

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a
held Monday 12pm 4th March 2024

Present:

Ian Bedwell (Chair) IB	Yvonne Bedwell YB	Kath Reed KR
Kath MacEachen KMac	Michele Palmer MP	Peggy Robertson PR
Helen Perfect HP	Terry Annan	Andrew Freckingham AF

Quorum: Y

In attendance: Welcome to members Edith Charvat, Paul Charvat, Kath Harries and John Harries as observers.

Procedural		
Item No		Action
1	<p>Apologies for absence The committee consented to apologies for absence for the following committee members: Dorothy Garman</p> <p>Declaration of interest: -</p> <p>AOB notifications to the Chair: -</p>	
2	<p>Approval of minutes For approval Minutes from meeting on 5.2.2024</p>	Approved
3	<p>Matters arising not on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP and AF declared intention to stand down at AGM. KR and PR also would prefer to step down from Committee but are both happy to support a little longer. In memorium Dave Haddock. £150 to be donated to Maggie's Cancer Centre in Newcastle (£75 from monthly meeting raffle). Maggie's Centre is organising 'memory walk' in April for all bereaved families and friends. HP has registered Whitley Bay u3a on the 'Dementia Friendly' site 	<p>Cancer 'Memory walk' to go in newsletter and IB to announce at monthly meeting.</p> <p>HP to send password to IB</p>
For discussion and agreement		
4	<p>Correspondence Stannington WI are hosting a Craft Sale 30th March.</p> <p>IB promoted the opportunities from TAT via ZOOM for courses and training</p>	<p>Details to be announced.</p> <p>Individuals to take advantage as wished.</p>
5	Business Secretary's Report	

	Nothing to report.	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report - Report sent in advance.</p> <p>The cost of hiring a hall at Linskill is to rise from £150 to £175 and room from £26 to £29. Third Age Matters (TAM) magazine costs to rise by c£1000pa. Discussion of benefits of having hard copy magazine.</p> <p>Raffles have made £491. Suggestion to donate £50 each to RNLI and Whitley Bay Food bank.</p>	<p>To continue next year and to be kept under review.</p> <p>Agreed</p>
7	<p>Membership Secretary's Report - report sent in advance</p> <p>PR informed committee she had attended a network meeting of Membership Secretaries via ZOOM in February.</p> <p>PR sought approval to agree membership for a younger person running own business and wanted to join.</p> <p>PR requested review policy of 12 weeks to renew membership. Discussed.</p> <p>PR requested that members are reminded not to pay until after 1st May (by BACS or any method) to keep income stream in correct year.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed to reduce to 1 month.</p>
8	<p>Group Coordinators' Report</p> <p>KMac stated happy to continue work as Group Coordinator with support from other people.</p> <p>All Dave Haddock's Tai Chi classes have a new group leader. All contacts are now on our website.</p> <p>Proposed new groups for Board Games and Coffee Social.</p>	<p>Grateful thanks extended to Dorothy Chapman.</p> <p>IB & YB offered to initially lead the coffee socials.</p>
9	<p>Co-opted member AF</p> <p>AF was thanked for his research and summary of relevant u3a news and business.</p> <p>He stated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -400 of 1000 Chairs take part in the 'Chair network'. -North East region needs a Treasurer to volunteer or it will have to cease. -Also Group Coordinators' network exists via ZOOM. KMac's decision as to whether to take part. 	
Other information or business		
10	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liz Thackery's visit 10th April. KR proposed an early evening get together with food and drink to thank all group leaders and task helpers. Cullercoats Crescent Club seemed most economical. Liz Thackery to be invited. 2. Gift Aid Discussion. Too much paperwork involved to backdate. To start offering opportunity to gift aid from May 2024. 3. Thanks to AF and IB who had done preparatory work on new constitution. Proposal to adopt TAT constitution with addendum. IB had sent changes to committee prior to the 	<p>Agreed in principle. Details to be confirmed and invitations to follow.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>N.B. Changes to previous WBay constitution doc. Were agreed post-meeting by email approval.</p>

	<p>meeting. IB proposed to change tenure of Chair to 2yrs with option to extend in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>4. Roles & Responsibilities- discussion. Observers thanked for their insight as new members. Language can put people off. Also, too much pressure for spreadsheet of tasks to be presented.</p> <p>5. AGM 15th May to be carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>6. KR asked for approval to book a popular speaker for the Christmas Social.</p> <p>7. EDI talk to go ahead as HP is now a trained EDI, Trust Volunteer.</p> <p>8. Facebook page to be carried over to next meeting.</p>	<p>IB to ask for volunteers to 'support' named committee members.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>EDI Wednesday 6th March 2pm St Andrew's.</p>
11	<p>Confidential items None</p>	
12	<p>N.B. 1st April is Bank Holiday</p> <p>Date of next meeting Monday 8th April 2024 12pm St Andrew's UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU</p> <p>Meeting closed: 2.10pm</p>	