

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a
 held Monday 12pm 4.12.2023

Present:

	Yvonne Bedwell YB	Dorothy Garman DG
Dave Haddock DH	Kath MacEachen KMac	Michele Palmer MP
	Terry Annan TA	Susan Greaves SG
Helen Perfect HP	Kath Reed KR Vice Chair	Andrew Freckingham AF

Quorum: Y

In attendance: -

Procedural		
Item No		Action
1	Apologies for absence The committee consented to apologies for absence for the following committee members: Ian Bedwell Peggy Robertson Declaration of interest: - AOB notifications to the Chair: - KR to deputise committee meeting for Chair IB	
2	Approval of minutes For approval Minutes from meeting on 6.11.2023	Approved
3	Matters arising not on the agenda -	
For discussion and agreement		
4	Correspondence KR advised John Stirling speaker from November's meeting had asked if addendum could be added to the next newsletter to reply to questions he had been asked after his talk and has since researched for members. Also to add his contact details for further enquiries.	Agreed to place in newsletter
5	Business Secretary's Report MP reported she is not receiving any notifications via email as the new Business Secretary. MP to telephone the Trust to ensure they have correct email. IB to assist with moving from his email as contact to Michele's email address following result of her call.	MP to ring Trust IB to assist changeover
6	Treasurer's Report Report circulated in advance. YB distributed claim forms (also available on web site) for members requiring expenses claims. YB requested a poster to be put up for the 'Pudding Run' charity fundraiser for Woodlawn School SEN.	Approved

	AF asked about £6k surplus. KR explained need c£4k for 'close down' contingency so only £2k surplus remains for unexpected costs.	
7	<p>Membership Secretary's Report</p> <p>Report circulated in advance. 23 new members last month. New total 414 members. Discussed queue for new members around the desk in November. Thanks to PR and Anne Paterson for assisting with the members on the day. Proposal to form small group to review and make proposals on how to deal with greater numbers joining. Anticipate possible surge again in January as last year had a larger number join in January. DH & PR had amended the application form and questionnaire. New forms distributed to Committee for suggestions / comments. KR asked what is done with data gathered on interest groups. DH asked committee to respond on u3a WhatsApp.</p>	<p>Members respond with any comments to DH/PR BEFORE 6.1.24. Results to be discussed Jan/Feb meeting</p>
8	<p>Group Coordinators' Report</p> <p>New members receive a plastic folder with u3a info. DG/KMac asked for support to print sheets and make up the folders. Pat Clark and Dorothy Chapman currently assist occasionally. Plastic use could be reduced so binder spine suggested instead of folder. Discussion of desirability of committee members attending new starter inductions.</p>	<p>YB to ask identified members if they would assist. Agreed to change to binder spines. Chair to be asked to attend inductions briefly.</p>
9	<p>Co-opted member AF</p> <p>Report circulated in advance. AF advised latest constitution is 2021. Pilot Council for Regional trustees formed by Trust. 12 regions attend. Chairs' Forum Northumbria Region. Jean Cubbin is the Regional Trustee.</p>	<p>Item for future agenda '24 to adopt or amend. Keep abreast of any developments Chair to take part and feedback to Committee.</p>
Other information or business		
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>10.1 Christmas Social arrangements discussed at length. KR described proposed timeline. Chair, Poet, Bingo, Poems read by committee members, Quiz, Raffle, Choir Agreed. End with Choir 3.05-3.25pm. Background music to be played throughout afternoon. Thanks to SG for compiling quiz questions. Photos of Committee to be on screen 10.2 propose u3a Trust new EqDI PowerPoint to be shared with Committee. 10.3 new Social Secretary post and other roles & responsibilities still to be finalised. 10.4 FYI Northumbria Regional Quiz on 20th March 2024 10.5 FYI Interest Workshop Zoom on 7th December 2023</p>	<p>Any Members free are asked to attend finalisation mtg at KR's house Friday 8th December 11am</p> <p>Members who agree to send photo to DH To be delivered by HP at one meeting next year. Move to January meeting. Group Coordinator to attend next meeting that is convenient.</p>

	<p>10.6 DH is part of the pioneer group for u3a website. New members' area launching soon.</p> <p>10.7 New members to be directed to u3a <u>online</u> interest groups. DH advised this is flagged on our website.</p> <p>10.8 KR asked if Committee would approve hosting the regional committee who intend to visit.</p> <p>10.9 Discussed possibility of interest groups collaborating with other local u3as and allowing, e.g. Blyth, members to attend our groups and vice versa. Agreed in principle. Associate membership price tbd.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Agenda item for January meeting.</p>
11	<p>Confidential items None</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 8.1.2023 12pm St Andrew's UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU</p> <p>Meeting closed: 2pm</p> <p><i>Thanks were given to TA for hosting Christmas coffee & mince pies after the Committee meeting.</i></p>	