

**VCV U3A**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**Held on 9 February 2023**

**Committee members present :** Ron Fenn (RF) Chair, Nick Photi (NP) Vice Chair and General Meeting Manager, Gill Davies (GD) Speaker Co-ordinator, Ken Pragnell (KP) Treasurer, David Collins (DC) Webmaster, IT and Publicity, Denise Rees (DR) Events Liaison, Dick Downs (DD) Temporary Secretary and e-news editor, Julia Scott (JS) Vice Chair and Groups Co-ordinator, Lyn Brandreth (LB)

**1. Apologies**

Linda Maris (LM) Minutes Secretary, Rosemary Yates (RY) Membership Secretary.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with minor amendments.

**3. Matters Arising**

RF confirmed that there would be an advert in the February newsletter asking for volunteers [RUMs] to assist new members attending their first GM. GD confirmed that stickers will be available for next week's GM for visitors to enable committee members to identify them

**4. Finance**

KP advised the committee as follows:

- 1) General Account. His forecast from the January meeting still stands
- 2) Events Account. Events are holding up well, the financial Year End looks likely to be an £800 surplus. Well done to all concerned.

**5. Membership**

In the absence of RY this will be carried forward to the March CM. RF needed confirmation that all was in hand for the issue of membership renewal forms starting from the 1 March.

**6. New VCV Members**

It is hoped that the request for volunteers [ see 3 ] will ensure that new members can integrate quickly into the VCV.. A copy of the VCV guide has been sent to a number of recent new members..

**7. Committee Succession Planning**

RF has sent committee members a brief synopsis of their period of tenure. This indicates that there is a pressing need to build up committee strength and experience for 2024..Casual committee members are acceptable as per the VCV Constitution and this could enable members to obtain committee experience without there being any longer term commitment. Hopefully it would attract some to become coopted. JS has a couple of members in mind who could be approached in this way.

## **8. February GM**

NP and DC will set up and manage the audio system and screen presentation. GD advised that the proposed speaker has had to cancel but that a replacement has been identified. TP to advised to amend the February Newsletter accordingly.

Early leavers at meetings – a signing out sheet will be provided and NP will advise members as part of his health and safety procedures.

The Crochet Group are organising teas and coffees bur would appreciate some help.

## **9. VCV Dance November 2023 and King Charles III Coronation May 2023**

**Dance.** RF happy to organise (NP has organised the last two). It was proposed that there will be a request for help to form a Dance sub-committee in the e-newsletter and also at the February GM. However, LB – DR and JS offered to assist.

### **King Charles III Coronation (Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023).**

Agreed to put on a small buffet with bunting etc, before the speaker. The food will be in the Lounge.. NP pointed out that it would be a good idea to clear some of our store cupboards at GWP beforehand. Agreed that there are stored items no longer required.

## **10. Groups Report**

JS reports :

We have a Singles weekend group starting up, a request to start a Zumba Gold Group, and a request to hold an “All Groups” introduction session at a future GM. All these will need publicising. DD offered to put a piece in the February e-news. Proposed and agreed that we should aim to do this at the November 16<sup>th</sup> GM.

## **11. Events**

DR reports :

All the theatre events are looking good, with waiting lists for some current shows and Interest lists for future shows. Trips are also well supported

## **12. Publicity**

DC presented the laminated posters to go on SSPC Notice boards and elsewhere. Agreed that they should go out asap, DD to ask SSPC not to staple them as they degrade too quickly.

## **13. Newsletter**

Amendments notified to TP.

## **14. AOB**

The Ukele Band and the Singing For Fun groups to be approached to see if they are available for the Christmas Party. The committee post the October AGM will be organising this event.. RY to be asked to add to the membership form “how did you hear about us?”. TAT are restructuring and will have a smaller board supported by a larger representative consultation committee. . DD reported on recent exercise re members receiving the TAM magazine – so far 18 members have decided not to renew. DD to amend Beacon accordingly.