



Minutes

For the 192 nd Committee Meeting held at 10.00 am on Monday December 14th 2015 in the Buckingham Town Council Chambers

Welcome:

Attendance:

Present: Clive Cowdy (Chairman), John White (Technical resources), Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer), Carolina Kenealy (Newsletter Editor), Roland Simpkins (Webmaster), Lesley Suggate (Co-opted), Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker Secretary), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Janti Mistry (Membership secretary) Don Horne (Publicity)

1. Apologies: Paddy Collins
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd November 2015 approved
3. Matters Arising:
 - Janti checked on procedures for checking membership
 - New members coffee morning successful: Good to see committee there
 - Hand bells booked for summer social
4. Chairman's Report:
 - Money to Brackley given and thankyou received.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - New mandates sent off for both banks
 - Updated charity commission for new members
 - Accounts sent to David Everson
6. Secretary's Report
 - Information received send to Roland and Clive for courses.
 - Events to Don
 - Discussion about supporting charities: Agree to support only the annual one.
7. Membership Secretary
 - Current 710
 - Lapsed 102
8. Group Liaison Officer
 - New groups:
 - Wine appreciation wanted
 - Line dancing not happening as no GC

Proposed review to GC Jan/Feb questionnaire: Numbers survey. This will help with venue bookings and ensure new members are given correct information. Lilia to design questionnaire and bring to next meeting.

Hazel Thurlow has died. Lilia to contact one of the new members to see if she could take it over. Announce on Wednesday at social so that participants aware: Any questions to Lilia

New room will be available at Library: Capacity of 25

Science group are building funds for speakers in the future. 50p each. Lilia to let GC know amount limit of collated funds as if room is free no fee should be charged. 50p is only required if room costs involved

Need to clarify that speakers to groups are financed by the group to get consistency. Ethos of U3A is self-help. Open meetings speakers paid for. Group meetings need to pay for own speakers. Grants available only for objects/improvements to groups which could be used more than once or for another group.

9. Speaker Secretary

Since moved AGM need speaker for October
Spoke about groups running open meetings. Only one response (Negative)
Possibly revisit this with groups suggesting speakers. Martin to contact GCs.

10. Technical Resources

Nothing to report
Open meetings we use the Community Centre kit. U3A have their own so can avoid issues. Could we help Community centre to update? John to investigate.

11. Website

Nothing to report

12. Social Matters

Lesley reports Wednesday's organisation in place. Tea 3.15.
New Year lunch orders and money not in. Lesley to action. Will also sort raffle prize. Money will go to Young carers.

Any Other Business

Over subscribed groups: See above

GC Emergency sheets: Part of guidelines when revisited.

Shadows for committee: Needed for all officers: Personal contact: Emergency duties only. Clive to announce at social to see if anyone interested.

Readers in School: Issues arising: Safeguarding/confidentiality/responsibilities and learning for U3A members.

RG to investigate responsibilities via TAT and look further into possible learning opportunities

Recent bereavements: discussed. U3A can help by being open.

News letter new groups list. Agreed.
Quick ref page alterations. Needs spacing.

Meeting closed at 11.40

Next meeting to be held on January 25th 2016 at 10 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre

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