



Minutes of Perth u3a Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 10am in Unit 7

Present

Robert Proctor (chair)	RP	Joan Fraser	JF
Sue Hendry	SH	Ray Hodgson	RH
Dave Smith	DS	Trevor Abell	TA
Graham Dry	GD	Wilma Coleman	WC
Bill Younger	BY	Irene Twinn	IT
Yvonne Connell	YC		

1. Apologies

Bob Thomson.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 21st November 2023 were approved – proposed by GD, seconded by SH.

3. Matters Arising

IT noted that it had been agreed that the current account would pay for the Christmas lunch, with the cost fully reimbursed from attendees' individual payments.

4. Admin Matters

a) Treasurer's report

IT reported a healthy financial position, due to higher member numbers than anticipated, and payments totalling around £1,000 from Riviera Travel. Consequently, the cost of the Unit7 blinds was fully covered and we may be able to avoid a rise to the membership subscription for 2024/25. The Treasurer's financial report is attached to these Minutes.

b) Group Co-ordinator's Report

RH reported on the recent Group Leaders' referendum regarding the timetable cycle (details attached to these Minutes). The result was overwhelming in favour of retaining the current 4 week cycle rather than introducing a monthly cycle. It

was hoped that this would settle ongoing debate about the issue. In addition, RH noted that he now has an editable version of the Group Leaders' Handbook and will circulate for comment in due course (a couple of Committee members already have amendments/additions in mind).

c) Membership Report

DS provided details of the current membership, noting that this year's target was already achieved by 19 September. A full report is attached to these Minutes. On the basis of this report, DS proposed that next year's membership target be set at 500.

d) Accommodation Co-ordinator's Report

WC noted that the leak in Unit 7 is getting worse, the top of the nearby cabinet is soaking wet, and some members have complained about an unpleasant damp smell. WC will chase building management (David Kettles).

Badminton Group – At JF's request, WC has contacted Letham St Marks to find out if we could book space there for Badminton, but hasn't yet had an answer. St Matthews and Bells Sports Centre also have suitable space but are considered too expensive and there's uncertainty as to whether Bells has yet recovered from the October floods. WC will chase Letham St Marks (again!)

5. Confirmation of 2023/4 and 2024/5 dates

RP apologised for not yet completing the draft timetable for 2024/5.

Registration Day 2023/4 will be booked for **Monday 26 August 2024**.

Group Leaders' Conference 2023/4 – the meeting ended with this being agreed for Monday 18th March but WC later noted that this was wrong and that it would be booked for 2 – 4pm on **Friday 22 March** (because fewer groups meet on Fridays than on Mondays).

6. Semitones and ukelele concert date

The concert has been confirmed for 3 April 2024, and this will be publicised in the forthcoming News Roundup.

7. AOB

GD asked if a Murder Mystery Lunch might be a welcome event for members, probably sometime in Mar/Apr 2024. Having received a favourable response, he'll now look into driving down the cost to an acceptable level.

RP noted that we don't yet have a speaker for the 2024 AGM. GD and YC have possibilities which they'll pass on.

WC noted that 6 mugs have disappeared from Unit 7 – to be mentioned in the News Roundup.

The distribution company for TAT magazine has gone out of business and, consequently, TAT will be reverted to an old distribution list for the magazine. DS didn't anticipate any problems with this.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 10am in Unit7.