

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a  
 held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022
**Present:**

Derek Reynolds (Chair) DM

Kath Reed KR

Kath MacEachen KMac

Peggy Robertson PR

Ann Paterson AP

Ian Bedwell IB

Yvonne Bedwell YB

Dorothy Chapman DCh

Dave Haddock DH

Vicky Landles VL

Helen Perfect HP

**Quorate:** Yes**Others in attendance:** -

Procedural		
Item No		Action
1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> The committee consented to apologies for absence for the following committee members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorothy Garman</li> <li>• Anne Hemy</li> </ul> <b>Apologies not received:</b> -	
	<b>Declaration of interest</b> None	
	<b>AOB notifications to the Chair</b> Web pages	
For discussion and agreement		
2	<b>Approval of minutes</b> 4.1 for approval. The Committee agreed the minutes from meeting on 07.11.2022 were an accurate record of the meeting.	
3	<b>Matters arising</b> None	
4	<b>Correspondence</b> DR reported there is very little communication from u3a HQ. Regional meetings take place, to which we may need to input our views.	DR to attend a regional meeting if possible
5	<b>Business Secretary's Report</b> Nothing to report	
6	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> YB had emailed finance report for info to the Committee prior to the meeting. YB reported continuing difficulties with changing the cheque signatories with NatWest bank. YB to liaise with VL to complete paperwork and speed up the change of responsibilities for new roles for Committee members	

7	<p><b>Membership Secretary's Report</b>  PR reported membership currently stands at a healthy 362  DR asked whether it includes 14 honorary members and PR confirmed it does include them  PR said she had agreement with KMac and DG that members joining since November will have a new members' meeting in January 2023  Discussed importance of informing PR of any change of time or date for groups so that the yellow booklet is up to date</p>	<p>Group leaders to inform PR promptly of any changes to time or date</p>
8	<p><b>Group Coordinators' Report</b>  KMac reported the new members group introduction in November had gone ahead with a small group in the Linskill café to save booking a room.  8.1 new Craft Group yet to be decided on finalised aim of the. Group whether instruction or social?  8.2 new Real ale group - DH said it is to start in new year  8.3 new Wine Appreciation group – DR reported 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> January in St Andrew's Church Monkseaton</p>	<p>DH to add Wine appreciation2 info on u3a Facebook page</p>
9	<p><b>Christmas Members' Meeting – update</b>  KR updated on all the arrangements although some elements still to be finalised  13 circular tables = 104 guest capacity  Extra rectangular tables around the sides for overflow guests  IB and YB to sell raffle tickets. Prizes described.</p> <p>Food and drink provided on each table</p> <p>Ukulele group to open proceedings</p> <p>Walk-ins (interested non-members) to be welcomed and accommodated at a table</p>	<p>Anyone – to bring LED fairy lights to the December / Christmas meeting</p> <p>DR to collect and transport bottles from DG's house to Linskill</p> <p>DCh to inform DR if ukulele grp can also end proceedings</p>
<b>Other information or business</b>		
10	<p><b>AOB</b>  DR enquired about the efficacy of using HQ's u3a webpages as they were having difficulties. They have recently changed host provider, but Whitley Bay info was down for some days. DH had worked to restore our local information. DH is on National group to input our concerns or discover how best to proceed  DR suggested a donation be made to a charity. All agreed a food bank.</p> <p><b>10.1 contact cards</b> - some to be put on tables at December meeting  <b>10.2 CPR and defib awareness session.</b> IB &amp; YB still working out logistics and seeking experienced health volunteers to demonstrate and lead groups</p>	<p>DH to report back from National u3a zoom mtg</p> <p>DR to research constitution for donation protocols  DH to liaise with food bank</p>

	<p><b>10.3 Macular Society request to provide speaker on work of u3a.</b> KR volunteered to speak. Possibly with another member</p> <p><b>10.4 Anne Hemy's resignation.</b> Accepted. DR as Chair offered the Committee's sincere thanks for Anne's work with u3a.</p>	<p>DR to forward KR the Society's letter KR to attend 1.30pm 1.6.2023 Whitley Bay library</p>
11	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 meeting.</b> - cancelled as it is a Bank Holiday</p> <p><b>Next meeting</b> 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 St Andrew's UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU</p>	
12	<p><b>Confidential items.</b> None</p>	

Meeting closed 1.55pm