

SUDBURY GROUP OF THE THIRD AGE TRUST
Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting
on Tuesday, 9th August 2022

Present:

Brian Orton, Chairman	Tony Lee Treasurer
Dorothy Beal, Secretary	Bruce Clegg, Publicity
Colette Bentley, Speaker Secretary	Sue Campbell
Nicola Godwin	Dee Hoile
Richard Thomas	Brian Hemmings
Janet Cruttenden	John Freeborn, Membership Secretary
Ian Mathews (guest)	

1) **Apologies for Absence:** Jennie Leech

2) **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th June 2022**

The minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

3) **Matters Arising from 14th June 2022 Meeting**

4. The sashes are not popular with M&G's. Bruce will look at different ways of labelling.

Action BC

More Meeters and Greeters are still required.

Matters Arising from 8th February 2022 meeting

16. Policies. Sue has agreed to work with Richard to review which u3a policies we should adopt and include on the website.

Action RT/ SC

Dropbox –Tony reported will not use Drop box but Microsoft One Drive instead. The email address has been created, however, there is an issue with cloud duplication.

Action TL

4) **Chairman's Report**

Previously circulated by BO proposal to adopt u3a Beacon Management System. Committee agreed that we should proceed without delay. Ian Mathews whilst he could not be co-opted onto committee as he already was serving on another u3a committee would become the Beacon Administrator for Sudbury and use his knowledge and experience to help get Beacon up and running. Beacon Sub-committee IM/BO/TL/RT/DB formed and will meet 1.9.22.

The Defibrillator demonstration at the October monthly meeting – needs a big push to alert people to this demonstration

Action BC/BO

First Aid - we have the option of having 2 x 3 -hour sessions of basic first aid training. Will offer to the entire membership in the next Su3aN and depending upon response decision will be taken as to if we should go ahead.

Action BC/BO

Christmas 2022, end of November, ask musicians could they provide entertainment.

Action BO

U3a Day 22/9/22 – keep the same format as last year. Display as for Health Awareness.

Action BC

May need 2 more banners

Action BC

Rota for the session on the day, still require more help

Action BO

Resolutions for Third Age Trust AGM 6.10.22

The Trust have circulated resolutions relating to increases in subscriptions next year and subsequent years so they may increase by pension inflation. There have been Zoom meetings held by the Trust, income is down as membership is down, but no figures given to back this up. There have been many objections from u3as throughout country.

TAT Accounts are not published until 5th September. Brian has asked for a budget for next year but it has not been forthcoming. He is puzzled why they are asking to increase subscription by inflation, without us knowing budget for 2023/24. Tony suggested an alternative resolution should be put to members at the AGM. We must decide by 21st August if there is an alternative resolution we wish to 2nd. Questions need to be asked. We will register our dissent by 21st Aug We do not want an annual increase and will be voting against both resolutions. Action BO

5) **Treasurer's Report**

Tony mentioned the TAM – Third Age Matters - increased in cost by 8%. Number of copies we were being billed for 22/23 seems very high, this had been fixed by TAM without notification and TL has asked for it to be reviewed and has not paid. Action TL

Holiday trips insurance still an issue. Tony will ask Jane to try and alter her system. Action TL

6) **Secretary's Report**

Shared a copy of meeting re Interest Group that she attended.

Will contact the Christopher Centre re room for next year's Committee Meetings

Action DB

7) **Speakers Secretary's Report**

Colette will meet with her helpers and Anita Tuddenham to discuss the future programme. It was suggested that Anita join the Committee meetings from October.

Action CB

August meeting at the Granary, SC will be at the Rugby Club to redirect those lost.

Action. SC

8) **Group Co-ordinator's Report**

Jennie had provided a comprehensive report on the progress being made with the development of new groups. A lot of work by Jennie/Anita/Gill had been done.

Make Memories group has closed. There is a Life Stories poster and possible new group, Jennie to ask for further information. Action JL

Carpet bowls

CARRY FORWARD

Jane CT will do Hadrian's Wall project, will have Zoom meeting with Ann Keating and Barbara Cordina. Jane has tentative plans for organising a holiday perhaps from just Sudbury but maybe from the Eastern Region as a whole.

9) **Membership Secretary's Report**

799 currently, John said he was very grateful for all the help in chasing up non-payers. Committee agreed that a major effort had been made to ensure that 2021/22 members had renewed their membership and that those who had not now done so would probably not renew and would be removed from membership lists. JF would retain a record as to which members this applied to, so that, should they renew at a later date, they could be re-instated. More obvious route to the forms on the Website. Action. BH

10) **Webmaster's Report**

Report of "hits" sent to all members of the committee. Website has not got all the new groups on it, nor a contact for JL Gp Coord. Action BH

11) **Communications/Publicity**

Bruce will discuss the length of the speakers reports with the contributors in view of the shortage of space for other items in the Su3aN. He was asked if this reduced the amounts of space for Groups information which is important, and he said he had printed all he was sent.

Action BC

12) **AOB**

Bruce had been asked by June Povey - Community Rail Partnership Office about u3a taking over maintenance of Sudbury Rail Station Garden. Committee didn't wish to do this but felt it should be Sudbury in Bloom to undertake the work as they had appropriate facilities for plants, watering etc. Committee felt we should talk to SIB and suggest if they provide information to us, we will ask our membership if they would volunteer to work with Sudbury in Bloom. BO has a SIB committee member in carving group and will discuss with him.

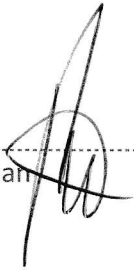
Action BO/BC

13) Meeting concluded at midday.

14) **Date and Time of Next Meeting: 11th October 2022 at 10 am.**

Signed

Brian Orton, Chairman



Date

11.10.2022