



University of the Third Age

**BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A
Minutes**

**For the 207th Committee Meeting held on Monday 24th April 11 am 2017
in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.**

- Welcome
Present: Clive Cowdy (Chairman) Janti Mistry (Membership), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer) Dusty Roades (Publicity) Ani Savage (News editor)
- Apologies: Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker Secretary Paddy Collins (Treasurer) Lorna Joy, John White (Technical Support)
- Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st March
- Matters Arising:
New members meeting went well
Link to TAT is on site for legal advice
Lilia still working on MAC issues of accessing membership from site.
- Chairman's Report:
Draft product from Stowe study available to be viewed. This will continue to be worked on. Aim to produce this as a leaflet for information to visitors. U3a Contribution of £100 plus expertise. Copy will hopefully be added to our website at project end.
University: Clive meeting tomorrow with Alan Martin of psychology Dept re research. Looking at other options eg research into ageing.
Beds Plus next meeting on 10am-noon 25th May. Aim to send 2 representatives.
- Treasurer's Report
 - 1) Finances - Some groups are still not covering their room costs but I don't want to knee-jerk yet. I will give some more analysis at the June committee meeting
 - 2) I think we should stop using the GCs to circulate emails re theatre trips etc and tell the organisers that they will have to rely on the website and open meetings to advertise trips. This was agreed.
 - 3) Hospital car drivers can be advertised with a poster on the board and in newsletter if there is room. Paddy had already talked about the need for more drivers at the last open meeting.
Lilia commented that we need to think about booking venues and costs for new groups starting.
- Secretary's Report

Web site visits sheet was discussed and it will be available at GC's lunch to prompt updating. (Anyone pre 2017) This will be combined with a shadows sheet with contact numbers. Rosemary will send a covering e mail with agenda for GC meeting and a copy of previous minutes.

Jo Taylor will be here to take Minutes for May meeting. Clive to check Martin will be here in May to chair meeting. There are likely to be a number of apologies so need to check if meeting should be cancelled.

- Group Liaison Officer Now Group Coordinator:
Retitled to be in line with Third Age Trust. Group leaders now to be called Group Coordinators. To be announced at GC meeting

Numbers for lunch 51 including committee. Has been time consuming to organise. Needs a better system. Suggested using doodle. If too many attend committee to hold back. Clive to organise wine. Use glasses from community centre. Need mobile mike as well as ordinary mike.

To be covered:

Change of names: Clive

Communication emails Lilia only: Also because it is taking up to 3 months to set up a new group perhaps this information could be verbally relayed in groups.

- Membership
Numbers sheet available, 829 members
Newsletters by email (some rejected) Possibly use word file not PDF as smaller file although concern was expressed at the possibility of changes. The email was sent out as PDF eventually.
Have hard copies at open meeting for new members to view.

- Publicity

Next 2 open meetings? Information needed from Martin.

External Publicity for web site to be sent via Dusty except for TAT info.

Dusty will be giving up fundraising lead at next AGM so a replacement is needed

- Website: Updating sheet available

Any Other Business:

Deaths of U3a members responses: This happened fairly regularly so policy is that deaths should only be acknowledged at group level as they see fit.

GC's handbook: Are we going to use local handbook or U3A file. To be discussed by Clive and Lilia. Lilia to bring it up at GC's meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 22nd May 10 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.

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