

SUDBURY GROUP OF THE THIRD AGE TRUST

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 12th December 2023

Present: Tony Lee, Dorothy Beal, Ian Mathews, Richard Thomas, , Brian Hemmings, Anita Tuddenham, Colette Bentley, Bruce Clegg, John Freeborn, Nicola Godwin, Derek Connah, Terry Straight,

1. **Apologies** – Brian Orton, Jennie Leech
2. **Minutes of 10th October 2023** - approved and signed by Ian Mathews in Brian's absence.
3. **Matters Arising from 8th August.**
 - 3.4 Basil Ambrose Legacy – bench idea requires a re-think. C/F
 - 4.4 First Aid feedback – Karen, Derck, Ian, Sue and Denise are all now trained. We managed to obtain a good discount too. IM
 6. U3A day – Ian priced up a gazebo at 1000 pounds. Bruce said we have our own banners And can order more through Indigo Ross. BC/ IM
 9. Website – Brian H reported some progress made. He has updated as far as possible. There is still more to do.
 9. Calligraphy group update – Grant has been paid to the Group now. Completed
 - 16.2 East of England Bulletin – nothing to report.
4. **Matters Arising from 10th October**
 - 4.0 Meeting with Jean Mealham – Richard had a look at the surgeries and delivered posters. She Will be involved in the Health Awareness Day.
 - 4.0 National AGM on 18th October 2023 – we have lost the East of England Trustee.
 - 6.0 Draft Events 2024 – U3A day 26th September during Open week of 21st – 29th. New Members 21st March Town Hall, 17th May Group Leaders at the Hive.
 - 8.0 Group Co-Ordinator's Role – Brian O, Ian, Jennie and Terry met
 - 9.0 Local Employer's HR – Richard attended. We have been invited to do a short presentation. BO
5. **Chair's Report & 2024 AGM 27th February 2024**– Joan Garner be awarded Life Membership toU3a, proposed by John Freeborn and seconded by Tony Lee.
Terry and Derek need to be elected at the AGM.
Tony, Dorothy, Anita, Nicola, Brian H and Colette happy to be re-elected (Colette if needed)
6. **Treasurer's Report**

We are in a good place financially; We have not had the bill from the Rugby Club. The Accounts Are ready to go to Rod. Calligraphy now sorted. Tony will be asking all Group Leaders to send In their Returns. Budget is agreed Subs can be maintained at current level until 2026. This Will slowly diminish our reserves. An increase of 10% for speaker's costs.
New Financial Policy was proposed by Richard and Seconded by Brian H. The signed off copy Will now go to Brian H for website.
David Thompson will take on the role of Auditor. He is invited to the February Committee Meeting. An item to be raised at the AGM. TL

The Committee agreed that **'We will follow Third Age Trust guidelines for the reduction of the existing reserve to the required level by maintaining the current value of subscriptions until the correct value is reached and not by making a one-off reduction in the subscription fee.'**
7. **Secretary's Report**

Dates confirmed so far (as above in Draft Events) DB
8. **Speaker's Secretary Report**

Colette and Anita have produced a new list for 2024. CB/AT
9. **Group Co-ordinator's Report** – nothing to add to the report provided.
10. **Membership Secretary's Report**

We currently have 895 members, (plus 10 Associate members) RT

11. **Webmaster Report** – Nothing to add.
12. **Communications/Publicity**
Some groups have been changed, new posters etc. The cut-off date is 1st January 2024.
13. **Beacon**
A reminder to everyone when sending to Committee members write "To all Committee"
14. **Holiday Approval**
Rochester (Wyn) Ian will sign, scan and send to Secretary IM
15. **AOB**
The Astronomy group will fold through lack of response (Jennie/Terry are aware)
The Website will be inactive in early January.
20/12 until 12/1/24 – Brian H will be away.
There was a discussion re telephone numbers in member. Richard clarified it.
Coffee morning next Wednesday 17th.

Meeting concluded at 11:10 am.

Next Meeting 13th February 2024 for 10 am at Christopher Centre.

Signed:



Date:

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