

**WARWICK DISTRICT U3A**  
**Minutes of Management Committee Meeting**  
**held on 9 July 2019 at The Moorings**

**Present:** Margot O’Keeffe (Chair); Ann Bailey; Mike Cronin; Margaret Coggins; Chris Forse; Sharon Hancock; Richard Piggott; Sue Sheen; Sam Sexton; Maggie Watts (Item 8 only); Gisele Kirby

1. **Apologies:** Mary Holden; John Wilks
2. **Minutes of previous Meeting** were approved with the following correction to Item 9 – (Calendar 2019), Economics: second paragraph to read ‘...similar event on “*Wealth, Income and Inequality*”’.
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes :** None
4. **Items for AOB:** None
5. **Open Meetings:** Sam had asked Sue Roy to provide additional information on the OM titles for inclusion in INFO.
6. **Dates for Committee and Open Meetings in 2020:** See attached calendar of dates. Mike will confirm bookings at The Moorings for the MC meetings and Chris will contact Royce at Dormer Place to confirm bookings for the OM and the Spa Centre for the AGM.
7. **Cover for Management Committee Members’ role:** Sam informed the meeting that a Job Description for the Secretary’s role had been loaded in One Drive. He also confirmed that there was a ‘Job Descriptions’ folder in One Drive.
8. **Calendar for 2019/20:**  
The Chair welcomed Maggie Watts, who joined the meeting to outline her plans for the forthcoming months, as follows:
  - *October:* Instead of a visit to Wrest Park, a theatre trip to the Hippodrome for a production of ‘*Blood Brothers*’
  - *15 November:* Tutankhamun – 33 people had expressed interest but not all had yet paid. 35 places had been booked.
  - *December:* A day trip to the Lincoln Christmas Market. An additional option: the production of ‘*The King and I*’ at the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham – to be confirmed.
  - *February/March:* A musical in London
  - *April:* A day in Windsor with a guided tour of the Castle or the Savill Gardens.

Maggie said it had not been possible to book tickets for the RSC production of ‘*The Boy who wore a Dress*’.

No further information was available on a Gilbert & Sullivan production.

Maggie said that it would be interesting to organise trips to some of the concerts at the Arts Centre. Someone else might be interested to take this on, as Maggie would not be able to organise these in addition to the trips.

It was confirmed that Kay Hanson would not deputise for Maggie, except for providing support during the trips. Maggie was planning to meet John Morgan, who might be able to help her.

The Chair thanked Maggie for the interesting programme of proposed activities.

- **Skittles Evening (21 August):** A Mailchimp had been sent to members with information on the event planned by Keith Kitto.
- **Economics Study Day (CF):** To be held in early November – date to be confirmed. Roland Straub and John Grant will be the main speakers.

**9. RLSNDP (MOK):** The Chair referred to the mail received from David Anscombe concerning the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Leamington (attached). She was of the opinion that it was not an item for INFO as it was not the U3A's remit to inform members of local issues, which should be the Town Council's role. Discussion followed on whether it was relevant to raise members' awareness of forthcoming community development plans and whether to do so would open the door for similar future local plans. The option to whether or not include this item in INFO was put to the vote. Outcome: 5 'for' and 3 'against'. It was therefore agreed to include a reference to it in INFO subject to availability of space with a link to the full article on the WDU3A website.

**10. University of Warwick Links:** The links received from the University are on the website on the University of Warwick page, which can be reached either via the Information page or the Sitemap.

**11. Treasurer's Report (MCR):** Current financial position-

Activity Account:	£5,492.96
General Account:	£2,117.10
Deposit Account:	£9,451.05

- The Economics Study Day had raised an income of £159. The overall costs of £197 had been paid, resulting in a small deficit of £38.
- The total membership fees for 2018/19 banked to-date amounted to £15,722.
- The bank account with Unity Bank Trust was now open and running. The old account was still available for the receipt of membership fees till the end of August. In due course, a note will be sent to members to inform them of the new bank account.
- The 2017/18 Annual Return and Accounts had been filed with the Charities Commission.

**12. Group Information:** The Group Leaders Forum will be held at the Leamington Bowling Club on 30 October. John to notify GLs to submit their accounts by 31 August.

The Woolpack display of Swans was installed in the Foyer of the Art Gallery and would be on display from 12 July to the end of August.

**13. Membership (MH):**

Number of members to-date: 1,115

MOK read out the list of skills collated from membership forms.

**14. ITT report (SSE):** It was agreed to print 200 of our promotional leaflets for display at various venues such as libraries, the Art Gallery (Maggie Anscombe offered to hand them out at the Woolpacks' Swans display). Committee members to keep a few copies for handing out. Mary sends them out to enquirers and to new members with a copy of INFO.

**15. TAT Correspondence (SMS):** None received.

*Coventry and Warwickshire Network Meeting on 19 June 2019:* Sue Sheen who, in Brian Tillyer's absence, had attended the meeting presented the attached report to the Committee.

**16. AOB:** None

**17. Date for Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 10 September 2019 at 2.15pm

- Encs:**
- Calendar of meeting dates 2020
  - Email and article from Dave Anscombe re: RLSNDP
  - Report on the Network Meeting (SME)

*Circulation: Management Committee Members; Brian Tillyer; Website*

*MC/July/gk - 16.7.19*