

MINUTES OF THE WARSASH U3A COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 11TH APRIL AT 3A CROFTON WAY

Present: - Judith Sims (JS), George Pickburn (GP), Kumi Coulthard (KC) Simon Hamersley (SH)
Audrey Sawdon (AS), Pam Benson (PB), Sue Snape (SS) Bob Goodson (BG),
Jan Myatt (JM), Rosemary Scott (RS) and Jenny Hamer (JH)

Apologies: Dianne Hammersley (DH)

JS welcomed new members and the Minute Secretary to the meeting and happy to co-opt Sue Pearce (SP) and Christine Savage (CS).

Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved.

Matters Arising from the February Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

AGM follow-up

New Constitution

SH discussed the need to resolve how long members are allowed to serve on the Committee. The Warsash U3A Constitution allows Committee Members to serve for up to two years not two years as thought by some of the Committee. However, the timing of the new Constitution clashed with the COVID pandemic which delayed its release and consultation with U3A Headquarters. Approval was sought to re-start the count of time served from 2021. No rejection was received and therefore went ahead. This was challenged prior to the 2023 AGM and a motion was passed at the AGM to allow all Committee Members to serve one extra year if necessary. This issue needs to be resolved prior to the next AGM to prevent any further issues in the future.

JS asked each Committee Member how long they had been on the Committee.

JS reported the New Constitution dated from 2021.

SS brought up the question as to whether an extra-ordinary Committee meeting could be held soon after the AGM to welcome new Committee Members.

At 2.30 SP and CS joined the Meeting.

Hand-held microphone

SH recommended the Club purchased their own hand-held microphone and to make sure that it was compatible with the connections at Victory Hall.

Projector

JS informed the Committee that the projector is up and running and there are instructions on how to use it. The small one belonging to Warsash U3A is for the use of Groups. SH suggested that the Club purchased their own adaptor.

PB enquired if there was a charge for using the Victory Hall projector. SH will investigate this.

JH asked if there was a charge for using the stage. GP confirmed there was no extra charge for using the stage or lighting. JH asked if the speaker could use the stage as this would be easier for members at the back of the hall to hear and see the speaker. PB mentioned this was possible if the speaker was not using the projector. JS to put this to the members.

Treasurer's Report

GP distributed a copy of the Report to several members and that all accounts had been reconciled. These are examined every year by the Treasurer of Locks Heath U3A.

SH expressed a need to bring down the adjustments. GP informed the Committee that all bills had been paid and the adjustment was due to two minor errors.

The Charity Commission will send the relevant material as soon as this is confirmed by e-mail.

KC confirmed that all Groups money added up. GP asked if we had received an invoice for our contribution to the new projector in Victory Hall. JS would ask Karen at Victory Hall if one had been sent.

Speaker's Report

PB stated that the fees for our April Speaker had gone up by £20. All invoices have been given to GP. PB mentioned she would like to step down from the speaker's role.

Member's Report

BG reported that a new member had sadly died after a fall while on holiday.

RS enquired if there was a maximum number for membership. SH replied there was no maximum. PB enquired if there was a legal capacity for Victory Hall. SP stated that for pantomimes the maximum was 200.

Group Co-ordinator's Report

New Groups

On The Water - SS reported wild water swimming, canoeing and paddle boarding had been some of the suggestions mentioned for this group which would only operate during the summer months.

Instrumentalists – At the moment there are only nine members. All members are welcome to join if they have Grade 3 or above.

Rummikup – A Saturday group to be held from the 13 May at Marianne's house.

Table Tennis – BG reported there was not a lot of interest. As this was being held on a Wednesday, which is the busiest day of the week for club fixtures, KC suggested sending an e-mail to all members to see if there was any further interest and if so to arrange an alternative day. SS asked if the Club could support a table tennis group. BG put forward the possibility of members paying three months in advance.

Fine Dining - JM to speak to the lady who runs the fine dining at the College to gather more information. This would be held on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Bridge Group – No new members but considering holding a beginner’s group in October

Discovering Wine – This has proved to be very successful. JS said this is open to all members on a first come first served basis so as not to be oversubscribed.

JS proposed a thank you lunch was held for all Group Leaders and to enquire if a room could be hired in Victory Hall. JS and JM to investigate this possibility.

Coronation Celebration

A garden party to celebrate the King’s Coronation will be held on 14 May at a cost of £4 per head. If it should rain this will be cancelled.

Beacon Permissions and Group Leaders Access

There is only access for own group. SS said we needed to know if a new member had joined.

GP advised members to look at the Beacon website to see the accounts of its Group Leaders in Warsash.

Offer of a Free Community Talk

SH received a text offering a free talk to U3A members. As this was thought to be an advertising forum it was decided not to follow up this offer.

AOB

SS - new members to be made welcome and to have a meet and greet system.

AS - to look at the role of Committee Members.

SH – put out a notice that anyone is welcome to attend Committee Meetings to observe.

Date of April Meeting

This will be held on Friday, 5 May, at 2.00pm at 21 Hollybrook Gardens, SO31 6WH

