

MINUTES OF THE WARSASH U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 AT 2.00PM AT 21 HOLLYBROOK GARDENS

1. JS welcomed the Committee Members to the Meeting.
2. Present: Judith Sims(JS), Dianne Hammersley(DS), Simon Hamersley(SH)  
George Pickburn(GP), Pam Benson(PB), Bob Goodson(BG),  
Audrey Sawdon(AS), Rosemary Scott(RS), Jan Myatt(JM),  
Jenny Hamer(JH), Sue Pearce(SP)
3. Apologies: Kumi Coulthard(KC), Sue Snape(SS), Christine Savage(CS)

**4. Minutes of last Meeting**

These were approved and signed by JS.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

As no offers have been made to help PB, JS will explain to U3A members at Friday's meeting what is involved. PB is happy to explain her role.

RS informed the Committee there will be a meeting in August regarding the Breakaway Group. A lot of ideas have been put forward and there is a need to draw up a policy.

The Coffee Morning had a good response.

SH mentioned the video to be shown at the meeting on Friday on the use of the defibrillator was not very long.

RS said Marianne's Café Society was not run as a group.

Although one man came on the Bus Trip, RS enquired if something could be done to encourage men to join, such as cycling. JS suggested starting a Cycling Group.

Murder Mystery – nothing happening until the Autumn. GP suggested a Murder Mystery event instead of the Anniversary Lunch, which was well received by the Committee.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

GP thanked KC for standing in for him while on holiday. There were no questions regarding the Financial Statement. GP said all cash and cheques had been paid in and the accounts reconciled. If any Member wished to look at the receipts this could be found on the Beacon Accounts.

JS mentioned that the Discovery Wine group needed to break even.

GP informed the Committee the Financial Policy for Charities had to be reviewed every year and asked Members to go through it and see if anything needed to be changed. The Charity Commission contact is in the records.

**7. Speaker's Report**

PB – the speaker for July is Jane Glennie talking on Violet's Titanic Escape. She does not need any technical equipment only a small table, is happy to use the stage and to be paid by BACS. PB has booked Ian Robert's from Communicare for the August meeting but as it is a short talk it is hoped to book maybe Tahmina Pearsall on the history of cataract surgery or, as an alternative, SH suggested the Portsmouth Pilots.

**8. Member's Report**

BG – Four people were interested in joining but to date no communication had been received. There are now 259 members.

RS mentioned one member did not have a phone number and although an email had been sent she had not received a reply.

**9. Group Leader's Report**

In SS's absence AS gave the report.

Family History Group – this is a new Group run by Laurie Page which will meet on the second Tuesday of the month 6.00-8.00pm .

On the Water – a BBQ to be held in the hope of stimulating interest.

**10. Ability to join on-line**

This was discussed at length. GP said a PayPal account would be needed to set this up but to re-vamp our system would be a better idea. It was agreed application forms should be on display at the monthly meetings. BG will print a few for Friday's meeting.

**11. Beacon – emails**

JS mentioned some members are not receiving emails. AS said certain email providers frequently put emails into spam – for example .yahoo or .aol email addresses. This is because they assume all emails for a "bulk Mailing" system are spam. She has helped several people change their settings so that the Beacon mail address is shown as an Approved Sender, but some members insist their family will help.

**12. Rob Johnson (RJ)**

AS has set RJ up as "read only" on all of Beacon which was agreed by the Committee. The Committee is happy for Rob to be called Technical Adviser. JS will contact Rob to ask if he is willing to be Warsash's U3A Technical Adviser.

**13. Members not turning up for booked meals**

JS reported at the last MOTO lunch three members did not turn up and Barbara had to pay for their meals. Two members have agreed to pay but there has been no reply from the third person who was apparently a visitor at the monthly meeting when they signed for the meal. It was agreed Barbara should be reimbursed with the amount owing. Barbara to send an email to GP explained what had occurred at the lunch.

**14. Donating to another Charity**

GP – as an individual you can donate to another charity as long as it has no association with U3A. DH emphasised this cannot be done under U3A title, it has to be made clear when organising a fund raising which charity you are supporting.

**15. Any Other Business**

GP showed the Committee a poster for the Hampshire Geological Society which will be put up at the Victory Hall.

PB mentioned there are only two members for the Current Affairs Group which Robin will take on from October.

RS said one of her Bus Trip members has an assistance dog. When organising the next trip RS had difficulty when booking the meal for permission to be given for the assistance dog to enter the premises. SP explained that if you have an assistance dog the person has a right under the law for the dog to be allowed in with you or it is classed as discrimination. After discussion it was agreed to ask Sue Masters if she was happy for JS to send an email to all Group Leaders mentioning she has an assistance dog.

JS – the Group Leaders' Lunch will be held at the Victory Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> September and members will be notified in due course.

JS – Suella Braverman is holding her annual Fareham Senior Citizens' Fair on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July between 2.00-4.00pm at the Victory Hall. After discussion it was agreed Warsash U3A would have a stand at this event. JS to ask Karen at the Victory Hall if U3A could have a table. Membership forms to be available.

#### **16. Date of Next Meeting**

This will be held on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10.00am at 21 Hollybrook Gardens.