

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STOKE ON TRENT SOUTH U3A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST 2021 AT LONGTON CENTRAL HALL COMMENCING AT 2PM.

PRESENT

KEITH WARD
ANDREW DEVIN
FAY HOWELL
ALAN STEVENSON
LYNNE STEVENSON
VALERIE GREATBATCH

APOLOGIES

- a) There were no apologies
- b) It was noted that Sue Hartley was unwell and had been granted leave of absence from the Committee

1) MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd May 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2) MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3) FINANCE

a) A statement of income and expenditure was submitted showing that at the 31 July 2021 the balance was £17,702. 46.

b) Lynne reported that the Coach to Llandudno on 15th July 2021 only made a slight profit due to last minutes cancellations.

4) MEMBERSHIP

a) The current membership stands at 308 . This number include several first time members.

b) It was reported that a 25 year old lady who has autism had expressed an interest in joining one of SOTS art groups. Fay to explain that most members are senior citizens or retired, but that the lady be invited to attend a meeting without any obligation on the part of SOTS.

c) An enquiry had been received from a 26 year old lady who wished to join a social group. Fay to reply that SOTS members are senior citizens who are not in full time employment and suggesting that SOTS may not be a suitable organisation

5) COMMITTEE MEETING

a) Pursuit to minute 6 (Executive Committee 20/5/21) Keith to extend a personal invitation to Joseph Neilson, Philip Rowley and Karen Bowers to join the Committee at the next meeting.

7) GROUP MEETINGS

a) It was reported that that up to 5 members had enjoyed games of tennis organised by the Florence Tennis Club . The suggestion by the club that this be a formal arrangement be considered at the next meeting.

- b) The meeting room at St Paul's Church will not be available until September.2021
Until then the Flower Arranging Group will consider using the Blurton Community Centre.
- c) The discussion group deputy leader, Michael Smith, will pursue the availability of Hanley Library for the recommencement of the group.
- d) It was noted that several groups have or are to recommence
- e) Lynne and the leader of the Badminton Group to consider the arrangements for the hiring and payments for courts at Fenton Manor Sports complex.
- f) Alan to discuss with the leader of the Bowls Group the options for the use of greens and the cost thereof including the arrangements for non payment in inclement weather.
- g) The City Council have enquired how much rent we were paying them for use of their accommodation by the Sewing Group.
- h) It was noted that the Bowling Group had been offered, free of charge, various pieces of equipment. The donor be thanked but the offer be declined as the equipment is not suitable for our use.
- I) Val stated she needs more help as Group Co-ordinator as the two other co-ordinators are no long active.
- j) Chris Whitfield has resigned as the leader of the Lunch and Ballroom Dancing Groups.
- k) Pam Parton had expressed an interest in leading a Whist Group.
- l) Keith to discuss with Joe Neilson the recommencement of the Computer Group and his intimation that he wished to join the Committee.

8) Monthly Meetings and AGM

Any decision on these meetings be deferred until the September meeting

9)RISK ASSESSMENT

There was no report on risk assessments.

10) OPEN DAY

This matter be left in abeyance pending the recruitment of a Publicity Officer

11) COACH TRIP

Lynne has arranged a trip to Chester on the 2nd September 2021

12) CORRESPONDENCE

Fay reported that correspondence had been received from the National Office inviting U3As to cast their votes in the forthcoming national AGM.

13) ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

It was agreed that SOTS renews it music copyright licence at a cost of £50.

14) NEXT MEETING

The full committee to meet on the 9th September 2021 at Longton Central Hall commencing at 2pm

The meeting ended at 3.40 pm

Chairman

Date