



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

**For the 202nd Committee Meeting to be held at 10.00am
Monday 21st November 2016 in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham
Community Centre.**

- **Welcome**

Present: Clive Cowdy (Chairman), Roland Simpkins (Webmaster), Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker Secretary), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Janti Mistry (Membership secretary) Don Horne (Publicity) Derek Morgan (nominated webmaster)

Apologies: Paddy Collins, Lilia Bogle

- Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th October 2016
Agreed and signed by Clive

- **Matters Arising:**

Christmas Social: Recorders to play 2.15 to 3.00

Roger Edwards Poetry

Mike Weston singing

Dusty will give out quiz on Wednesday at AGM. Results at Christmas
Carolina now in charge of tea rota.

10.30 Lorna Joy: Report on National Conference

Printed report circulated as attached. Shorter version to be in Newsletter Inspiring Conference. Many activities can be done without weekly groups. Shared learning projects popular. U3a National research database: available to all U3a members. Lorna attended workshop on Moocs. Opened lots of doors to new talents. TAT support for research initiatives. Funding available. Very important to talk to other people and get new ideas. Lorna thanked U3a for opportunity. Clive thanked Lorna for attending Clive suggested Lorna talked to Lilia about a 'moocs' group in the future. Martin asked about waiting list issues: Try to keep away from these as people get disillusioned. The general pattern is new groups start up. Clive talked about U3a's developing in same area with overlap geographically but limited to 200 people each to prevent them getting too big.

- Chairman's Report:
Reported on attending meetings with Beds Plus group and Thames Valley Group. TAT issues with communicating with all 1000+ independent groups.
AGM: Issue of room costs might come up.
Minutes 50 copies available.
Nominations nearly complete: Dusty and John to complete.
President: Pat Costello proposed
Charity nominations. Project Street Life and Willen proposed. Will open to the floor
Roland to present Treasurer's report at AGM with Clive to support

- Treasurer's Report
See AGM

- Secretary's Report
Have spoken to concert organisers re fundraising for U3a Charity. Await next year's invitation and will ensure U3a represented.
Diaries ordered by Paddy Thanks to him. TAT hadn't ordered them until last Friday so Rosemary pressing for speedy delivery.
Tables for AGM plan given to caretaker
- Group Liaison Officer
Lilia absent

- Membership
Janti tried to advance production of cards to Mid November.
Data attached
Reminders sent out by email and newsletters.
Current 742 paid up.
Rosemary suggested telling lapsed members about Virtual U3a. Rosemary will email Janti info.
GCs to check membership cards in January
List of lapsed members: if we see them please chase

- Website
Derek has taken over website. webmaster@buckinghamu3a.org.uk
Roland attended Buckingham University Community Liaison Group.
Purpose of meeting to link University and town. Talked about University doubling in size over next few years. University want to bring town with them. Information only. Clive working on a research link with University.
PR lady at University. Possible open meeting topic.

Any Other Business:

Don: Xmas meal. For newsletter deadline on 30th.

Rosemary asked members not to email papers just the day before a meeting.

Notices to be at start of AGM.

Shadow membership secretary needed. Experience of data base management useful.

Roland to continue with postings.

Rosemary asked about costs of sending out cards. Janti giving out lapsed members at open meets. New members will be sent in post.

Martin talked about visit to House of Commons: Time and date TBA.

Preference for John Bercow to be present. Possibly aim for Summer using a Coach. Martin to fact find.

Clive thanked committee for past year. Especially to Don for stepping into breach and Roland for website.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 19th December at 11 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.