

**Minutes of Tynedale u3a Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at Hexham Golf Club**

Present: Wendy Dale, Alicia Cresswell, Barrie Mellars, Colin Argent, David Pattinson, Lesley Parsons, Sally Hewitt, Ann Atkinson, Tim O'Brien and Susan Turnbull

No.	Activity	Action/ person
1	Welcome and Apologies: John Dark and Barbara Redhead.	
2	Minutes of meeting held on 26 th January 2023 were accepted as a true record.	
3	Matters Arising: Social Cohesion Policy – Wendy went through the suggestions that had come from circulation of the policy and it was agreed they could all be incorporated. Barrie to do the changes. He will also change all the policies that have been reviewed to use the form u3a instead of U3A. and will send the amended documents to Lesley for the website.	BM
4	<p>Chair's Report: AGM – Wendy has received a motion about allowing members access to other members' contact details. There was discussion as to whether the motion was raised in time for the AGM and agreed that it was. There were reservations expressed and also discussion as to whether this was allowable under the Data Protection Act. If passed there would need to be an entry on Beacon for members who opted in. Wendy would go back to the proposer for a form of wording so that it would be in time for the newsletter.</p> <p>Wendy gave grateful thanks to Alicia and David (who were leaving the committee) for their much appreciated contribution to the u3a.</p> <p>Wendy shared her proposed report and asked if the committee would let her know if they had anything to add.</p> <p>40th Anniversary – This will consist of a round table discussion divided into Pre-Trinity, Trinity and Post-Trinity, giving a flavour of the last 40 years. Wendy and Barrie will get together to sort out the practicalities. Sally has recorded interviews with a number of members that have proved very useful to identifying changes that have taken place. She has also provided a written summary.</p> <p>We have now been quoted a price for the 40th Anniversary afternoon tea at the Mart but it is £20 per head which was more than expected. There was much discussion about alternative venues and food. It was decided that Colin would go back to the Mart and try to renegotiate a better price. Wendy had enquired at the Race Course and they said they wouldn't be able to do the weekend but would get back to her with a price.</p>	<p>WD</p> <p>All</p> <p>WD BM</p> <p>CA WD</p>

	It was decided to leave the Environmental Policy to the next meeting because of the lack of time.	
5	Business Secretary's Report: All information received has been distributed.	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report: David has claimed and we have now been paid Gift Aid for 2022. Additionally, we remain in dispute with the Torch Centre over 2 incorrect group invoices from January and February. David is waiting on Torch for a resolution.</p> <p>As noted last month, the TAM postage rate is being raised to £3.60 for all members from April 1st 2023. It was agreed that we would apply the increase from 1st April 2023.</p>	
7	Programme Secretary's Report: Barrie has bookings for speakers until November and he is negotiating with the December speaker. Last month's meeting went very well with 88 attending in person and 14 on Zoom. Members have experienced problems with the hearing loop but Barrie has been assured that it is working as it should. Wendy will check at the beginning of the next meeting.	WD
8	Membership Secretary's Report: We are still gaining new members; we currently have 462. Facebook is still attracting new members to the coffee mornings which are proving very successful. The date of the next coffee morning is 31 st March.	
9	Publicity Officer's Report: Sally is still displaying posters around the area. Facebook membership is growing and there are more posts but it would be helpful if we could get more from groups themselves.	
10	Newsletter Editor's Report: Tim enquired if we had asked the members what they wanted in the newsletter. This hadn't been done recently so it wouldn't be a problem to ask again. He thinks it would be good to have photos of committee members in the newsletter, so they could be recognised by members. He was told he could bring his ideas to shape the newsletter.	
11	<p>Group Liaison Secretary's Report: Colin has started putting information on the website and on Facebook. Some of the new groups which started after the open day are struggling, which is perhaps because of waning enthusiasm; some are planning a relaunch.</p> <p>The convenors' lunch will be slightly cheaper than he had reported as the drink costing £2 included V.A.T. Colin wants feedback from the convenors and asked for suggestions of questions he could ask. Colin suggested all convenors and committee members now and after the AGM be invited. The date is Wednesday 19th April.</p> <p>Barrie told us that the Science group were not going to do Zoom any more but would make a recording for members who can't attend. This is a development that if successful might be adopted by other groups.</p>	
12	<p>Beacon Administrator and Website Manager's Report: Lesley will help the three new members access the Beacon system and she has set up access to trial data for them to try it out.</p> <p>There are Beacon courses for committee members available from TAT but they are probably more useful to areas not using Beacon.</p>	

	Lesley has bought the new hard drive and backed up the website. Barrie said he would send Lesley the approved policies for the website.	
13	<p>Events Secretary's Report: There was discussion about the Hadrian's Wall 'Off the Wall' festival. Wendy felt we could have put more into the fringe events if we had been engaged in the process at an earlier stage. She said she would be happy leading a walk to Sycamore Gap for a u3a group photo.</p> <p>There are about 18 members interested in the Quiz night but Barrie asked if this was enough to go ahead with it? He also asked about prizes and we agreed he could offer a £20 first prize and hopefully the number interested will increase.</p> <p>The Sculpture Park visit has 34 interested and 24 have paid for the Sage visit.</p>	
14	<p>Regional and Third Age Trust: There was a network meeting which covered three topics NCVO, Local Governance and Off the Wall.</p> <p>David mentioned the Regional Treasurers Network as being useful.</p>	
15	<p>A.O.B.: It was agreed that in future the Charity Commission Contact will be the Business Secretary.</p> <p>David said that someone needs to take over the Zoom account which he pays for at the moment. Barrie agreed to take it over.</p> <p>We had been asked if we would be interested in forming a team for a regional quiz and Wendy said we would.</p>	BM
16	<p>Date and time for next meeting: Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 2pm.</p>	

Meeting ended at 16:25

Signed:

Dated: