



Minutes of Perth u3a Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday 24th October 2023 at 10am in Unit 7

Present

Robert Proctor (chair)	RP	Bob Thomson	BT
Bill Younger	BY	Sue Hendry	SH
Irene Twinn	IT	Dave Smith	DS
Yvonne Connell	YC	Trevor Abell	TA
Graham Dry	GD		

1. Apologies

Wilma Coleman, Joan Fraser, Ray Hodgson

2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 26th September 2023 were approved – proposed by DS, seconded by IT.

3. Matters Arising

Perth u3a anniversary tapestry – Dorothy Traynor now has the tapestry and is making the required repairs.

St Matthew's Fire Safety Policy – WC has requested this from the church but has yet to receive a reply.

DS has lapsed all non-renewing members in Beacon so that emails to all members only go to current members.

Quiz night – this was an enjoyable occasion and a great success. After expenses, the event made a profit of £105.

Action: YC to include invitation to join the new Mah-Jong Group in the next News Roundup.

4. Admin Matters

a) Treasurer's report (IT)

The October Finance Statement accompanies these minutes. IT noted that our finances are in a healthy position.

b) Group Co-ordinator's Report (RH)

(provided by email)

- No news, and no progress on the possible formation of a Cycling Group.

c) Membership Report

DS provided statistics on new members and renewals. A full report accompanies these Minutes, but to note that there are now 463 paying members – up 10 from his previous report. Membership subscriptions now total £11,575, and he estimates a further 12 members will join by December. No issues are anticipated with a higher membership, and IT pointed out that the more members we have, the less likely it is that the membership fee will need to rise next year.

d) Accommodation Co-ordinator's Report (WC)

(provided by email)

Following the heavy rain over the past couple of weeks, there has been a leak in the ceiling of Unit 7 above the cabinet containing equipment etc. This has been reported to building management (David Kettles).

5. Blackout blinds/curtains for Unit 7 (DS)

DS presented a number of options under consideration (see accompanying presentation). The Committee accepted his recommendation for Option 4 as the most appropriate and cost-effective solution. DS is keen to implement this as soon as possible – the issue has dragged on for some time, and costs will only rise as time passes.

Ceiling Panel – DS's proposed solution for neatening the ceiling panel was accepted by the Committee.

Action: WC to seek permission to proceed with both from building management, DS to purchase blinds etc, DS and Pete Trant (Equipment Coordinator) to install.

6. AOB

RP – The talk at the forthcoming Open Meeting will be about Search and Rescue Dogs, given by Kate Hunter. The meeting will take place in the back room at St Matthew's, Kate will be bring along a couple of dogs, and a box will be made available for member donations to the charity.

IT has a potential replacement for our External Examiner, David Washington, who has stepped down. The person isn't a member of Perth u3a (an advantage), and

manages the finances of Fair City Dog Training Club. DS also knows of a potential candidate should IT's person be unavailable.

RP attended the TAT AGM for just a few minutes before the connection failed.

IT has not received the broadcast licence for the film group this year. **Action: IT to follow up with the Group leader.**

RP is preparing a proposed timetable for next year, in order to make the appropriate bookings with St Matthews Church. DS reported a proposal from Chris Mackreth that, in order to avoid Registration Day clashing with summer holidays, Registration take place at the first Open Meeting. RP will take this under consideration.

SH has a potential speaker from the YMCA, to talk about the development of an old church into their new premises. **RP (or GD?) to contact.**

GD has been in contact with Nicola Sturgeon as a possible speaker next year, on the basis that the talk would not be about politics. Whilst she hasn't accepted the invitation, neither has she declined it, and the Committee felt it appropriate that GD continue his discussions with her.

GD – asked for advice on collecting funds for the Christmas lunch. Following discussion, he will email members in mid November, advising them to send him a cheque for the appropriate amount. He'll also offer the alternative of paying by cash or cheque at the next Open Meeting. Anyone who misses either payment option may be offered a bank transfer option (with IT's agreement). IT advised that cheques should be made payable to "Perth u3a". **Action: YC to include a carefully worded note in the News Roundup.**

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 10am in Unit 7.**