

Meeting of the Whitley Bay u3a
held Monday 12pm 6.11.2023

Present:

Ian Bedwell (Chair) IB	Yvonne Bedwell YB	Dorothy Garman DG
	Kath MacEachen KMac	
Peggy Robertson PR	Terry Annan TA	Susan Greaves SG
Helen Perfect HP		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: Kath Reed, Dave Haddock, Michele Palmer</p> <p>Declaration of interest: -</p> <p>AOB notifications to the Chair: -</p>	
2	<p>Approval of minutes Minutes from meeting on 2.10.2023</p>	Approved
3	Matters arising not on the agenda – none	
For discussion and agreement		
4	<p>Correspondence None</p>	
5	<p>Business Secretary's Report None</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report Report received in advance</p>	Line error corrected.
7	<p>Membership Secretary's Report Report received in advance. Since report 1 more member and 1 renewal. Now 391 members. PR to send Group Coordinators contact details of any person requesting trial sessions.</p> <p>Discussion: what data and statistic should be gathered to be useful</p>	New starter meeting planned pre monthly mtg.
8	<p>Group Coordinators' Report 2 new groups for Spanish and both sessions now full 1 new group for Chess</p>	

	<p>Group coordinators expressed concern that with increasing membership numbers it is difficult to find sufficient group leaders to run groups for free in subject areas members are interested in.</p> <p>Discussion: paying group leaders for shortage areas. We are paying a Spanish native speaker who is not a u3a member. We are already paying for a Tai Chi leader.</p>	<p>KMac to ask for volunteer group leaders at monthly meeting.</p> <p>IB to put request for volunteers in the newsletter</p>
9	<p>Co-opted member AF</p> <p>A) Chairs' Forum created 40% of Chairs have joined the online discussion group. View that the Trust should be facilitator not impose a top down model on individual u3a groups</p> <p>B) disappointing AGM performance by the Trust when many resolutions were not agreed has resulted in the local area u3as holding them to account.</p> <p>The Trust's aim is to be more relevant and concentrate on marketing and promotion of u3a.</p> <p>C) regional meetings – Mary Dunning has resigned from attending the regional meetings</p>	<p>AF to send short report to all Committee members in advance of the meetings</p>
Other information or business		
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>10.1 T&Cs accepted of Site Builder. DH to receive support.</p> <p>10.2 Christmas Social 20th December. 13 large tables. Food is organised. Entertainment tbc. Beetle Drive game and quiz (Jean Lawson) for each table.</p> <p>10.3 IB had prepared 'Roles & Responsibilities' grid to ensure all tasks are covered.</p> <p>10.4 Homeshare request to WBU3a for members to volunteer to host guests at home</p> <p>10.5 Committee meeting time to remain at 12pm</p> <p>10.6 Discussion of the form new members complete on joining.</p>	<p>All Committee to assist with Christmas decorations for Linskill room.</p> <p>IB to encourage members to volunteer for support tasks at monthly meeting.</p> <p>Agreed: Not appropriate to take part</p> <p>Any suggestions to be discussed next meeting.</p>
11	<p>Confidential items</p> <p>None</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 4.12.2023 12pm</p> <p>St Andrew's UR Church, Eastfield Ave, Monkseaton, NE25 8LU</p> <p>Meeting closed: 2pm</p>	