

Buckingham & District U3A

Minutes

For the 223rd Committee Meeting held on Monday 26 November 2018 at 11 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre

Present: Dusty Roades (Vice-Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Steve Heywood (Group Liaison Officer), Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Carolina Kenealy (Newsletter Editor), Linda Beazley (Speaker Secretary), Lorna Joy (Interim Membership Secretary) and Cliff Dammers (Secretary)

Apologies: Martin Paul

In attendance: Karen Burton

The Vice-Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the correction that Paddy Collins did not attend the meeting.

Matters Arising

Paddy Collins advised that Dusty Roades is required to sign a Declaration of Trustee and give it to the Secretary to hold.

The Committee discussed and agreed the arrangements for the annual general meeting to be held on 28 November 2018. The Treasurer will print copies of the accounts and the Secretary will print copies of the minutes of the 2017 AGM and the agenda for this year's meeting. These materials will be put at the back of the hall for members to pick up.

The Committee approved the draft agenda for the AGM prepared by the Secretary.

The Committee discussed the arrangements for the Christmas Social.

It was agreed that the admission fee would be £1; mulled wine would be served. A maximum of 180 members can be accommodated; beyond that number the catering becomes more difficult. The Christmas Social will begin at 2:30; the ensemble will play the members in. This will be followed by line dancing and a table quiz.

Mike Weston will play the members out.

It was agreed that there would not be tables dedicated to new members but that Carolina Kenealy and Lorna Joy would help new members find congenial tables at which to sit.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that the Chairman had booked 60 places at the Villiers Hotel for the annual lunch but that Steve Hewyood, who has run the lunch in the past, will not be able to attend and we have no one so far to run it. The Chairman will ask for a volunteer at the annual general meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the accounts of the Association have been examined and are ready to be submitted to the members for adoption. The Association made a small loss for the year but the increase in subscriptions will result in no loss in 2019.

Webmaster's Report

The Webmaster had nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Carolina Kenealy asked for submissions for the newsletter.

Membership Secretary's Report

Lorna Joy presented a summary of the membership status; there are five new members since 1st November 2018 . She observed that it will be necessary to register the new charitable incorporated organisation with HMRC for gift aid purposes.

Speaker Secretary's Report

Linda Beazley reported that she is handing over the Speaker Secretary's position to Roland Simkin. All but two of the next year's speakers have been booked

The Secretary distributed name tags and lanyards to all of the Committee members.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 17 December 2018⁹ at 10 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.

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