

Washington Village U3A Committee Meeting 21/09/23

Attending

Derek Ginsberg, , Lyn Bossons, Helen Edwards, Pauline, Palmer, Julie Stevens, Marilyn Ward, Maggie Hope

23.118 Apologies

Tania Le Marinel, Carolyn Baxter, Catherine Hambley, Sandra Graham,

23.119 Matters arising from the previous meeting

23.67 Third Age Trust Chris to follow up

23.11 IT/Website Helen will manage this in future and received the thanks of the committee

23.04 Complete

23.06 Complete (including refreshments for the Group Leaders where some finalisation continues)

23.120 Membership Secretary's Report

85 attendees at last meeting, 5 new people joined, membership at this time is 251.

As of October the membership fee reduces to £10 Action Julie will contact group leaders, to ensure that they are aware of this for anyone wishing to join at the group.

23.121 Speaker Secretary's Report

Speakers are booked to January

The speaker for October is the Underwater Archaeologist, fee to be agreed with Lyn

23.122 Treasurer's Report

Report provided, Issues discussed

5 new members including 1 associate member

The next payment to the Stella is due December

It was noted that donations from Gift Aid were higher than previously

The Ukelele group have purchased polo shirts, it is anticipated that the deficit noted will be resolved and there is no cause for concern.

The income/payment cycle affects the month by month presentation of the finance associated with the day trips. There was some consideration of deposits and cancellations which Pauline will oversee.

The financial position continues to be healthy.

23.123 PR Update

There was some discussion about the Washington Way and the inclusion of positive information about the U3A and that it may be possible to let members know via "latest News" Action Helen

23.124 Regional Update

Nothing to report at this time, It was noted that the Network Protocol has not been formally agreed and that some local U3As have waiting lists.

Information about a Washington "Whist and Dominoes" group will be shared with our members

23.125 Members Liaison Update

Pauline is keeping in touch with people as appropriate

23.126 It and Web site

Nothing to report

23.127 Environment Update

Potentially helpful leaflets are only available on line, Helen agreed to follow this up for the members who do not use IT

23.128 Monthly Meetings

There was some discussion about the use of Kettles/ boilers and the costs to the Stella of providing the venue for meetings.

It was agreed that payment to the Stella should increase to £30 per month, proposed by Pauline and seconded by Chris

140 tickets are available for the Christmas meeting, these will be sold at the monthly meetings. There was some discussion about the potential for Christmas music through the Stella system.

There was a suggestion that prizes for the quiz should be “fun” e.g. chocolate money

The menu is in hand and will be plated for 10 at tables.

The programme will be on the web site

Communication via WhatsApp

Discussions using the WhatsApp group. can appear to be a quick and easy way to communicate during time between meetings but such activity excludes those with sight loss and can limit engagement. The importance of this was recognized and it was proposed that more use be made of telephone contact e.g. the person making a post should let Maggie know. It was noted that such telephone contact could be via the numbers that appear on WhatsApp and it was hoped that it may be possible for posts to automatically be voiced. Helen agreed to follow up the inclusion of Maggie on the system.

23.129 Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Officer is to be the Chair and information for members and group leaders is to be available on the web site.

23.130 AOB

There was some discussion about the wording on the membership form and Data Protection Action Lyn agreed to amend the wording and share via the web site and group leaders.