

# Warwick District U3A Management Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Present:** Clare Johnson (Chair), Ann Bailey, Sam Sexton, Jen Hemming, Mike Cronin, Susan Meeks, Sharon Hancock

- 1. Apologies:** Richard Piggott. **Welcome:** Alison Shaw as new Web Master.
- 2. Minutes of the June meeting:** these were approved.
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda:** there were none.

#### 4. Reports

##### 4.1 Chairman's report

- CJ to contact Chris Forse regarding the Economics of the Cost of Living event at Hill Close Gardens on 28 September as some Committee Members will be unable to attend.
- Sharon Hancock to request help with catering from Current Affairs group members, as this is to be a free event.
- CJ to email Chris Forse re date for quiz.
- TAT AGM proposals under consideration as voting is not until October. All in favour of 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal that TAT should do more to introduce potential members to u3a.
- Baptist Church booked for 14th February 2024

##### 4.2 Treasurer's report

#### Current Financial Position – as at 09 July 2023

Activities Account	£6,698.75 (June meeting £6,560.45)
General Account:	£7,853.71 (June meeting £7,313.46)
Deposit Account	£ 7,533.34 (June meeting £7,523.85)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,085.80 (June meeting £21,397.76)</b>

#### 1. Activities Account – see Annex 1

##### *Transactions since last meeting:*

- Folk Dancing Group (Receipts £293.50, Payments £396-hall hire)
- Dressmaking & Sewing Group (Receipts £61)
- Badminton (Receipts £132)
- Ely (Receipts £614.50, Payments £160-tour, £795 coach hire)
- Ramblers Trip (Receipts £472.5)
- Nat Hist Group (Payments-£56 hall hire)
- Bank charges £28.20

##### Group Funds held in Activities A/c (£2,552.83):

- Bridge - £133.96 (deficit)
- Badminton - £483.70
- Architecture - £27.39
- Ramblers - £896.25
- Nat History - £690.89
- History - £50.00
- Folk Dancing - £99.00
- Railway - £308.86

- Dressmaking & Sewing - £130.70
- 2. **General Account – see Annex 1**
- Receipts since last meeting:*
  - Membership subscription income £928
  - Contribution to bank charges £2.10
  - Donations £0.30
- *Costs since last meeting:*
  - June MC refreshments £15.25
  - June OM Hall hire £132.00
  - Membership stamps £150
  - CAMEO hall hire £75
  - Bank charges £18

### 3. Membership income 2023/24

2023/24 Membership income to date is £1,378 (77 paying members) at the new rate of £18 per member.

### 4. Comparison against budget (2022/23)

We remain within our budget on a pro rata basis. With 22/23 membership receipts now complete we are 15% down against budget which has been offset by corresponding membership related savings in TAT subscription fees and TAM costs. We should also see some other savings before the end of the year (group start up funding, speaker fees.) We have yet to see whether the reduced 22/23 membership numbers impacts the 23/24 membership income budgeted in the remainder of the year

- Cameo numbers remain low so if it is to continue, meetings will need to relocate to a café. AB has identified Café Brasilia in the Royal Priors as a suitable venue and is waiting to speak with café manager about holding meetings there. This has now been acted upon.

#### 4.3 Groups

- 3 new groups are due to start in September: Singing for Fun; Slow and Steady Tap Dancing and Beginners Canasta.
- A pianist is needed to accompany the Singing for Fun group and JH will send another Mailchimp asking for a volunteer later in the month.
- JH has arranged to meet Peter Harris at the end of the month regarding a Scottish Country Dance Group.
- CJ mentioned that Maggie Watts is looking for offers of help in organising outings as the workload is too much for one person. As a first step, CJ will have a conversation with her to explore ways of resolving this.

#### 4.4 ITT

- Alison Shaw, who is taking over the role of Web Master, joined the meeting where introductions to committee members were made.

##### Spam

The change to using wdu3a.comms@gmail.com instead of wdu3a.noreply appeared to have the desired effect as committee members and others reported the latest MailChimp going

into their inbox rather than Spam.

#### **Baptist Church**

Paul Newton attended the start of the June meeting and dealt with feedback from the mics. He is aware of our future meetings and will leave the kit ready for us.

#### **4.5 Membership**

- AB reported that there were currently 935 members, with 6 having joined since the June meeting.
- New members meeting: AB to email new members. 60 new members have joined since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **5. Communications**

- CJ to write up new timetable for issue of Handbook and Info – to be reviewed by MC members.
- For Open Meetings, there is an ongoing need to find interesting and experienced speakers. SH suggested we tap into Ku3a's speakers list for the 3 Open Meetings still to be held this year. The venue for these meetings and for the AGM on 14 February 2024 will be the Baptist Church. AB to book these open meetings
- Christmas Social – CJ said this needs to be held at St Marks Church. AB to book
- December MC Meeting 12/12/23: MC to book Fat Pug.
- SSE suggested committee members should communicate their holiday dates to SM who will collate them and share.

#### **6. Content for the September Meeting**

- Comms: New Plan for issue of Handbook and Info to be finalised.
- New Members' meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- To finalise recommendations to GL Forum – 17<sup>th</sup> October.
- AGM – need to book speaker.
- Christmas Meeting – to be discussed.

#### **7. AOB**

- JH suggested offering transport to events to members who are unable to travel independently. No decision made.
- There was discussion about a group called TRUG (The Really Useful Group) which might be formed out of volunteers to help on an ad hoc basis. CJ to investigate further.
- SH suggested enlisting someone to organize group holidays.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, 12th September 2023 at The Fat Pug