

**Minutes of the 176th Committee Meeting of the Buckingham and District U3A
held on
Monday 23rd June 2014 in the Buckingham Town Council Chambers**

Present: Clive Cowdy (Chairman) Joan Hatherley (Treasurer), Martin Paul (Vice Chairman), Roland Simpkins (Webmaster), Lesley Suggate (Membership Secretary), Christine Dodds (Speaker Seeker), Val Bradley (Business Secretary/Group Liaison Officer), Di Procter (Minutes)
David Angrave (Technical Resources), Don Horne (Publicity)

- 1 Welcome:** Clive welcomed everyone, especially the new members and Christine the returning member.
Clive ensured that the new members realise that they are Trustees.

2 Apologies : Carolina Kenealy

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting
The minutes were approved and signed.

4 Matters Arising:

GCs lunch 5th June was cancelled due to lack of support.

The last Coffee Morning had been very successful. Gina ran it and Barbara Willis will do the next one.

Action: Clive to negotiate date with the Golf Club and also to contact Barbara Willis as she had told Di she was no longer a shadow.

Art Appreciation are doing the tea on Wednesday.

Don will help Di to collect the 50p's.

5 Chairman's Report: Clive began by thanking everyone for their support.

There is a letter appealing for drivers for Hospital Car journeys. 100 trips a month are made from Buckingham.

There has also been correspondence for a research survey. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Newsletter. It was agreed that there will be an interim newsletter giving details of Committee roles that will need to be filled at the October AGM. Clive will also announce these on Wednesday.

Shadows need to be invited to the next Committee Meeting.

Christine will start to book some speakers for the start of 2016

6 Treasurer's Report

The CAF bank account(Business) is going fine and we did not get any charges last year.

It was agreed that Don Horne will be a new signatory on the accounts.

Joan will ask Pat Costello to examine the accounts at the end of the year.

Maids Moreton Village Hall are tightening up their arrangements and need 7 days' notice of a cancellation.

Social Account. There is a £350 surplus at present from outings.

As far as HMRC are concerned Joan is now the "responsible person".

7 Summer Social.

It was assumed that Carolina has the food in hand.

Di has ordered glasses and jugs and been in touch with Sheila for a list of drinks to buy. Clive has mint in his garden. Martin to check, to see if he is available to help make the Pimms. Christine to help Di with the drinks.

Everyone will be charged 50p this time. Don to collect money. Box for refills.
Tables will be set (same arrangement as before) for 180 and tables will be filled up like at Christmas. Food to be put on the tables.

12.00 Doors open

1.30 Committee to arrive

2.30 Welcome (Clive is Master of Ceremonies)

3.00 Entertainment (Folk song, Poem and a reading)

3.15 Tea (Committee do it this time)

8 Group News

The white envelope is going round.

Clive asked about people's views on the national U3A organisation. Lesley said that in the past she had been on a study course at Ironbridge and thoroughly enjoyed and recommended it.

Val queried as to whether she should update the list of Trustees for the Third Age Trust. It was agreed to wait until January.

Potential New groups: Qi Gond (like Tai Chi)

Chess

Julie Leech Touch Typing (still waiting on University changes)

Barbara Willis will probably use the Council Chambers for her I-pad group.

Ruth Rogers Music

Magda Art (She says she can teach anyone to draw)

It was queried are there still computers in the library?

9 Membership

Lesley reported membership numbers: current 745.

She queried does 'Beryl leave information about future outings when she is away with anyone?' She had had phone calls about two outings. Joan knew that the outings to Blenheim and Bolsover had been cancelled.

We have had the Gift Aid

Lesley and Geoff will be meeting with Janti Mistry in the next fortnight to share matters.

Clive said he would like an overview as to how this side of things works.

10 Website

Roland showed the folders he had done of the Group Coordinators. Everyone thought they were fantastic. The groups are displayed in alphabetical order. To be used on Wednesday.

11 Any Other Business

Clive wondered if name badges were still needed. It was agreed that they were useful and all GC's and Committee members should have them.

David will bring the Overhead Projector and the 35mm projector on Wednesday and put them on Dusty's table. If no buyers Di will take them, and the other electrical goods, to the Sobell House Warehouse.

Beryl will continue to run outings but take her holidays outside from the end of the year.

If different people arrange holidays each person would be entitled to a 100% discount on the 1st holiday (If offered by the supplier) and 50% on any subsequent holiday in the same year.

12 **Next Committee Meeting:** Monday 14th July 10 a.m. at Buckingham Golf Club.