

SUDBURY GROUP OF THE THIRD AGE TRUST

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 13th June 2023

Present: Brian Orton, Dorothy Beal, Tony Lee, Ian Mathews, Richard Thomas, Bruce Clegg, Nicola Godwin, Anita Tuddenham, Colette Bentley, Jennie Leech, John Freeborn, Derek Connah (observer)

1. **Apologies** – Brian Hemmings
2. **Minutes of 11th April 2023** – approved and signed by Brian Orton
3. **4) Basil Ambrose Donation – St Peters update**

BO had circulated to committee information from St. Peters with rates of hire. Whilst the hire cost is more than we would usually pay the major stumbling block is that we cannot do our own catering and coffee and cake is £3.00 per head which would make it unviable to hold our monthly meetings there.

Committee felt that perhaps St Peters had two interests. St.Peters had cost a huge amount to restore/modernise and a return had to be made and that The Bridge who were managing the venue needed to further their charitable aims by offering work and deriving an income through the café.

Apart from costs there are other issues. Not clear if we would have exclusive of the building, would the café be open to public when meetings are being held, and there is no storage available so any equipment would need to be brought and taken away at each meeting

It was agreed that BO would go back to St Peters and explain our point of view and to see if anything can be done

BO

4. **8) Sale of Carpet bowls** – This has been completed now and 100 pounds banked.
- 3) **Google Drive** – Bruce would like access as Publicity Editor for Su3an etc. Dorothy will try to access it again, now password has been found. TL/DB
- 4) **First Aid rota** – Ian has been unable to get sufficient numbers of the First Aid volunteers to agree a date. Cost of course was around £1000 so needs to get as many together at one time. Ian will try now to see if a date for September can be agreed. IM
- 14) **Gallery** – Bruce said there are pictures on the gallery now. He will look again once Brian H returns.
5. **Matters Arising from 11th April**
 - 5) Health Awareness Day – now cancelled by the Hardwicke/Siam
 - 5) Fire Procedures at the Rugby Club.- nothing to add.
 - 5) Support for Group Co-ordinator/Volunteers for the Committee. Derek Connah is one of the volunteers attending today, Terry Straight is the other and will attend next meeting as away on holiday.
 - 5) Transport to Rugby Club – Four members have offered transport but at the moment those members who have previously said they lacked transport no longer have a requirement. Anita suggested Go-start. There was a discussion about costs, advance booking and form filling for this. Cost to be checked BO

12a) Su3aN -a discussion about changing the format of this. It could include a Group of the month. Tony suggested more group advertising. Bruce will ask Jennie for more group information for the Su3aN.

Ian has managed to do the labels in post code order to make it easier to send out any envelopes.

Richard suggested that around 90 members have hard copies despite having email. Should we do a poll? Brian said if people only have a mobile, it could be difficult to read, and some people prefer paper copies. There are only 23 members who do not have email addresses. No further action to be taken at this time.

6. **Chair's Report**

U3A day on 21st September 2023 – leaflets reviewed. Completion of an A4 copy that is more up-to-date, to go to the railway, Town Hall etc. Pictures on Facebook will be placed. An A5 copy might have more chance being received at a greater range of places, once slightly refreshed. The display boards fall down in the wind, Brian, Tony and Bruce will seek advice re this.

BC/TL/BO

S&D Network meeting on 14th July 2023

Ian talked about an Association in Essex but thought not viable for our group. He will contact Barbara Cordina.

IM

SADN have some of our money. Tony stated that is it is a formal meeting, then monies should be returned to us.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Most money is now in, we have a healthy balance, but we may be 1000 pounds down by the end of the year. We received 150 pounds grant from TAT for the Hadrian's Wall project. We need a new Examiner of Accounts from next year as Rod Gray standing down after completing examination of 2023 accounts.

TL

The u3a have issued new guidance for Treasurer's. Tony has said he will study the changes and report to committee at the August meeting.

TL

8. **Secretary's Report**

Dorothy received an accident form from Lyn Gray for Thursday Table Tennis it is not anticipated that there would be further action but she will keep on file.

Dorothy reminded everyone that the Monthly meeting 22nd August is at the Granary and not The Rugby Club

9. **Speakers' Secretary's Report**

We have good quality speakers booked for the forthcoming meetings however Colette had been informed that Mark Bills was unable to give this talk in June but another Member of Gainsborough's House staff, Emma Boyd, will speak in his place.

10. **Group Co-ordinator's Report** – this was sent out to all the committee.

Terry Straight is willing to be Group Co-Ordinator and will shadow Jennie.

Jennie met with the Mahjong 2 players yesterday and will meet again to iron out the rules of play for the new group. Mahjong 2 intend to use the Bridge Groups tables. JL will check with Bridge that this is OK. As the Bridge Group have just purchased some new tables from their holding account there was some discussion as to some reimbursement. Decision to be taken once Mahjong 2 established.

JL

There are lots of new groups.

With reference to the archaeology group, Jennie will contact the Burnham u3a to find out how to begin.

JL

11. **Membership Secretary's Report**

843 are now fully paid, 11 yet to renew and will be cut off at the end of June. Richard will inform all group leaders. 160 Su3aN have been ordered, 113 are required with 47 spares.

12. **Webmaster's Report**

A report was sent to all committee members. Some items will be discussed at next meeting.

13. **Communication/Publicity**

Not much to report. Items to be included in Su3aN and leaflets revamped as in item 6 above. BC

14. **Beacon Report**

All group leader's awareness has been completed. The membership is now brilliantly recorded. There is good information on Beacon for groups now. The PayPal or card facility for membership would not be followed up on as payment via BACS works well and is cost free.

15. **USA equipment**

We have been advised by Harcourts that any property stored at the Friends is in an unlocked cupboard and held at our own risk. No lockable facility available.

There is a risk wherever we store our equipment. The new whiteboard is with Tony.

16. **Holiday Approval**

Tenby 16/10/23 Agreed and signed

17. **AOB – mobile passed from Tony to BO.**

Meeting concluded at midday.

Date and time of next Meeting: 8th August 2023 at 10 am at The Christopher Centre

Signed:



Dated:

8.8.23