

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a
held 12pm, 6th March 2023

Present:

Derek Reynolds (Chair) DR	Kath Reed KR
Peggy Robertson PR	Ian Bedwell IB
Yvonne Bedwell YB	Dorothy Chapman DCh
Dave Haddock DH	Vicky Landles VL
Helen Perfect HP	

In attendance: Susan Greaves as interested observer.

Procedural		
Item No		Action
1	<p>Apologies for absence The committee consented to apologies for absence for the following committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Paterson • Dorothy Garman <p>Apologies were not received from: -</p>	
	Declaration of interest: -	
	AOB notifications to the Chair	
For discussion and agreement		
2	<p>Approval of minutes Minutes from meeting on 6.2.2023. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Matters arising.</p>	
3	<p>Anne Paterson to be taken off as signatory on bank account. Kath MacEachen to be added as signatory</p>	
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resignation letter to stand down from the Committee received from Anne Paterson. The committee unanimously and gratefully agreed to accept Anne's offer to continue to help with membership duties. • DR shared letter from 'Conversations with u3a' requesting dialogue about good practice and sharing tips. • Bede Academy in Blyth sent request for advertising for school invigilators needed for May / June 	Notice to go in newsletter for invigilators
5	<p>Business Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB had received instructions from The Charity Commission on setting up an account to keep information up to date. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U3a trust need updated committee member details. • IB explained the Chair and Business secretary are usually invited to regional Northumbria u3a meetings. He has gone but thinks attending all are unnecessary. Proposed attending occasionally or for others to attend. • Chair of region u3a asked if we would like to nominate 1 or 2 people to attend regional meetings. 	<p>All to check details are correct.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>DH to put in newsletter</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YB reported the accounts have been updated. • YB advised that Linskill Centre rates are increasing. £1.20 tea/coffee, room £150 • YB someone independent has been found to look at the accounts. • YB has ordered 2 SUMUP debit card readers. Receipt book £5.99 • YB is organising removal of past cheque signatories and confirming YB, KR, KMAc and PR as the 4 signatories • Previously discussed cheque has been re-issued and KR will encourage the recipient to pay this one in in good time 	<p>Agreed to receipt book purchase.</p> <p>KR to pass on cheque</p>
7	<p>Membership Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PR reported 383 members. Historically, we lose c80 each renewal month. • Discussion of ways to pay for membership. YB to write para with ways to pay. • PR has a donated phone and requests a contract for minutes. • Membership cards are depleted. PR requested purchase of new cards with new logo. Agreed 1,000 For c£27. • YB to check number of Yellow Programme cards ordered last year. • 'New Members' sign had disappeared 	<p>DH to put sort code etc. details in newsletter</p> <p>Agreed to £5pcm contract.</p> <p>PR to buy.</p> <p>DR to order Prog Cards</p> <p>DH to print</p>
8	<p>Group Coordinator's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening Club has started. • Real Ale group underway • Bell ringing at Christ church North Shields organised. • Art group need a bigger venue - discussed. • Genealogy group suggested. • New title page chosen for New Starters pack. 	<p>KMAc to compile list of venues.</p> <p>DH to print</p>

Other information or business		
9	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR reported we are compliant with the Constitution as far as years to serve on Committee. • Discussed car ins implication for members sharing lifts and paying contribution. • Earthquake appeal. Bucket for donations in hall at monthly meeting • Reminder to update yellow programme card for July. • IB has offered to stand as candidate for Chair in May. This would create vacancy for Business Secretary if elected • KR offered to remain as Vice-Chair – 4 yr term • 4 vacancies. Chair, Treasurer and Membership Secretary tied to 2 yr term • Plaque 3 choices • Seaham Harbour pack to look over. • KR reported all speakers are booked for next 12 mths. Any Christmas ideas welcome. KR happy to relinquish being Programme Secretary if anyone interested DR thanked KR for quickly organising a stand in speaker when there was a very last minute cancellation due to ill health • KR & PR gave an info talk at the McCarthy & Stone residential home in Wh Bay. Possibility that some residents will attend next monthly meeting. • Twelve members attended Ray Taylor’s funeral on behalf of u3a • HP reported she has replied to request in Third Age Matters (TAM) magazine to volunteer to deliver Equality and diversity presentations 	<p>OK informally.</p> <p>To repeat this month</p> <p>KR to assist DR in finalising plaque</p> <p>Thanks To Pat Stevens DR reminder from HQ to include reaching residents of homes/retirement flats</p> <p>HP will update when contacted by HQ</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting 12pm 3rd April 2023 St Andrew’s UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU</p>	