

## Buckingham & District U3A

### Minutes

For the 215th Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 April 2018 at 10 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre

Present: Martin Paul (Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Steve Heywood (Group Liaison Officer), Lorna Joy, Janti Mistry (Membership Secretary), Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Mike Weston (Vice Chairman), Carolina Kenealy (Newsletter Editor), Linda Beasley (Speakers Secretary),

Roger Edwards (Publicity), Lorna Joy and Cliff Dammers (Secretary)

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee members.

#### Treasurer's Report

Paddy Collins reported on the conversion of the Association to a CIO. He has spoken to the CAF Bank and the opening of a new account is pending. He has also talked with Lloyds Bank about changing the account.

#### Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he has spoken to the co-ordinator of the Outings Group and she wants to continue the present arrangements for payment for the bus. There are about 15 bookings per year. The Chairman will continue talking to her.

The Group Co-ordinators meeting will be held on 3 May, the same day as the coffee morning.

The first coffee morning went well and the cost of the room was covered.

The Chairman reported on progress in finding shadows for Committee members. It will be necessary to repeat the appeal at the next open meeting. It was agreed that an appeal should be sent around.

Sheila Danforth has agreed to shadow Carolina Kenealy.

The Committee discussed the issue of speakers who want to appeal for funds for their organisations. The September speaker, who is from Wheeliepower, will appeal for funds.

The Committee adopted a policy that speakers are not to appeal for funds. The Association pays a speaker's fee and this can be increased in lieu of a fund raising appeal. The policy should be made clear to speakers in advance.

The summer social will be combined with the celebration of the Association's 20th anniversary of its founding. There will be music as the members arrive and a cake and sparkling wine. Members (Susie Kelly, Paul Radcliff and Ray Walker) will give a brief talk on the early history with photos on powerpoint.

The Association will plant a tree in Buckingham with a plaque. Roger Edwards will invite the Mayor of Buckingham and John Bercow to attend. Roger will investigate the details of the tree with the City Council.

The Open Meeting is organised. Martin and the Vice Chairman cannot attend the meeting; Paddy Collins will chair the meeting.