



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

**For the 210th Committee Meeting held on Monday 25th September 10 am 2017
in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.**

- Welcome
- Present: Clive Cowdy (Chairman) Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Secretary Paddy Collins (Treasurer) Janti Mistry (Membership), Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer) Dusty Roades (Publicity).Lorna Joy, Derek Morgan (Webmaster) Linda Beazley (Speaker secretary proposed)
- Apologies: Ani Savage (News editor) Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker secretary)
- Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 24th July
Approved and signed
- Matters Arising:
None
- Chairman's Report:
Have had a request to advertise for school crossing patrollers: We will put details on website and poster at open meeting.
Joint research with Buckingham University: Possibility of making mobiles more secure. Student has a small 15 minute test. Will liaise with science group. Student wanted to email members but this doesn't sit with U3a constitution. Possibly set day at university for this or via website. Derek to liaise with student. This project is the start of future possibilities.
Lorna also requested move towards leading research as well as taking part.
Lilia mentioned a patient participation group that already exists at medical school.
Stowe House project: Proofs of booklet approved for printing. 1000 copies initially. £2 charge. U3a to assist with sales. This would create £1 for charity. Advertise via Christmas social? Possibly mention availability on website.
- Treasurer's Report
Current accounts: Running £3000 loss. Has transferred money from social fund.
We now need to raise subs. Groups should pay for own rooms but still subsidising groups to £3000 pa. Open meetings not paying for themselves.
Paddy advises £15 subs for 2018-2019
Committee agreed this would be put to AGM. This needs to be sent out as a resolution before AGM. (Paddy to check constitution and produce information for committee to see before next meeting)
TAT recommends £18 so this proposal is below that. Paddy to provide details at AGM.
Personal Liabilities: Need to change bank accounts to be CIO: Charitable Incorporated Organisation. To do this we will need to set up new charity. This would need to go to AGM as resolution. We are insured with TAT to cover eg injuries. Paddy to investigate.
Lilia asked about groups which aren't covering room costs: This is mostly when members don't attend eg during the summer. General ethos is that groups should pay for themselves. Termly payment may redress this.
Bank signatories: Need to revisit asap. Also need e bank signatory. Derek to take this

on. Cheque signatories to be Paddy/Derek/New secretary and possibly Mike Weston.
News letters to be emailed even with AGM forms.

- Secretary's Report
Diaries to be distributed at Open Meet and AGM
Tables U3a AGM: Will Email Tim
50 copies of ASM2016 mins to be available at AGM. RG
- Group Liaison Officer
Guide lines and Handbook: Amendments completed. Needs proof reading by committee and responses to Rosemary for corrections on Master Copy. Derek to pick up what should be on web page eg incident report form or equipment available.
Derek: Data Protection: GC's cannot give away email addresses. Should be blind copies.
Lilia also checked we had a link to World wide U3a
- Membership
As detailed
Some members no longer eligible for gift aid. Janti aware
Membership details for joining sent out in newsletter and emailed.
Only about 100 with no email address.
- Publicity
Page in November issue of Town Matters
What is U3a article for local paper needed. Dusty to write.
Linda asked if possibly new members to be targeted by committee to chat to.
- Website
Parliamentary visit: Resting with Beryl to organise:
Ensure visits don't overlap e.g. groups and Beryl to liaise especially where a coach is needed.
Email from Cancer Charity to put appeals on website: Only if they are of interest to members.
Web page for new groups: e.g. Orchestra. Lilia to liaise

Any Other Business:

Nominations for the committee by October 20th. No other member of committee can be proposer or seconder. Still short of secretary. Newsletter. And social team.
December Social 20th December: Stowe project: 10 mins. Invite: Lorna and Rosemary to talk to Helen about 20-30 min entertainment. Handbells/ Recorders/Ukelele.
Raffle and quiz results. Maggie's team doing catering. Table quiz with prizes.
The U3A lunch in Jan: Needs someone to run it. Ask at open meeting if anyone able to coordinate it.
Town parade: letter asking for Marshalls. Ask at open meeting. Clive to ask Howard Mordue about it.
The future of Bedsplus: Likely to fold. Meeting Thurs pm: Dusty and Clive to attend.
Derek looking at software packages from U3a. May be more flexible. Need to revisit this in the future via sub-committee.

New members meet tomorrow 10am. Some groups recruit members there.

20th anniversary of U3a next year. Think about ideas.

Linda asked about speaker payment. Cheque given on spot. No invoice needed.

The meeting closed at 12.10

**Next meeting to be held on Monday 23rd October 10 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.
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