

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a
held Monday 12pm Monday 5.2.2023

Present:

		Dorothy Garman DG
		Michele Palmer MP
Peggy Robertson PR	Terry Annan TA	
Helen Perfect HP	Kath Reed KR	Andrew Freckingham AF

Quorum: Y

In attendance: -

Procedural		
Item No		Action
1	<p>Apologies for absence The committee consented to apologies for absence for the following committee members: Ian Bedwell, Yvonne Bedwell, Kath MacEachen and Dave Haddock Declaration of interest: none AOB notifications to the Chair: none</p>	
2	<p>Approval of minutes For approval Minutes from meeting on 08.01.2023</p>	Approved
3	<p>Matters arising not on the agenda none</p>	
For discussion and agreement		
4	<p>Correspondence None</p>	
5	<p>Business Secretary's Report Not received</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report Not received Proposal to freeze membership at £20 for 2024/25. See 10.3</p>	
7	<p>Membership Secretary's Report -Report received in advance -Report had membership at 445. 2 new members since = 447 Extremely busy at the new member meeting in January due to enquiring members also being directed to the welcome talk room. KR proposed a committee member stand at the Reception desk and direct u3a people appropriately to the new members meeting or the hall. -A member in the hall made an observation about how timing of the speaker was conducted. KR has sent reply on behalf of the Committee.</p>	AF to assist at Reception desk to direct attendees.

	-KR brought up a post on 'NEXTDOOR' (social media site) had made fulsome comments with strong opinions on a non-u3a related subject but signed as a u3a member. Risk that readers of the site infer his comments are the views of u3a.	KR to see IB and investigate
8	Group Coordinators' Report Group leader found to start Calligraphy once the potential leader confirms. Knit & Natter plus Board Games groups to be discussed in future. KR wondered if exploring how many spare places there might be in groups would be useful. PR enquired if on ringing HP&MP could also ask all group leaders to send her updated 'in case of emergency' (ICE) contacts to store on BEACON.	MP & HP offered to ring round group leaders to confirm if spare places & request they send ICE contacts to PR
9	Co-opted member AF Thanks expressed to AF for digesting all the information from TAT and sending paper in advance for committee to read. U3a is the 17 th largest charity in UK. AF also demonstrated proposed information board for monthly meeting, displaying committee member photos, etc. AF IB DG & AF had attended Northumbria Support team meeting in Newcastle. KR explained changes afoot at TAT at organisational level. Discussion. KR summarised biggest pressing issue was whether to adopt the Constitution from TAT or not or amend as it would have ramifications on serving members. KR proposed extra meeting.	Mtg 19.2.2024 1.30pm
Other information or business		
10	AOB 10.1 Liz Thackery's visit dates have changed. Proposed Archaeology visit? Or possible coffee meeting with committee? No decision. 10.2 HP informed group that she had completed a Zoom session to deliver as a volunteer Trustee. However, she had been informed that 2 people are required to deliver the EDI awareness raising session. TAT EDI executive are requesting a person from Newcastle if she is available on the day. 10.3 Proposal to freeze membership at £20 for 2024/25. 10.4 discussion as above in point 9. KR proposed extra meeting. Extra meeting 1.30pm 19th February 2024 at St Andrews Church 10.5 held over until after extra mtg on Constitution. 10.6 held over until after extra mtg on Constitution. 10.7 Dementia update from AF after personal research and reading. Discussion. Proposal to become a 'dementia-friendly' organisation.	HP to inform committee if there needs to be a date change. Unanimously approved. KR to book room. HP to enquire about u3a Whitley Bay becoming dementia friendly
11	Confidential items none	
12	Date of next meeting Monday 04.03.2023 12pm St Andrew's UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU Meeting closed: 1.55pm	

NB. For personal use see 1 min dementia friendly awareness use from Alzheimer's Society. link below
https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/webfrienddigitalbadge?utm_source=Digital_TY_Page&utm_medium=website