

MINUTES OF THE 93rd COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STOKE-ON-TRENT SOUTH U3A HELD IN THE CENTRAL HALL LONGTON AT 2pm ON Thursday, 12th MARCH 2020

Present

Keith Ward

Fay Howell

Lynne Stevenson

Andrew Devin

Alan Stevenson

Cathy Pomeroy

Kevin Ford

Beverley Maher

Susan Hartley

Chairman

Business Secretary

Treasurer

Vice-Chairman

Membership Secretary

Publicity Lead

Deputy Treasurer

Entertainments Co-ordinator

Minutes Secretary

Apologies Valerie Greatbatch

Action

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, 13/02/2020

Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the following:

Ref. 6.d), Keep Fit Group

BM said she had suggested a feedback questionnaire relating to people's feelings on general matters, not a questionnaire regarding the Keep Fit Group.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cinema Group It has finished. AD has taken it off the website and activity list after speaking with the group leader.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) Newcastle Town Football Club, 14/03/20

There have only been three offers for complimentary tickets, which is disappointing.

b) Regional Meeting, Birmingham, 16/03/20

KW will attend. Anyone else is welcome.

4. BUSINESS SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. NATIONAL U3A

a) FH received an email, which she forwarded to us, regarding our AGM. If we have to cancel due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, there is information about procedures we should follow.

b) She had also received an email regarding payments, which she sent on to LS and AS. She was also sent information about Riviera Travel.

2. SOTS U3A
- c) Committee Christmas Meal, 29/02/20
We had good meals, and an enjoyable time.
- d) Mitchell Memorial Arts Centre
Noosh D'Avola contacted her asking if we would let members see their leaflets at our meetings. LS said a few could be put out, but the church is against putting leaflets "here and there".
- e) COVID-19 FH said we will need to be aware, and that group leaders will need instructions. LS said that, for whatever reason a member passes away, we need to be informed so that the membership renewal letter, for example, is not sent out.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a) LS submitted a statement of income and expenditure which showed that, on 10/03/2020, figures were as follows:

	£	
Current	1,657.21	Balance 2019/20
	16,299.02	B/F from 2018/19
£	17,956.23	TOTAL BALANCE

- b) Bridge Group A £16 'invoice' was received for travelling slips that are pieces of paper used for recording scores, which the group could have done by photocopying – far cheaper. It was explained that the slips are considered to be consumables and not an acceptable expense. However, it will be allowed this time.
 - c) Dance Group They now have the CD player, but CW will have to use her own speakers.
 - d) St. Paul's Church An invoice, the first since October 2019, was received which was for all the room hire up to the end of February 2020.
- ## 6. GROUPS CO-ORDINATION REPORT
- a) Caravan Group FH was advised not to state anything yet in the newsletter.
 - b) Indoor Kurling Group KF reported a problem with the door being locked upstairs. However, as he was in the building at the time, he was able to unlock the door. For the future, LS said this was a church issue which needs resolving with Mr. Nickisson.
 - c) Tai Chi Group FH said she had spoken with Lindsey Paxton a few weeks ago, but yesterday was the first time she had

KF

seen him. He is quite willing to lead a group, and had wondered about chair-based Tai Chi. He thinks the room above the coffee lounge will be all right.

- d) Tennis Table Group FH has purchased ping-pong balls to replace the damaged ones. LS needs the receipt.

FH

KF said the windows have now been put in on the top floor so it should be warmer now.

- e) Write Your Memoirs Group This has been discontinued due to lack of interest. The group leader sent an email to our website. She also wishes her name and telephone number to be removed from it.

7. **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Membership now stands at 520 for this year with another couple of weeks to go. There have been 150 renewals up to yet.

8. **PUBLICITY REPORT**

- a) Ref. 12/09/19, 8. d), Little Cards

These will be for giving out in public to anyone who may be interested in us. BM showed a sample 'business' card from another organisation. It was agreed to go through with them, but not until after the AGM.

BM

- b) Community Noticeboards, Burrington Drive Key

FH agreed to progress the matter with Kevin Hawkins when time permitted, although AD may chase this up himself in about a couple of months.

FH

- c) LASAR Radio There has been an email informing us that, for a fee of £250, they will advertise our U3A. It was agreed not to go ahead.

- d) Cross Rhythms City Radio There will be a community choice show on Tuesday, 31/03/20 at noon. CP will look into it.

CP

- e) U3A Day, 3/06/20 An email has been circulated. It was decided to think about this nearer the time.

9. **ENTERTAINMENTS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Monthly Meetings

- a) 30/01/20, Melanie Latham LS has looked at our insurance, but could not find anything specific relating to carrying glass.

- b) 27/02/20, Ken Rushton The talk was enjoyable. He involved the audience, and appeared to be an accomplished speaker.

- c) 30/04/20, 'The History of Longton Park', Mervyn Edwards.
- d) 27/08/20 We will hold a quiz, and Jacob's Table.
- e) 9th Birthday, 24/09/20 Our own Ukulele Group.
- f) Christmas, 26/11/20 John Woodward (formerly of "The Two Johns.")
- g) April 2021, 'Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies',
Martin Lloyd.
- h) October 2021, 'From Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again',
Philip Cain.
- i) KW said BM should have a list of speakers' details available to the officers in case we need to contact anyone. AD added that we need to be vigilant for any bookings having to be suddenly cancelled due to COVID-19.
- j) Quizzes BM was informed that there was a box of quizzes on standby in the U3A cupboard. AD and SH also offered support with quizzes.
- k) Forward Planner Despite extensive searching, BM was unable to find a suitable planner, but will keep trying.

10. CATERING TEAM'S REPORT

- a) FH had nothing to report.
- b) KF was thanked for his "washing-up call to arms" at the last couple of members' meetings.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Projector John Degg has this at home. AD would like to examine the projector in readiness for Jo Austin (30/07/20).
- b) Twitter AD said Pat Winfield has offered to set up a Twitter account for us. It was agreed to invite her to a Committee meeting so that she can explain the benefits.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 9th April 2020 at 2pm. !

The meeting closed at 3:20pm.

Chairman: Date:



Since the date of these minutes, events altered dramatically due to the escalation of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and the meeting of 9th April 2020 was cancelled. Following ones have been cancelled for the time being.
