

**Minutes of Tynedale u3a Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 26th January 2023 at Hexham Golf Club**

Present: Wendy Dale, Alicia Cresswell, Barrie Mellars, John Dark, Colin Argent, David Pattinson, Lesley Parsons, Sally Hewitt and Susan Turnbull

No.	Activity	Action/ person
1	Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received from Barbara Redhead.	
2	Minutes of meeting held on 16 th December 2022 were accepted as a true record.	
3	Matters Arising: Item 7 Treasurer’s report - David has liaised with Colin and transferred moneys accordingly.	
4	<p>Chair's Report: <u>Committee vacancies</u> – We still don’t have an Events Secretary but we should be able to manage without one. We still need a Business Secretary. Wendy has spoken to someone who is thinking about it. There has been no interest in the Newsletter Editor’s role so Wendy encouraged all committee members to ask around.</p> <p><u>AGM</u> – Wendy ran through what needed to be added to the newsletter for the AGM and Alicia will add by updating from last year.</p> <p><u>40th Anniversary</u> – Sally, David and Wendy have met. Wendy has arranged for Mike Worthington to compère with Margret Jacot speaking. Sally is meeting with long standing members to make recordings of their u3a memories, so progress is being made. The date of Saturday 17th June was chosen for afternoon tea at the Mart. Colin will check the price for the tea. It was decided to ask Hexham’s Mayor to open the event which Sally will do. It was agreed that Barrie will put together a publication from all the information gathered.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>CA SH BM</p>
5	Business Secretary's Report: All information received has been distributed.	
6	Policies: Accessibility, Equality and Diversity and Social Cohesion policies have been modified by Wendy and Barrie from the discussions at the last meeting. Wendy will circulate them to the committee for comment then, if happy, the review will be complete. TAT has an Environmental policy which Wendy thought we should adopt, so she will look at it and bring it to the next meeting.	WD
7	Treasurer's Report: The 2022 accounts should be signed off by the end of next week at which point they will be available for inclusion in the March newsletter, ahead of the AGM.	

	<p>The Third Age Trust (TAT) have advised that from 1st April 2023 the charge for delivery of the Third Age Matters (TAM) newsletter will increase from the current £3.35 to £3.60 (an increase of 7.5%) per annum for those taking TAM. David has spoken with John Dark and he agrees that the cost of membership should rise accordingly from 1st April to £17.60 for any new or renewing members wanting TAM. The committee agreed to this.</p> <p>There is a quarterly regional Treasurers' network meeting taking place via Zoom at 10:30am on Tuesday, 7th February. David suggested it would be a good opportunity to build links with other u3a Treasurers in the region for Barbara and/or Susan.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should pay £50 expenses to Mike Bentley for his talk on 24th January.</p> <p>David asked if Susan wanted to discuss anything from a 'groups' perspective as part of his handover – Susan said it would be a good idea and will contact David to arrange.</p>	ST
8	<p>Programme Secretary's Report: There has been good feedback for the speaker at the last monthly meeting. There were 95 present and 8 on Zoom. The next speaker is set up and Barrie will send Alicia details for inclusion in the newsletter.</p> <p>There were 77 attendees at the Masonic Hall for the talk by Mike Bentley; Barrie will ask Chris Pollock for an article about it for the newsletter. Barrie suggested that, as it was such a success, other groups should consider doing something similar.</p>	BM BM
9	<p>Membership Secretary's Report: The membership has continued to grow. John will now mark any non-renewing members as 'lapsed'. Once this is done we will have 430 members.</p> <p>More people than expected attended the coffee morning and most found out about it from Facebook. Colin's power point presentation was displayed and was appreciated as being informative and of good quality. John suggested having the next coffee morning in two month's time and in a bigger room.</p> <p>As we no longer provide membership cards when members renew, John will send an email in acknowledgement. An option would be to send a certificate which would include the member's name and membership number.</p>	JD JD
10	<p>Publicity Officer's Report: Facebook was initially an experiment but the numbers are increasing – there are now 90 members in our Facebook group. Sally asked if we could modify the application form to ask how applicants heard about the u3a. John said he would do this.</p> <p>The 40th anniversary posters have now been printed and Sally is working out where to display them. David will take some for the Stocksfield area.</p> <p>Things are happening with the Hadrian's Wall Festival which is on 10th May and there is a piece on TAT website. There is also a parallel program for an informal festival and online events to run alongside. Wendy suggested that there could be a tour of the Abbey or of Hexham or Corbridge highlighting the Roman connection. Sally will liaise with John Sandiford.</p>	JD DP SH
11	<p>Newsletter Editor's Report: This month's magazine content is covered but Alicia is concerned about her replacement. David said that the u3a had a laptop that could be offered to the new editor with appropriate software already installed on it. Alicia offered help for anyone taking on her role.</p>	
12	<p>Group Liaison Secretary's Report: We now have 52 groups.</p>	

	Colin has spoken to the Mart in relation to the Convenors' lunch; the price for a buffet would be £12 plus V.A.T. per head and if we wanted to give everyone a welcome drink it would be £2 plus V.A.T. per head extra. The date is Wednesday 19 th April. It was decided to go ahead with the buffet and the welcome drink. It was agreed that Colin should let the convenors know the date for their diaries and confirm with the Mart.	CA
13	<p>Beacon Administrator and Website Manager's Report: The Website is almost back to normal. The policies need to be added and Barrie will send them to Lesley when reviewed by the committee. Lesley asked Susan for the AGM minutes for 2020 and 2021.</p> <p>There was discussion about a hard drive to back up the website and it was agreed that Lesley should go ahead and get one.</p> <p>Lesley said that the Site Builder software wouldn't last much longer. There was discussion about various replacements but it was decided that it wasn't necessary to do anything at the moment so we will wait and see.</p> <p>Beacon is ticking over.</p>	BM ST LP
14	<p>Events Secretary's Report: The visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park is going ahead on 5th April.</p> <p>There was discussion about the Quiz Night venue and prices and whether or not there would be enough interest for it to go ahead. Barrie will get a price from the Golf Club.</p> <p>John told us about the Back Stage Tour at the Sage which he said was fascinating. It would be £15 per head for 10 to 20 people and the 17th March at 10am was available. John will ask the Sage to pencil us in for the 17th and he will advertise it at the next monthly meeting.</p> <p>Dates are still being sorted out for the Recycling Plant visit.</p> <p>Wendy suggested that a visit to Spadeadam might be possible; she is waiting to hear back from them.</p>	BM JD
15	Regional and Third Age Trust: There is a Zoom Networks meeting on 15 th February which Wendy will attend.	
16	<p>A.O.B.: Barrie told us that the Golf Club was booked for the rest of the year for our committee meetings and the Space Group meetings, at no charge.</p> <p>Barrie asked if we were going ahead with DID in February? Wendy said that Mike hadn't heard from the castaway but was looking into it.</p>	
17	Date and time for next meeting: Thursday 23 rd February 2023 at 2pm.	

Meeting ended at 15:53

Signed:

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