

Wigtownshire U3A

Minutes
Thursday 13th August, 2020 via Zoom.us

Present: Sue Robb, Moyra Beckenridge, Lesley Miller, Julie McGlashan

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies from Celia Heller, Jim Holt and Gill Hay (who tried to join the meeting unsuccessfully).

2. Minutes reading from July 9th

Proposed by Lesley, seconded by Moyra.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Future of Wigtownshire U3A

Meetings with Group Facilitators to be arranged if possible. Celia will be asked to participate. Many venues were still not open for hire, although meetings could be held outside in grounds of Baptist Church in Wigtown. Discussion to include committee vacancies and data protection. Julie agreed to attend these meetings. Email to go to Group Facilitators re proposed meetings to see what the response was and then see what could be arranged.

5. Data Protection issues on the website

To be discussed with Group Facilitators at a future meeting.

6. Reports

6.1 Chair

The Committee accepted Celia's offer of changing her role to become Groups Co-ordinator. She will retain role of Speaker Organiser. This will leave vacancy for Minutes Secretary as well as IT Coordinator. Treasurer's post will become vacant in February. Celia to be asked to hold list of membership and contacts as well as Moyra.

6.2 Treasurer

Richard provided his report ending 31st July showing little change with total outgoings at £36.89 and zero income. Total cash in hand and bank balance totalled £5,177.46 compared to the same period last year at £2,596.13.

6.3 Business Secretary

Lesley needing information from Richard to complete the membership form for Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector organization.

Lesley had contacted both West Galloway and Stewatry U3As to ask how they were getting along during lockdown. Stewatry had responded and it seems that their experience mirrors our own. They have over 400 members and some 50+ interest groups.

6.4 Membership Secretary

– see monthly email

6.5 Webmaster

Julie had spoken to Sussex U3A briefly. Julie to investigate possibility of using U3A as host website for Wigtownshire. Lesley to check out local web design agency and hosting possibilities in Newton Stewart and Beacon.

7. Monthly email

Email to go to entire membership re groups meeting again saying that it is still recommended that groups do not hold physical meetings except outside. If indoor meetings are being considered refer to the guidelines contained in the links to the U3A's national guidance on their website and to inform the Committee if your group is reconvening.

8. AOB

There is no speaker for September. Possibly might consider doing a Zoom monthly meeting if speaker was willing if the lockdown continues.

9. Date of next meeting

The September meeting, set for 13th September, had to be cancelled. Date of next meeting: Thursday, 8th October at Fordbank House, DG8 9BT at 1.30pm or via Zoom as appropriate.

10. Close

The meeting closed at 2.20pm