

# *Wigtownshire U3A*

Held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom.us:

Present: Sue Robb, Lesley Miller, Richard McElrea, Moyra Breckenridge, and Julie McGlashan.

## **1. Welcome and Apologies.**

Apologies from Jim. Gill joined the meeting once technical issues resolved.

## **2. Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> August reading.**

The minutes were proposed by Lesley and seconded by Richard.

## **3. Matters arising**

None.

## **4. Monthly meetings by Zoom**

Monthly Zoom meetings to be continued for foreseeable future. **Action** Gill Hay to organise an annual account.

## **5. Contacting Group Facilitators**

Meeting with group facilitators to be postponed until meetings allowed within the Covid restrictions.

## **6. Beacon and website**

Lesley had exchanged correspondence with Magnus from Stewartry U3A who was our liaison person. A presentation had been circulated prior to the meeting which explained the benefits. Magnus had offered to attend a meeting to respond to any questions. There was a issue that there is a cost of £1 per member if we decide to go down this route. No decision was reached so this will need to be finalised at the next meeting.

The website is a separate issue under Site Builder (see Webmaster report).

## **7. Reports**

**Chair** - nothing to report

**Vice Chair** - Gill suggested paying for Zoom licence to cover all groups She has volunteered to provide any training required to group facilitators.

Sue will contact Celia to check if she has anything to report as group facilitator.

**Treasurer** – Richard reported that organisational fees for next year had been paid. Total outgoings as at 31/8/20 were £4.79 for the internet connection. There was no income reported for the same period. The Bank and Cash reserve total was £5,172.87 compared to the same period in 2019 of £1,770.69. No bills were presented for payment.

It was agreed that Membership fees (normally due on 31<sup>st</sup> December) would be held in abeyance until we are able to reconvene groups on a normal basis. Following resumption of normal meetings, fees will then be considered on pro rata basis taking annual costs into consideration.

The Committee thanked Richard who has kindly agreed to continue as Treasurer until normal service has been resumed..

AGM preparations for the end of February to go ahead as normal at present. We may have to consider holding it by Zoom.

## **Business Secretary**

Branding. The U3A AGM had recently approved the new logo designs and this was now being promoted.

U3A Day. 2021 on 2<sup>nd</sup> June – the Lord Lieutenant for Wigtownshire had confirmed her availability to officiate.

Autumn newsletter will go out as a Mail Chimp. Lesley will write copy and include any contributions. It is possible to get hard copies for those not online.

**Membership Sec.** - monthly newsletter to include committee proposal for 2021 fees. appeal for information for Autumn newsletter; also information on Zoom meetings to be trialled by Gill.

**Webmaster** –Julie had investigated the U3A Site Builder system and it seemed to offer some advantages, i.e.

- it would be consistent with U3A design nationally; it was straightforward to use;
- it supports text, pdf and photo formats;
- it does the formatting for you;
- a photo gallery system selects images;
- they do all the back ups;
- it is easy to adapt from our existing website;
- there's a members only area;
- and It's free, so we would not have to pay a monthly hosting fee (currently we're paying £4.70 per month to KC Communications).
- U3A website looks suitable. Julie will go ahead with this.

Discussion on losing Eclipse to be held at next meeting.

### **8. Monthly email**

Moyra to draft an email to go to facilitators initially, containing reference to the option of having Zoom meetings; and also about the decision to hold annual fees in abeyance.

### **9.Date of next meeting –**

12th Nov. 1.30pm by Zoom. Gill to arrange.

### **10. Close**

The meeting closed at 2.47pm.

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