

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a  
held 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Present:

Ian Bedwell (Chair) IB	Yvonne Bedwell YB	Dorothy Garman
Dave Haddock DH		
Peggy Robertson PR	Terry Annan TA	Susan Greaves SG
Helen Perfect	Kath Reed KR	

Quorum: Yes

In attendance: Michele Palmer

Procedural		
Item No		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> The committee consented to apologies for absence for the following committee members: Kath MacEachen Oonagh Mallon Apologies were not received from:</p>	
2	<p><b>Declaration of interest:</b> None <b>AOB notifications to the Chair</b> HP to add AOB item on 'group leaders holding cash' if time permits. <b>Welcome new committee members:</b> Terry Annan, Susan Greaves &amp; Oonagh Mallon and observer Michele Palmer  <b>Approve co-opted members</b> DH and HP</p>	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Approved</p>
3	<p><b>Approval of minutes</b> 3.1 for approval                      Minutes from meeting on 24.4.2023</p>	Approved
4	<p><b>Matters arising not on the agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sincere thanks to Derek Reynolds, Anne Paterson, Vicky Landles, Anne Hemy who have resigned .</li> <li>Dorothy Chapman to be special advisor to the Committee</li> <li>DH reported Microsoft 365 licence has lapsed</li> </ul>	No renewal
For discussion and agreement		
5	<p><b>Correspondence</b> None to report</p>	

6	<p><b>Business Secretary's Report</b> No report from past Business Secretary</p>	
7	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> Renewals ongoing and being chased up. 90 paid chq, 162 by BACS, 34 cash, 11 honorary and 97/8 still to pay Brian Johnson (independent) has checked the accounts There will be no regional membership fees this year as sufficient regional funds remain to cover all groups. Issue of lapsed members still attending u3a sessions and also there exist non-payers for more than one year.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>YB &amp; PR to address resolving</p>
8	<p><b>Membership Secretary's Report</b> 392 members with 20 new members this month Recently deceased members to be mentioned in the newsletter. PR inputs new members on to Beacon IT system. Pat Clark follows up renewal memberships. Membership cards are ready. To be distributed without posting where possible. PR to give out some to group leaders to distribute. DH suggested item in newsletter to advise new and existing members that a new card will be issued. Group leaders could ask to see cards in group meetings for proof of renewal</p>	<p>Item to go in n/letter</p>
9	<p><b>Group Coordinators' Report</b> DG reports new groups 'bell ringing' and 'gardening' going well. 'Topic' group to start in Sept  'Short walks' group pre-meeting held by DG &amp; KMac but disappointed as no attendees. DG's Cycling meeting likewise experienced no shows. Issue re communication from members and replies yes /no should be requested. DG and KR had also experienced lack of follow through of attendance after members initially expressing interest in groups . Discussed</p>	<p>DG to confirm date time of Topic grp with Dave Slater</p>
<b>Other information or business</b>		
10	<p><b>AOB</b> 10.1 volunteer desperately needed for Business Secretary. IB appeal  10.2 Discussion of final elements for 'yellow book' DH suggested QR code HP reminded that accessible versions need to be available i.e. large print. Discussed. KR proposed paper insert A5 version not A6 card as easier to read  KR suggested accessibility overall to WhBay u3a could benefit from further discussion</p>	<p>No volunteer</p> <p>QR code to be trialled PR &amp; KR/IB to liaise with printer</p> <p>Accessibility future mtg agenda item</p>

	<p>10.3 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque. Vote on style</p> <p>10.4 Macular Society - KR &amp; IB (for PR) reported back on talk they gave Sight loss is variable and some listening to the talk would need bus or a lift to Linskill Centre to access u3a meetings/groups. Discussed</p> <p>10.5 Defib user awareness session. Discussed Possible charge to attendees to cover room hire and donation?</p> <p>10.6 request from Andrew Freckingham to be co-opted to committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting closed 2pm</b></p>	<p>'Engraved' approved PR researching bus routes.</p> <p>Offered to Committee and grp leads</p> <p>Agreed. IB /AF to discuss focus area</p>
11	<b>Confidential items</b> none	
12	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Monday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 12pm St Andrew's UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU</p>	