

MINUTES OF THE 92nd COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STOKE-ON-TRENT SOUTH U3A HELD IN THE CENTRAL HALL LONGTON AT 2pm ON Thursday,13th FEBRUARY 2020

Present

Keith Ward	Chairman
Fay Howell	Business Secretary
Lynne Stevenson	Treasurer
Andrew Devin	Vice-Chairman
Alan Stevenson	Membership Secretary
Cathy Pomeroy	Publicity Lead
Kevin Ford	Deputy Treasurer
Beverley Maher	Entertainments Co-ordinator
Susan Hartley	Minutes Secretary

Apologies Valerie Greatbatch

	<u>Action</u>
<p>1. <u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, 9/01/2020</u> Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the following:</p> <p>a) <u>Ref. 1. a), Indoor Kurling</u> This should read “two targets” not “tickets”.</p> <p>b) <u>Ref. 8. c), Trentham Local Magazine</u> This should read “Open Day 2019” not “Ukulele Group”.</p>	
<p>2. <u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>a) <u>Letters to Members</u> These have been started. The AGM one will need clarification regarding the Group Co-ordination Lead role possibly becoming vacant, along with the present two remaining vacancies.</p> <p>b) <u>Facebook Photographs</u> AD is willing to go through photographs with CW for any which may be unsuitable.</p>	<p>FH/VG</p> <p>AD</p>
<p>3. <u>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT</u></p> <p>a) Letter received from the Administration Officer of Newcastle Town Football Club supporting young people with learning difficulties. There will be a social event on 14/03/20, and names for complimentary tickets for the match to increase community involvement. FH will put this in the newsletter, and Pat Winfield will mention it on our Facebook Page for people to make contact themselves with the Administration Officer.</p> <p>b) There has been an email from Auriol Ainley regarding a regional meeting in Birmingham on 16/03/20, to be attended by Sam Mauger, regarding a development plan for the future of</p>	<p>FH</p>

the U3A, and Joanne Smith the new editor of Third Age Matters magazine (TAM). Although it was addressed to KW, anybody can attend. KW will apply. FH expressed concern that she had not received this information.

- c) KW pointed out that National U3A had circulated information on how to deal with the coronavirus situation.

4. BUSINESS SECRETARY’S REPORT

1. NATIONAL U3A

- a) FH has circulated everything she has received.
- b) TAM magazine contributions are rising from £2.90 to £3.10 p.a. for 2020 – 2021.

2. SOTS U3A

- c) Committee Christmas Meal This will be held on 29/02/20 at The Tollgate. There are 14 – 16 people going up to now.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

- a) LS submitted a statement of income and expenditure which showed that, on 11th February 2020, figures were as follows:

	£	
Current	902.16	Balance 2019/20
	16,299.02	B/F from 2018/19
£	17,201.18	TOTAL BALANCE

- b) Gift Aid Just under £500 received which is less than last year. It could be that some members are unsure whether they can sign the Declaration.
- c) Dancing Group, C.D. Player This has been ordered.
- d) Leicester Coach Trip, 19/03/20 This has sold out.

6. GROUPS CO-ORDINATION REPORT

- a) Caravan Group Some people in the Table Tennis Group have been discussing whether to form a group. FH will mention this in the newsletter.
- b) Flower Arranging Group No. 2
There has been nothing further about a group leader.
- c) Grievance – Ukulele Group There has been nothing further.
- d) Keep Fit Group
LS had a telephone call from Age UK asking if we would be able to take on two of their groups (Bucknall and Cobridge) as

the lady is retiring. However, if this was possible, we would need a trained group leader. BM suggested a questionnaire for feedback. AD suggested possibly doing this in March when the council-run Keep Fit Group may no longer be funded by the council.

- e) Table Tennis Group It was agreed that FH will order new ping-pong balls to replace those that have cracked.

FH

7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

- a) Membership now stands at 512 including one form received today.
- b) Membership renewal letters will go out at the members meeting (27/02/20) or end of February. The AGM 2020 letter is almost ready.

8. PUBLICITY REPORT

- a) Community Notice Board, Burrington Drive key
FH has overlooked contacting Kevin Hawkins (Council).
- b) TAM Magazine Article
Although something was received by email, the article relating to the SOTS U3A Open Day 2019 was not printed in Issue 40 due to missing its deadline. It will most likely be printed in the next issue (No. 41, Spring) due out in April.
- c) U3A Day – 3rd June
This will be mentioned in our newsletter. This date is too close to our AGM (21/05/20) although it can be considered. If any of our group leaders wish to do something, that will be all right.

FH

VG

9. ENTERTAINMENTS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Monthly Meetings

- a) 30/01/20, Melanie Latham, Holly Cottage Preserves
This was a superb demonstration and talk by Melanie who continuously talked to the audience whilst making spiced plum chutney. She had wanted to do about 1¼ hour, but settled for one hour. Melanie did not use a microphone, and several people complained that sometimes they could not hear her. (We do have a lapel microphone).

Unfortunately, there was a mishap when Melanie tripped while transporting glass jars on her trolley. Fortunately, AD went to her aid, and thankfully no-one was hurt. LS will look into the insurance aspect regarding helping guest speakers in such cases.

LS

Melanie also complained about poor access to the hall.

- b) 27/02/20, Ken Rushton, The Role of the Magistrate
 - c) 26/03/20: Caudwell Children speaker, 10 – 15 minutes. Alex Povey, Povey Oatcakes.
 - d) 25/06/20, Sheetal Walklate, Youth Offenders Team (Confirmed).
 - e) 9th Birthday, 24/09/20 BM to arrange. **BM**
 - f) Christmas, 26/11/20: BM to speak with “the two Johns” although Mel the singer unavailable, and the men would prefer a singer with them. **BM**
 - g) Ref. 12/09/19, 9. f), Philip Cain, Barrow-in-Furness
He is fully booked up until early next year. BM hopes to contact him later. He has quoted £115 all inclusive.
 - h) BM contacted speaker, Martin Lloyd, who quoted £120, but he is unavailable for November, and 2021.
 - i) BM will purchase a forward planner. **BM**
- 10. CATERING TEAM’S REPORT**
- a) FH has no intention of having a Refreshments Group or a rota of helpers as people cannot always commit on the actual day because of their own circumstances.
 - b) Ref. 10. c), Washing up: LS said it is not fair for one person on the Committee, or a helper, “to be doing the lot”. There should be people willing to help with this. KW will announce a plea for help from the members actually present at the end of members meetings. **KW**
- 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
Cinema Group AD asked if the group had finished. If so, he will need to adjust our website. He will contact the group leader, Michelle, before doing anything.
- 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Thursday, 12th March 2020 at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 3:20pm.

Chairman: Date: