

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a
held Monday 2nd October 2023

Present:

Ian Bedwell (Chair) IB	Kath Reed KR	Michele Palmer MP
Susan Greaves SG	Yvonne Bedwell YB	Peggy Robertson PR
Terry Annan TA	Andrew Freckingham AF	

Quorum: Y

In attendance: -

Procedural		
Item No		Action
1	<p>Apologies for absence: The committee consented to apologies for absence for the following committee members: Dorothy Garman, Kath MacEachan, Helen Perfect, Dave Haddock</p> <p>Apologies were not received from: None</p> <p>Declaration of interest: None</p> <p>AOB notifications to the Chair: None</p>	
2	<p>Approval of minutes For approval - minutes from meeting on 4th September 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved <p>Outstanding actions: Item 3 maximum amount of money to be held by group leaders to be appropriate for needs. Item 10 YB to ask group leaders to advise DH of any changes to WB website entries for their group</p>	YB
3	Matters arising not on the agenda None	
For discussion and agreement		
4	Correspondence None	
5	Business Secretary's Report Nothing to report	
6	Treasurer's Report	

	Written report was received and approved. Current balance £8,800.03. A copy has been posted on the WBU3a website.	
7	Membership Secretary's Report Written Report from PR received. 386 members including 12 new members and 2 reinstated. There are 3 membership enquiries pending. Posters advertising our u3a have been placed in three local venues.	
8	Group Coordinators' Report (Both leaders - Dorothy Garman, Kath MacEachan have given apologies for this meeting) There is still a request for volunteer leaders to run Italian, Spanish French3 and Calligraphy.	
9	Co-opted member AF AF reported on a recent Zoom chairs' meeting he had attended which addressed issues such as recruitment to u3as, recruitment to committees and retention. Various strategies were discussed however it was felt that with the current strong increase in membership caused mainly through word-of-mouth our u3a is performing well. For committee membership it was agreed that the best way of doing this is for committee members to circulate before and after the Wednesday meeting and start related conversations with members.	
Other information or business		
10	AOB 1. Christmas Party Wednesday 20 th December starting at 2pm. KR and PR have investigated a potential choir and a guitar player at the party and will investigate further. The preliminary format will be: 12 tables with 10 places per table having paper cloths paper plates and table decoration provided by u3a. Light seasonal refreshments and carbonated fruit drinks provided by u3a. Beetle Drive quiz (on a per-table basis) Performers 2. Rolls and Responsibilities IB has circulated a two-page document which lists who does what for organising our u3a. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting when more committee members will be present.	
11	Confidential items • None	
12	Date of next meeting Monday 6 th November 2023 12pm St Andrew's UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU. Meeting closed: 2.00pm	