



UTTOXETER & DISTRICT u3a [Charity Commission number 1121369]

UTTOXETER THIRD AGERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
26th July 2023

The meeting was held at Wilfred House and started at 11.32 am. The Chair welcomed members to the gathering.

Those Present:

Rob Hawkins [Chair], Christine Brewster (Treasurer), Jenny Lingham [Secretary], Caroline Derry, Carol Hogan, Lesley Law, Graham Goodall, Simon Haas, Hazel Glover, Margaret Bellchambers, Eileen Gerald Higginbottom & Andy Matthews.

Visitors: Chris Reynolds (webmaster), Kevin Mason (potential new web manager)

Item 1 - Apologies

Paul Kempson, Pamela Merrett, Eileen Egerton.

Item 2 – Minutes & Matters Arising

The Minutes from 28th June 2023 were accepted as a true & accurate record of that meeting.

There were no matters arising.

Item 3 – Uttoxeter u3a website

The current webmaster has indicated his wish to resign from his post after managing our website for 8 years. He outlined the role, explaining that it is relatively straightforward and saying that he will be happy to offer initial help to the person who takes over from him. The new website will be coming soon and, as yet, we don't know much about it. A computer-literate person will be needed to take over the job. At this point, Kevin Mason stated that he was computer-literate and felt that he had the relevant experience to enable him to take over management of the website. Chris Reynolds and Kevin Mason then left the meeting to discuss the matter further. The Chair thanked them for attending the meeting.

Item 4 – Chair's Report

There was no written Chair's report for this meeting as he had given a full report to the AGM on 19th July.

The Chair mentioned two new activities that we are hoping to get going:

- 1) **Badminton:** negotiations are taking place to form a badminton group, to meet at the Heath Community Centre.
- 2) **Petanque:** We have a potential group leader lined up and a possible venue (Bradley House). The manager of Bradley House has agreed that we could build a petanque piste in the car park there. An estimate of £1,016.96 has been obtained to cover the cost of building a double piste. The formation of a petanque group would give an opportunity for holding weekend and evening activities. There are many issues which need clarification before a final decision can be reached and, after a discussion, it was decided that we will proceed with investigations.

Item 5 – Secretary’s Report

The Secretary’s report had been circulated in advance.

- **AGM:** The secretary said that she was in the process up-dating our u3a’s details on the Charity Commission website, and would be asking for certain personal information from the two new trustees in order to complete the task.
- **September u3a week:** After a short discussion, it was decided that we will not be planning any additional events to celebrate u3a week, but would stick with the plans already in place for a Crafting session on September 20th. It was agreed that we would publicise this event (and future events) as far as possible through facebook and local parish magazines.
- **Cheadle History of Architecture:** It was agreed that we will advertise this Cheadle u3a course in our next bulletin.

Item 6 – Treasurer’s Report

There was no Treasurer’s report for this meeting as she had given a full report to the AGM on 19th July.

Item 7 – Membership Secretary’s Report

There was nothing new to report.

The Chair noted that we have been having problems with our lap-top computers and that a new one is needed for use by the membership team and by our new IT communications person.

Proposal: We purchase a new lap-top for use by the membership team.

Proposed by Rob Hawkins

Seconded by Christine Brewster

The proposal was carried unanimously

Item 8 – Work Group Reports

(i) **Marketing Group:** There was nothing new to report this month.

(ii) **Events Group:** The Event's Group's report had been circulated in advance. The following events were suggested as possibilities for the future: A Northern Soul Night (suggested by the Chair) and an event entitled "Who do you think you are?" (which has been suggested by one of our u3a members).

(iii) **Trips and Visits:** The Trips and Visits report had been circulated in advance. 11 people have booked so far for the proposed Coventry trip, and 41 or 42 for the Bletchley Park trip.

(iv) **Group Leaders Liaison:** There was nothing new to report. However it was agreed that, once our new web manager was in post, group leaders should be encouraged to send in information, when necessary, so that their sections of the websites could be kept up-to-date.

Item 9 – Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.43pm.

The next meeting will be @ Wilfred House, 11.30am, on Wednesday 23rd August

*Jenny Lingham,
Secretary
26th July 2023*