

**Minutes of Tynedale u3a Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 23rd June 2022 at Hexham Golf Club and on Zoom**

Present: Wendy Dale, Alicia Cresswell, Barrie Mellars, John Dark, Colin Argent, David Pattinson, Sally Hewitt, Susan Turnbull with Sarah Bowen on Zoom.

No.	Activity	Action/ person
1	Welcome and Apologies: Apologies were received from Lesley Parsons.	
2	Minutes of meeting held on 26 th May 2022 were accepted as a true record.	
3	Matters Arising: Wendy brought up the item regarding the Discovery Award which she has looked into. In other u3as who have been involved with the Discovery award have operated as a group so a group of members work together to get their Discovery Award. Wendy suggested she go back to the person who brought it to her attention to see if she would be prepared to convene a group, then we could advertise it in the newsletter to see if there is any interest.	WD
4	<p>Chair's Report: Wendy had circulated a report produced by Colin and herself about the Open Day (attached) which was discussed. The aims were agreed. The Display Objectives were agreed with the exception of the display regarding Tynedale u3a's 40th anniversary which, it was felt, would be better used when we have our 40th anniversary next year. It was agreed that we needed display boards (which Wendy is trying to source) and Title Boards to put on top of the display boards. John offered to make some if necessary.</p> <p>Wendy asked the committee members to say what their group would be doing on the day and found that most groups were formulating ideas.</p> <p>It had been decided to advertise in the Courant and the group considered the circulation of posters.</p> <p>David said there is £250 in the budget for the Open Day and that he had a grant application form (from the u3a) for up to £150 if we wanted to apply. It was agreed we would apply and Davide would complete the application. David suggested we could use that money for the fixed costs and our money for promotion and groups' expenses.</p> <p>Colin said there was a u3a member in a band, who we could possibly use to attract members of the public into the hall. After discussion it was decided to reflect on it for next year.</p>	DP

5	Business Secretary's Report: All information received has been distributed.	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report: David had circulated a report in advance of the meeting. The only point of note is that we have now paid our annual subscription fee to the Northumbria Regional u3a. The cost was £52.50. The total cost of our recent garden party was £472.25.</p> <p>David is still in the process of getting John onto the bank mandate so he can see if, and how much, members have paid.</p> <p>David said there had been no interest in anyone taking over the role of treasurer.</p>	DP
7	<p>Programme Secretary's Report: Barrie has been in touch with Mike Bentley who is ready to do the July talk. It was suggested that we might need extra seating for the July meeting because of the popularity of the speaker, which would necessitate the tea and coffee being moved into the anti-room. Barrie will liaise with the Abbey.</p> <p>Barrie said he has speakers for the rest of the year but no one booked for next year and asked for suggestions. Barrie had thought of approaching curators from Cragside or Wallington. The historian Max Adams, and Greg Finch from the History Society were suggested.</p> <p>D.I.D – Wendy told us that Mike is advertising that D.I.D will start again in October and a couple of people have come forward to be interviewed but more are needed. Colin was committed and Alicia said she would consider it.</p>	BM
8	<p>Membership Secretary's Report: There has been a steady trickle of new members and the applications now are mainly electronic.</p> <p>John was contacted by Ann Rouke who is helping Steve Carter to run a beginners Bridge course online and wanted this to be advertised. It was agreed that this would be appropriate for the newsletter. John will pass the information to Alicia.</p> <p>The next coffee morning is on 8th July and John will invite new members and those who didn't attend last time. John has enough committee members to help out.</p>	JD JD
9	<p>Publicity Officer's Report: The next advert in the Courant is booked for the 30th June and will cover the next monthly meeting and the coffee morning.</p> <p>Facebook – Sally will set up the new page and Barrie will close the existing page.</p> <p>Sally will talk to Prudhoe u3a about joint publicity for the Open Day.</p>	SH BM SH
10	<p>Newsletter Editor's Report: Alicia has enough for this month's magazine.</p> <p>It seems that some members who receive their newsletter by post aren't actually receiving them and Alicia suggested restarting the hand delivery. Members had volunteered to deliver so she said she would produce a list and see if there was enough people to do the deliveries.</p> <p>Barrie said that there might be more problems in the future for those receiving electronic newsletters because some email providers are filtering out this sort of communication or</p>	AC

	pushing them into Spam.	
11	Group Liaison Secretary's Report: There is a new language group and a new convenor for the Wildlife group who has transformed the group.	
12	Beacon Administrator and Website Manager's Report: Lesley was unable to attend but David said she is now formally the Beacon administrator. Colin said Lesley had done a super job in sorting out the problems with Beacon. She has also done a great job sorting out the online forms.	
13	<p>Events Secretary's Report: We all agreed that the Garden Party went well. The venue was lovely but not quite big enough as some people had to be turned away and the steps seemed to be an issue for some people. It might be necessary to change the venue next time but it would be difficult to find somewhere to meet all our requirements.</p> <p>The catering was good and there was food left over so maybe we should cater for a smaller number next time. It was suggested we have a working group next time and a maximum number of attendees set at the start. A few people got involved in activities but we weren't sure how much of an asset they were. There was discussion as to whether or not the raffle needed to have more higher value prizes.</p> <p>Congratulations were given to Sarah for all the work she put into the organisation of the Garden Party. Wendy had sent a 'thank you' to the volunteers and Sarah had thanked the cricket club.</p>	
14	<p>Regional and Third Age Trust: David attended a Regional Treasurer's meeting today.</p> <p>Wendy will be attending the quarterly Regional meeting in Seaham on 29th July so if anyone wants to go she can give them a lift.</p>	
15	A.O.B.: There was no other business.	
16	<p>Date and time for next meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday 28th July 2022 at 2pm.</p>	

Meeting ended at 16:00



Signed:

Dated: 2.10.2022