

Minutes of Pontesbury & Rea Valley District u3a Committee Meeting 7th Nov 2022

Present: Janet, Sue, Doreen, Merle, Bob, Steve, John, David

Apologies: None

On behalf of the committee Janet welcomed Merle back to the group

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Accepted by all

Matters Arising:

U3a AGM: None of the resolutions regarding membership subscriptions were accepted at the AGM. Janet noted that head office has ringfenced £255,000. We await further information.

Two Minute Items:

Pontesbury u3a Constitution

Sue raised the issue of us needing to agree any possible amendments to our constitution. The point was made that the membership not the committee will need to agree any amendments prior to submitting to Head Office. Janet & Sue to review.

Hadrian's Wall Initiative

Group co-ordinators to be contacted and encouraged to cascade information down to their groups to gauge interest.

U3a Magazine

Winter issue has been received, but no invoice.

Finance:

Balance as at 1st Nov was £3892.46

John emailed to the committee a summary of 40th Anniversary expenditure v income

Reminder to committee that all payment for u3a group room hire should go through John. Send John the invoice, he will make payment and cash to be forwarded to John

Membership:

Steve current total now 170 members

Groups:

Committee agreed that no group should turn away new members. Constructive 'work-arounds' should always be found. Group co-ordinators to be asked for possible solutions to this issue at the 15th March meeting.

Photography: Now up to 10 members

Astronomy: Group close to being up and running at Bog Visitor Centre

Café Society: Struggling

Suggested new groups: Flower arranging, lunch group, bowls, palates, creative sowing & textiles, bridge. However, it was agreed that in principle we should not compete with successful none-u3a activity groups/organisations where possible

Publicity:

Sue reminded the meeting that all items for the Newsletter need to be in by 10th of the month.

Open Meetings:

December 21 st	Christmas celebration at the Pavilion
January	No Open meeting, hopefully Beacon demonstration
February 15 th	Rick Morris on balloon photo presentation
March 15 th	No Open meeting, Group Co-ordinators event
April:	Alison Utting ref Agnes Hunt presentation
May	Bob to confirm

Beacon:

Beacon is an Information Management System set up to help u3a groups manage their membership and financial information – our website will run completely independently from the Beacon System.

All those present had viewed the u3a details about the Beacon system. All agreed it appears simple, basic, functional and secure. Decision: Go with Beacon.

Actions:

- Sue to lead as the site administrator
- Target 9th January for a Beacon expert to provide the committee with a demonstration & provide us with a model for us to practise on
- Target 15th March Co-ordinators meeting to demonstrate and set implantation date

Christmas Event Wednesday 21st December:

- Committee to set up & decorate 1.00pm
- Tombola (prizes to be given to Janet by 17th December)
- Mince pies (David to purchase)
- Christmas songs & carols: Steve to see if we have a keyboard musician
- People to bring along any Christmas memories/ stories
- Tea, Coffee & biscuits (Doreen)
- Prosecco (Co-op on sale or return)

AOB

All agreed that in future Committee members names and minutes should be added to our website. Sue to action.

Next Meeting:

Hopefully 9th January at the Pavilion, to view possible Beacon demonstration