

Summary Minutes SWN Meeting 12th January at 6.00 pm on Zoom

AGM Thursday 16th March at 6.00 pm on Zoom.

Nominations will be required for all Officers by 16th February. Chair and Vice Chair are prepared to stand again. We have no Secretary. Treasurer has already stood for an extra year.

Reports from u3as

- Most u3as generally doing ok. Most growing slowly.
- Usual problems getting committee members.
- Monthly meeting going ok. Some Hybrid.
- Gilwern member won National short story competition
- Christmas parties successful
- Mixed picture with visits and theatres trips etc. - some successful, other not.
- Open Days planned. Seek advice from u3as who have run Open Days in past 12 months.
- Site Builder now up and running but all photographs lost and links have to be re-established. SWN Site Builder website is looking for new photographs – send them to chairman.swn@gmail.com

Wales Trustee.

- Site Builder replacement on trial with two u3as.
- Network Link on February 15th – on line on Zoom.
- Grants are available for special events. Contact Hilary
- Hilary stands down on 31st March 2023. Closing date for nominations 15th February.
- Hilary will find who is responsible for Ethics in TAT

Third Age Trust - Interim Financial Report.

- Requested by Chepstow – not satisfied by lack of detail or reply by TAT
- Why aren't more details available?
- If u3as are unhappy with this they should contact TAT.

Chair and Vice Chair Meeting

- We have no secretary so our coordinated responses must go through Wales Trustee
- Will select a topic for discussion at each meeting.
- Surveys – responses to last one were poor and mainly from u3as who do attend meetings.
- Low numbers attending SWN meetings.
 - Contact non attendees again?
 - Find out if we have the up to date email address? Hilary can help.

- Publicise advantages of SWN meetings to those SWNs who do not attend? Try to sell them the SWN - an SWN recruitment drive?
- **If your u3a doesn't come to SWN meetings, email us and tell us why.**

January Topic

- Contacting your u3a
 - 03000 Number (Bridgend). One contact number displayed on the website and publicity material. Goes to a succession of phone numbers and if these are not available goes to voice mail. Members prefer to call rather than email? About £120 per annum.
 - Domains eg Secretary@myu3a.org.uk (several u3a). Emails to this address can be forwarded to the post holders own email address and when the post holder changes their new email address is easily changed. About £30 per annum?
 - Whatever system is used, it is important that it is responded to as soon as possible.
- Care should be taken publishing phone numbers and private email addresses in websites and Newsletters without the individual's permission. They must be aware of the possible consequences of them being picked up by scammers.

New Links on the Website

- In u3a Office Information on Main Page
 - Links to information pages on the TAT website. More can be added if requested.
 - Summaries of TAT Board Meetings and other reports.
- In Wales Trustee on Main Page
 - Video of Wales Regional Meeting 28th November
- In SWN Topics on Main Page
 - Possible Medicines Workshop.
- In Dates for your Diary on the Main Page
 - National Poetry Competition – closing date 27th January
 - Getting New Committee Members. Thursday Feb 16h, 6pm on Zoom
 - Bridgend - holidays to Blackpool and Torquay.

Other Reports

- Chairman stressed several times during the meeting that the lack of a Secretary means there are areas where we cannot operate effectively eg running workshops, communicating as body with TAT

Date and Time of Next Meetings

- Wednesday February 8th at 6.00 pm on Zoom
 - Topic TAM – digital or hard copy?
- AGM Thursday 16th March at 6.00 pm on Zoom