



Minutes of Perth u3a Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday 5th March 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	Bob Thomson	BT
Yvonne Connell	YC	Irene Twinn	IT

1. Apologies

None

2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 6th February 2024 were approved – proposed by RH, seconded by JF.

3. Matters Arising

5. Website Migration – YC has now signed the T&Cs for Siteworks

4. Admin Matters

a) Treasurer's report

IT reported that there are no financial issues, and we're in a better financial position than budgeted. Some invoices are still outstanding, but these are not expected to present any problems.

As noted at a previous meeting, David Washington will be stepping down this year as accounts auditor. IT has identified a replacement, who will be independent of the u3a and has good accounting experience.

b) Group Co-ordinator's Report

RH reminded the Committee of the forthcoming Group Leader's meeting on 22 March. He anticipates a short meeting, as very few items for discussion have been proposed by GLs. There will be a welcome from the Chair, and then Anne Trant, possibly supported by DS, will speak about Beacon – why it's important to keep it

up-to-date and how useful it can be. GLs will also be reminded that Unit7 is available throughout the summer recess (see point (d) below).

c) Membership Report

DS provided details of the current membership – see report attached to these Minutes. He also noted that any prospective members from now on will probably be encouraged to wait until next year, in order to get full value for money from their subscription.

d) Accommodation Co-ordinator's Report

WC reminded the Committee that Unit7 is available throughout the summer recess, so groups can still meet if they wish – so long as they adhere to their usual week/day/time.

WC noted that, as per the Constitution, she will be stepping down from the Committee at the AGM. It was agreed that, given her valuable contact knowledge with our venues, that she will continue as needed 'in attendance', whilst also seeking a suitable replacement who can work alongside WC throughout the coming year.

5. Disposal of HP laptop

Pete Trant (equipment officer)'s report proposed a number of means of disposal for this age-expired laptop. The Committee agreed that he should first offer it to a local charity such as Men's Shed and, if not accepted, that it should be recycled appropriately at a computer shop or recycling point.

6. Second hand book 'shop'

YC put forward a suggestion from a member that we establish a second hand book shop at Unit7. Whilst supporting sustainability, the Committee felt that this could lead to an unwelcome book dump which could take up too much room in Unit 7.

7. AOB

RH – Anne Trant has mentioned that she's considering stepping down as website manager once the migration from Sitebuilder to SiteWorks is complete. **Action – RH to ask her when we can/should commence a search for her replacement.**

BT – as he'll be stepping down from the Committee, it would be best if someone else took on the task of booking a suitable stall at the Farmers' Market/Perth Show prior to Registration Day. No stall is provided at the Perth Show and its dates coincide with the Farmers' Market on Sat 3 Aug. It was decided, therefore, that we would book a stall at the Farmers' Market on Sat 7 Sept. This should be

done soon in order to secure a booking. **YC volunteered to take this on. Action: BT to send contact details to YC.**

YC – Jon(athon) Babb has volunteered to join the Committee. With his agreement, he be co-opted onto the Committee now. **YC to action.**

GD – the proposed Murder Mystery Lunch didn't receive sufficient support from the membership, probably due to the cost. He proposed instead the following events: Lunchtime 1960s disco (£10 per head), Snooker Tournament, Lunch with guest speaker (Bendor Grosvenor – local art historian, writer, TV presenter – is a possibility). Other suggestions from the Committee were a whist drive (IT), indoor bowls, and a treasure hunt by car. GD will research further and propose a selection to the membership.

RP – Proposed a Committee lunch the day after the AGM (ie 7 May). Old and new Committee members would be invited (so up to around 15 people). **Action: JF and RP will look at potential venues etc.**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 10am in Unit7.