



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

**For the 196th Committee Meeting to be held at 11.00 am on Monday
25th April 2016 in the Buckingham Town Council Chambers**

Welcome

Attendance:

Present: Clive Cowdy (Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer) Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer), Carolina Kenealy (Newsletter Editor), Roland Simpkins (Webmaster), Janti Mistry (Membership secretary) Don Horne (Publicity)

1. Apologies:

Rosemary Gadd

Martin Paul

John White

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st March 2016

Approved and signed

3. Matters Arising:

Clive –New Recorder Banner reported looks excellent

4. Chairman's Report:

- Feedback of GC's Meeting / Lunch-

Most people enjoyed it and the amount catered for was sufficient and the quality good. The numbers were the same as last year.

- We need two microphones for the next meeting.

- Clive felt that the GC's needs education on U3A guidelines on getting speakers for their own individual groups.

5. Treasurer's Report

Bucks County Council has started charging for the Mezzanine room as from April; therefore next year we will spend more of our surplus but there is no reason to change anything at this time.

Main account £14135

Social account £3272

Estimated end of year £1000 down.

Paddy also reported that the main room was now available for the open meeting on 26th October and we could go back to the normal date if the

speaker was available. Martin to be asked to check. If we change then the committee meeting can also be moved to its normal date.

6. Secretary's Report

In Rosemary absence Clive reported the reading project instigated by Rosemary was going well

7 Group Liaison Officers

GC handbook review.

-Clive apologise for not having the information ready to put to the group but discussed the proposal of "Hand-outs" from the recent annual report book issued by the National U3A.

He also discussed the possibility of changing the Group Coordinators title to group convenors as these terms are being used by the National U3A website and documents and if we were to use their information in future it may become confusing for the Buckingham U3A members.

Lilia asked re agenda for the new members next meeting 28th April.
Clive reported there was no agenda it was an informal meeting.

8. Website

Roland reported no Issues

Clive discussed the use of the site by GC's in addressing their own members but it was felt that they preferred to do their own individual emails to their groups

Re Gc's record list –It was agreed that Caroline would continue to keep this record up to date and liaise with Lilia & Roland

9. Membership Secretary

Janti reported -

-Number of members =774 possible to increase to 800 this year
£1309 received £200 less than previous year –due to reduction of fees and the new year will reduce by a further £200 as this year 100 members paid £13 instead of £10

-Re Gift aid it was becoming difficult to get members to sign the form for gift aid, as they may not be aware of the implications of doing so
It was suggested there needs to be a paragraph in the news letter explaining it and also Clive will bring it up at an Open meeting.

10. Any Other Business:

Clive –re Maggie's Letter re the Social Gathering

General discussion re last gathering

- Numbers always vary Christmas was unusual numbers and therefore difficult to predict. There were also concerns about not turning people

away.

- It was agreed to agree with Maggie's proposal of catering for 190 (if too much food is left over then it could be sold)
- -Dusty has agreed to run a Royal Quiz with a prize.
- Maggie to be invited to the June meeting and Clive will respond to Maggie's letter
- Next meeting Clive will discuss if anyone wants to attend the U3A Annual conference.

Caroline-

- When Caroline leaves there needs to be interaction with Maggie
- Anita Savage to take over from Caroline- the September newsletters format will then be changed. There are already 13 pages so amendments will have to be made.
- The newsletter editor's name will also need to be amended on the web page.

Roland-

Asked if groups could have evening meetings –Clive reported there was no reason why not if it suited the group

Don- reported an excellent photo in the National U3A Magazine re grant cheque. Clive will respond to thank Dusty.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 23rd May 2016 in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre at 10 am.