

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a  
held 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Present:

Derek Reynolds (Chair) DM

Kath Reed KR

Peggy Robertson PR

Ian Bedwell IB

Dorothy Garman DG

Yvonne Bedwell YB

Dorothy Chapman DCh

Dave Haddock DH

Vicky Landles VL

Helen Perfect HP

Procedural		
Item No		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> The committee consented to apologies for absence for the following committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kath MacEachen KMac</li> <li>• Anne Paterson AP</li> </ul> <p>Apologies were not received from:</p>	
	<b>Declaration of interest:</b>	
	<b>AOB notifications to the Chair</b>	
For discussion and agreement		
2	<p><b>Approval of minutes</b> Minutes from meeting on 5.12.2022 approved</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters arising:</b> DH stated website is now fully up and running. Photos not yet available</p>	
4	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DR had received a request to put out a call for u3a volunteer participants on research project. DH offered</li> <li>• Sandy Rickerby to visit to give Whitley Bay u3a presentation</li> </ul>	DH to put on Facebook and u3a website
5	<p><b>Business Secretary's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DR reported Regional u3a needs more representation from local u3a members. Mary Dunning attends regional meetings</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion re whether regional reps should be local committee members. DH suggested putting forward a proposal at next AGM to increase number of committee members</li> <li>• A member is attending the next committee meeting as an observer</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YB stated a cheque for £50 to NSPCC had run out of tender date. KR asked for a re-issue and she would ensure it got to NSPCC</li> <li>• Magazine costs is increasing by 5p each issue x 5 issues</li> <li>• £50 cash in hand</li> </ul> <p>• Continuing problem with bank to change cheque signatories. DR suggested new list is presented to bank and that 4 members are named.</p> <p>DR proposed YB PR KR &amp; AP to be signatories. Other past members to be removed from bank list. DG seconded motion majority in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DR has presented £202 donation to the BAY Foodbank. A thank you letter was received from them.</li> <li>• DR enquired if anyone knew someone to do u3a end of year accounts sign off</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed to keep as petty cash</p> <p>YB PR KR AP names for bank. All past signatories to be deleted</p> <p>YB &amp; IB to ask at Rotary Club</p>
7	<p><b>Membership Secretary's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PR reports membership healthy. 370 members with 1 more due March. Plus 11 enquiries to join. An article had gone in Linskill Centre's newsletter.</li> <li>• PR requested new mobile phone for u3a business.</li> </ul>	<p>DH to donate? PR to purchase new mobile</p>
8	<p><b>Group Coordinators' Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DG reported in addition to people who had previously made plans to attend monthly meeting to join there were a further 7 who turned up with no prior notice. Too many to process on the day for membership and welcome chat. PR was struggling to see to all. KR suggested turning round the last row of seats to make a 'waiting line'. DG suggested moving jigsaws into the foyer. New annual membership commences May, so April is given as a free month. PR gives receipts for all monies taken in.</li> <li>• New Crafts group started after consultation meeting. 12 in group initially. Meets fortnightly.</li> </ul>	<p>PR and Maureen Tench to be grp lead for CRAFT grp</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for a Book Group 2 for 'light reading' books.</li> <li>• Spanish needs a leader</li> <li>• Dance &amp; Fitness to re start. but requires session teacher</li> </ul>	Volunteer secured to be dance grp lead
9	<p><b>Christmas Members' Meeting – update</b>  DR stated event had been very well received overall and a successful celebration. Hospitality offer was well received  Raffle ticket sales were very good for donation to Bay Foodbank.</p>	
<b>Other information or business</b>		
10	<p><b>AOB</b>  <b>10.1</b> Defibrillator awareness session. IB &amp; YB reported all going ahead for October session  <b>10.2</b> following an enquiry PR had details for talk to residents of McCarthy &amp; Stone residential home  <b>10.3</b> KR suggested holding a celebration event for the Coronation of Charles III. Discussion - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May suggested  <b>10.4</b> plaque competition for 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary u3a ends 6<sup>th</sup> March. Reminder to go to all group leaders via Beacon about wording for u3a yellow Programme Card.  DR to add tel No. of Linskill Centre to yellow Programme card.  <b>10.5</b> AGM and new committee members discussed. DR to stand down, Treasurer &amp; Secretary one more year then able to be re-elected. Need to succession plan. Unclear in local rules if Vice-chair can stand again?  <b>10.6</b> PR had feedback that room layout at monthly meetings was not conducive to socialising. Discussed. Suggestion that grp leads give short description of their groups. KR suggested wearing identifying item at meetings to be more visible to new members.  <b>10.7</b> Discussion whether all grp leads need to use Beacon to communicate to grps. DH pointed out it would be easier, but 20-30 grp leads would need to have access and be trained.</p>	<p>KR to give info session to residents  KR to scope venue viability  DCh to send reminder  DR add tel no  DR to research and bring to next mtg</p>
11	<p><b>Confidential items</b>  <b>Death announcements.</b> The Committee were saddened to hear of the deaths of Ray Taylor, a former Membership Secretary and Connie Millington. Condolences to their families.</p>	Newsletter and monthly mtg to announce members' deaths.
12	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b>  12pm 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023  St Andrew's UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU</p>	

Meeting closed 2.15pm