



University of the Third Age

**BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A
Minutes**

For the 206th Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 20th March 11 am 2017 in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.

- Welcome

Present: Paddy Collins (Treasurer) Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker Secretary), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer) Dusty Roades (Publicity)
Lorna Joy

- Apologies: Clive Cowdy (Chairman) Janti Mistry (Membership) Ani Savage (News editor) John White (Technical Support)
- Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th February Accepted and signed

- Matters Arising:

None

- Chairman's Report:
New members meeting: March 29th 10 am

- Treasurer's Report
£8K Plus £4.5 in social account
Projecting forward may be a small loss as Bucks CC issues with room fees.
CIO status not progressed.

Handbell group thanked committee for offer of £50. Letter queried about previous fundraising. £180 ring fenced for new bell. Request for previous room rental to be included in ring fenced money. Paddy to investigate via minutes when that was agreed. If we have agreed it should be paid.

Ensure that bell group aware that funding cannot be continued at this rate. Ref Paddy's letter of 18 months ago.

Should there be a funding formula for groups? Does that need altering in the light of less money being available.

Support for room subs where costs not met is given at the moment.

Lorna asked whether subs rates are still in line with rental costs.

Lilia asked whether room size and numbers match.

Paddy is monitoring this

- Secretary's Report:

Dates for 2018 will be booked as soon as planning sorted.

Jan 22

Feb 26

March 26

April 23

May 21

June 25

July 23

Sep 24

Oct 22

Nov 26

Dec 17

Request re Power of Attorney: Clive referred the request to :
Arc Legal Assistance: in partnership with Irwin Mitchell Solicitors: U3A Helpline

Telephone number 0344 770 1040

Derek to investigate whether it is appropriate for U3A to put a link to TAT on the local web site against further requests for this information. This would ensure it was not promotional just informative.

U3A booklet produced on research methodology. Available to download on TAT site. Dusty to give hard copy to Clive.

Finance info from TAT given to Paddy: Re subs and magazine. Does not need to be paid until April.

- Group Liaison Officer

Concerning the web site: Lilia's Apple Mac compatibility issues. Derek requested Barbara of I pad group to contact Lilia as site is working on I pads.

Clive requested info to GC's to attend coffee morning for recruitment and GC lunch. Responses by email. Lilia asked if there a way to accept via web site rather than answering all of the emails. Martin says no need to reply to the e mails. Just use tick list as at moment no automatic collation. Lorna suggested responses by adding to title line. Lilia overwhelmed by 2 events at same time. GC lunch and coffee morning.

GC's guidance: To be put on web site. Lilia to forward to Derek. Copy to RG for secretary file.

Communication to GC's: Clive talked to Lilia about duplicated information being sent out. Giving GC's information to send out is an extra job for them. Eg. Di emailed GCs re theatre then GCs are emailing members. Some people getting multiple copies. When Beryl cancelled London trip Janti unable to provide tel numbers under data protection. Janti phoned them. This was a legitimate U3a purpose so Janti able to give out numbers in future. Information for trips etc will only be put on web site not sent to GCs to circulate so to cut out some of the duplication

Next meeting request for research update with University and Stowe.

Lesley Suggatt does not want to be a shadow and has stepped back

- Membership
Figures provided by Janti. E mailed round.

- Publicity

Thursday 23rd March: Beds Bucks quiz. Paddy has paid entry fee.

- Website

Latest figures: Main page 3000 visits a months.
Groups 80 ish on average.

Ongoing request for web pages to be updated.

Any Other Business:

Open meeting about Zimbabwe this week: Poster made by Dusty. Derek to scan for computer. She will bring USB stick. Need to sort laptop and projector. Martin to chase.

Wed: Paddy to unlock. RG Meet and greet. Carolina teas.

RG mentioned an email from Carolina re stepping down from teas:

I am at the moment doing the Open Meeting teas but have decided not to continue when we return after the August break, I will still be doing them this Month and April, May and June 2017. I don't do them in July because it is the Summer Social. Carolina

Martin to ask for volunteers to take over at open meeting

Times for visits and trips to be put on website.

New members coffee morning organised by Gina. Committee to attend if available.

Diaries: Order: Agreed to order 50. First come first served. This was due to numbers remaining last year.

Trip illnesses responsibilities: No more duty of care than a stranger.

Take a friend to new meet: Lilia encourages GC to fulfil role. Part of ongoing work. Possibly bring up at GC meeting.

Subject for AGM debate? How do we make new members welcome

At open meetings selling tables: Dusty informal arrangement. Raising monies for U3a Charity. Margaret Elliott runs table for charity. Put on website and mention at Open meeting. At moment Dusty takes unsold stock. Ongoing monitoring. May need rules in future.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 24th April 11 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.

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