

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

1.12.21

Attendees Derek Reynolds; Dorothy Garman; Anne Hemy; Dorothy Chapman; Kath Reed; Kath MacEachen

Guests Peter Casson; Dave Haddock

Apologies for absence Andrew Freckingham; Vicky Landles

DR opened the meeting at 11.03am welcoming all present and thanking all for attending. Dorothy Chapman was acknowledged as a new co-opted member of the Committee until next AGM. This was voted for and unanimously agreed in a brief meeting held after last month's open meeting.

Previous minutes were accepted by all members present.

Matters arising: No matters arising.

Guest Speaker:

A presentation was given by Peter Casson representing the Social Prescribing Service. Whitley Bay u3a have been recommended to the Service on the basis that it meets the criteria required for the referral of those who would benefit from access to the organisation.

Peter suggested that the 'Living Well, North Tyneside' website could add WB u3a to their list of organisations and DR proposed that DG and KM should exchange contact details with Peter to establish a link with his service. PC supplied a poster and several flyers which will be displayed on our notice board at the monthly meetings. Peter left the meeting at 11.37am

Agenda

1. Treasurer's Report

Financial report deferred until next month's Committee Meeting.

2. Correspondence

Received from AF in lieu of his Business Secretary's report.

- There are still 32 members who have not informed us of an email address to provide the newsletter. DC advised that Pat Clark prints out paper copies for these members which are available at the Monthly meetings
- All Committee and Group Leaders to be reminded to wear their lanyards for the purpose of identification.
- We are still looking for members to volunteer to shadow our Treasurer, our Business Secretary and possibly Membership Secretary.

3. Membership Secretary's Report

Membership now totals 300. There were 3 new members this month with 2 enquiries pending. The new members meeting was well received, and all new members have now been successfully inducted.

4. **Group Coordinators Report**

It was agreed that current priority is for more/new interest groups. KM expressed her concerns about the numbers of members in certain groups e.g., Archaeology (40+ members). DG voiced her concern over attendance at the Sports Appreciation Group (36 members). She suggested setting up waiting lists, and the rule for failing to attend group meetings was discussed. DC told us that this should be decided by each individual group leader as should the payment of any fees incurred; weekly, monthly, or termly dependent on circumstances. KM suggested a follow up review meeting with new members. This suggestion was well received.

5. **Website Administration**

Dave Haddock joined the meeting at 12.00pm to give a presentation about the updating of WB u3a website. DR opened this special part of the meeting by suggesting we co-opt DH onto the Committee until the next AGM. This was proposed by DG, seconded by DC, and unanimously agreed by all Committee Members present. Dave talked us through his ideas, always looking for the Committee's assent before going away to implement them. He finished his presentation and left the meeting at 1.10pm.

6. **A.O.B**

Christmas open meeting

DR raised concerns over safety issues in respect of the recent changes to covid restrictions. The Committee decided that any venue must be well ventilated, masks should be worn whenever moving around but not necessary once seated. It was agreed that the sound system at Linskill must be addressed in time for the afternoons entertainment on 15th December. The timing of the programme was finalised, as well as any other peripheral activities. KR suggested a gift of appreciation should be purchased for Ian from The Linskill Centre to thank him for his steadfast efforts since our open meetings resumed. This was approved by all present. DR and KR to oversee this.

KR informed the meeting that two speakers have cancelled in March and April of next year which will require an amendment of the booklet and website information, but she assured us that there are lots of options available to her to find replacements.

Meeting closed at 1.35pm