

12.01.2022 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a.

Present: Derek Reynolds, Dorothy Garman, Dorothy Chapman, Kath Reed, Kath MacEachan, Dave Haddock, Vicky Landles.

Apologies for Absence Ray Taylor Andrew Freckingham, Anne Hemy

The committee send all good wishes to those who are unwell at the moment and wish them a speedy recovery.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes which were formally approved.

Treasures Report

VL reported that we are in a good position at the moment, but we have 3 large bills to pay towards the end of January.

Membership fees are due in May, and this will help to build up the reserve again.

VL will investigate our use of copyright material and the subsequent cost

VL reminded the Committee that she needed expenses forms completed for items purchased for the Christmas Social.

Following an investigation, and with advice from The Trust u3a, the committee has reluctantly withdrawn an individual's membership as his behaviour is not in keeping with u3a values.

The AGM in May was discussed, and KR was asked to find a speaker for this meeting.

Membership

RT reported our current membership is 304 with 5 people enquiring about membership.

RT is in talks with Dave Haddock and Dorothy Garman regarding membership information and applications being online.

IT

Dave Haddock and Dorothy Chapman reported the latest progress of their work updating the website and our processes. Committee Members reported they had received good feedback from the general membership on the changes so far DH and DC were thanked for their efforts. DH explained his new proposals, including new members being able to pay their membership online and asked for approval. The committee agreed and a vote was carried.

DH reported we have had 46 hits on our general website in December while "Join US" had 60.

DR will contact AH about a Wbu3a Facebook Page and AH will report back next month.

Group Co Ordinator's

KM and DG reported that many of the groups were up and running and being well supported. Sadly, some people were attending groups although their membership had expired. At £20 a year our membership fee is regarded very good value for money. The committee are asking Group Leaders to ask member to ensure they have paid their fees before partaking in activities

KM and DG are encouraging new groups and there has been some interest in the Following French, An additional Bookworms, Exercise through dance, table Tennis and Gardening and possibly Real ale. We have a defined process for setting up new groups and anyone starting a new one will be well supported by the Coordinators.

Congratulations to the Walking group who are the first group to produce a risk assessment and have submitted brief accounts.