

WHITLEY BAY UNIVERSITY OF THIRD AGE (WBU3A). COMMITTEE MEETING.

**The committee meeting was convened to a published agenda, for 7th November 2022.
The meeting commenced at 12.30pm and business was concluded by 2.30pm.**

In attendance. Ian Bedwell, Yvonne Bedwell, Peggy Robertson, Derek Reynolds (Chairman), Anne Paterson, Dorothy Chapman, Kath MacEachen, Dave Haddock, Dorothy Garman, Vicky Landles, Kath Reed
Andrew Freckingham was co-opted as minutes secretary. This issue Friday 11th November.

Apologies for absence. Anne Hemy (family duties). Anne attended the tree planting ceremony.

Agenda item 2. The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th October 2022, as circulated were accepted unanimously as a true record and there were no matters arising.

4). The Chairman reviewed recent correspondence, with no actions necessary.
The scope of the “tree” wall placard was agreed.

5). Business secretary’s report. Ian reported on the zoom meeting of the U3A Trust AGM, where the resolutions were not passed by the members. An EGM may be called to address any revised proposals.
Ian will monitor and report developments that could affect WBU3a.

6). Treasurers report. A detailed report had been circulated to the committee members, indicating that WBU3a has a positive financial position for the liabilities to the AGM in May 2023
The annual subscription to WBU3a was agreed to remain at £20, from the AGM 2023.

7). Membership Secretary. Peggy reported the current membership is 351, with 5 pending.
It was noted that WBU3a membership is now at pre Covid pandemic levels and increasing.
Advert recruitment will not take place. Personal contacts are more appropriate.
The contact card prepared by Dave was approved, with a target of 400 copies to be printed.

8). Group Coordinators. 10 new groups have been started. Report on the groups is to hand. The enlargement in the number of interest groups and the management of their initial meetings, has stretched the available resources, further support may be needed to ensure a satisfactory launch of any future activities. It was noted that group leaders must be members of Whitley Bay u3a.
Their enthusiasm and commitment for their subjects, is much appreciated by the committee.

9). Christmas meeting/function details were agreed for 21st December 2022 at Linskill Centre.

10). Any other business.

10.1). Dave was thanked for his organisation of the 25th anniversary, tree planting ceremony.

10.2). Defibrillator progress report was circulated. Training and responsibility are the ongoing issues.

10.3). The “Beacon” management system can be used to contact interest group members.

10.4). An improved screen and projector are to be investigated by Kath R and Dave to supplement the facilities at the Linskill Centre and be available for use by interest groups. Safe storage is a consideration

10.5). A gratuity was agreed for Iain and the team at the Linskill Centre.

Next meeting of WBU3a committee is 5th December 2022, at St, Andrews for 12.30.