



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

For the 211th Committee Meeting held on Monday 23rd October 10 am 2017 in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.

- Welcome
- Present: Clive Cowdy (Chairman), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary), Paddy Collins (Treasurer) Janti Mistry (Membership), Dusty Roades (Publicity), Derek Morgan (Webmaster) Ani Savage (News editor) Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker secretary), Linda Beazley (Speaker secretary proposed), Lorna Joy, Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer)
- Apologies: None
- Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25th September
- Matters Arising:
None
- Chairman's Report:

2 groups are working with Buckingham University: Philosophy and Science Group
Stowe House Project: Roger Edwards will give presentation at Dec Social
Copies will be available to buy

Beds Plus Meeting: Email received from Beds Plus asking for committee opinion on continuing or agreeing to the cessation of the group. This was read out by RG
Clive reported Beds Plus have been struggling for quite a while. The Third Age Trust values these networks.

Clive recommended Thames Valley Group as an alternative to join. Impressive group which is well established. Meetings at Benson (Wallingford). There is a value in belonging to a group. This is especially good for speaker finding. TAT also attend as it is such a big group. Clive had no idea about the other groups.

Committee agreed that Beds Plus be disbanded: RG to notify Brian

- Treasurer's Report

Accounts sent by email to the committee. Overspent and subs need to be increased. Should be set at £15. This needs to go to AGM for membership agreement.

Lorna suggested that we reminded people it had been £13 in the past.

Martin asked why the change. Main change is Bucks CC charging for rooms and groups not covering their costs. Also social costs. See notes at bottom of treasurer's report.

Ani asked about other groups charges. Each U3a charges in different ways TAT suggests £18.

Clive pointed out that it came up at 2016 AGM and so warning had been given.

Linda suggested TAT magazine was not value for money. This comes as part of package for TAT. Lorna said it had been discussed at Conference: There was acknowledgement that it was often binned. She pointed out it was an umbrella publication and it was useful to some members and to get ideas. Also it generates revenue through advertising.

Clive said it was originally called 'The last Post!'

David Everson has taken accounts to examine them.

Need a motion to increase subs on Agenda: Clive to action

Change in bank signatories will be completed after AGM: Paddy to action

Big question: CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation): change to limit liability.

Linda said this would be good protection. E.g., if a large bill suddenly arrived.

Paddy said this would need a motion at AGM to do this.

Paddy will need to investigate Gift Aid element. May be able to keep same charity name. CAF bank should be lenient and Lloyds likely to need a new account. Martin suggested contacting the TAT.

Clive said we are insured against liability. Paddy taking a long term view to remove any personal liability. He asked about timescale

Paddy replied to put the Motion at the 2017 AGM then move from there. Aim to complete and transfer in about a year.

Paddy to send Clive wording for motion.

- **Secretary's Report**

Some folks still requesting diaries. Names given to Paddy for list

Christmas music to be Recorders on arrival, Carols with the new orchestra and Mike Weston on guitar.

RG will liaise with recorders and orchestra. Clive to speak to Mike.

Nominations for 2017-2018 committee collected bar Martins

RG asked Ani to talk about newsletter. It was agreed she should investigate envelope stuffing quotes as Phillips now interested in the task.

A new copy date was established for 25th November after AGM

RG asked Martin to talk about his teaching commitments: Martin now has a teaching commitment on Mondays so he asked to be excused committee days for Nov, Dec, Feb. Likely to miss May and Sept also. The Committee agreed that this was manageable.

Dusty reminded the committee that 3 missed meetings Martin would have to resign unless permission given.

Paddy happy to 'give permission' and run meetings without Martin.

Clive mentioned that Open Meeting attendance was more critical for the Chairman

- **Group Liaison Officer**

Amendments to GC Guidance and Handbook

Proofing still not completed. Derek and RG.

Emails to be shared ONLY with permission of group members.

- **Membership**

Numbers still increasing. See Sheet

If a member hasn't paid for 4 years the record is deleted.

Since July, 48 new members. Mostly MK18 catchment area.

Will order new membership cards from Phillips printers. Hopefully posted by mid-November.

Linda asked about postage costs. Janti said around 41p. Linda suggested a membership card by email to save costs. Janti will hold late payers cards to open meetings for collection.

Clive suggested possibly just membership numbers. This is an area to be worked towards in the future.

- **Publicity**

Dusty continues to provide posters.

He attended a Library day for older people. Many people didn't know about U3a.

Library will let Dusty know if there are any further events

Charity: £512 raised so far. Ukelele group contributed through busking.

RG thanked Dusty for his pickle/jam production

At AGM need nomination for 2018 charity.

Also needs to nominate Clive as President: Informal show of hands.

Martin will run meeting after nominations.

As President Dusty requested that Clive maintained links with University.

- **Website**

Apparently website is not secure.

Log on page not https page. May be a fee to change this. Derek to investigate

Derek holds correct list for coordinators and groups.

Any Other Business:

Nominations in: Still need Secretary..

Also need a newsletter editor.

Also need tea team.

RG to send email to group coordinators. : everybody@ to ask them to talk to groups about secretary post

Dec social: Maggie food and drink. Quiz:

Steve Hayward organising U3a xmas lunch at Villiers: second Sunday in January
Town parade stewards needed

Lilia apologies for committee in November

Speaker for Wed Falklands man again. £60

Linda asked for a guide on speaker costs. Use judgement. Around £100 as going rate.

Martin asked whether someone from groups might attend meetings. This might help recruitment. This was considered to be a good idea. Link tea rota to that. Work alphabetically through the groups.

Closed 11.40

Next meeting to be held on Monday 20th November 10 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.