives for the new membership year. These included a quiz night, karaoke night and/or coffee mornings, as well as a social evening with line dancing.