



Buckingham & District U3A Minutes

For the 224th Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th December 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), Roland Simkin (Speaker Secretary), Derek Morgan (Webmaster) and Cliff Dammers (Secretary)

Apologies

Martin Paul
Roger Edwards

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2018 were approved.

Matters Arising

The Committee discussed the arrangements for the Christmas open meeting and approved the proposed programme.

The Committee decided that the annual January lunch will be replaced with a lunch in the spring. Steve Heywood will organise it at the Villiers Hotel.

The Committee decided that the Group Co-ordinators meeting would include a lunch to be held in the big hall of the Community Centre.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that with the subscriptions being £15 for the new year the pressure on the Association's finances is now off.

Mandates for the new bank accounts must be signed. The Treasurer has the necessary forms. The Committee decided that Paddy Collins, Steve Heywood, Martin Paul and

Carolina Kenealy are to be the authorised signatories for all of the Association's bank accounts.

The Treasurer reported that he has filed the trustee declarations and the annual accounts with the Charities Commission and has posted the forms closing the old charity.

Group Liaison Officer's Report

The Group Liaison Officer reported that the Antiques and Collectibles Group is now up and running with nine or ten members.

The Calligraphy Group is doing well and the second Flower Arranging Group is set up. The Local History Group³ has disbanded.

Webmaster's Report

The Webmaster reported that the first page of the Associations' website has been visited over 6000 times;

Group News over 270 visits;

Open Meetings 166 visits;

Social over 150 visits and Outings and Visits over 100 visits.

Speakers Secretary Report

Roland Simkin, who has volunteered to accept the position of Speakers Secretary, reported that Linda Beazley left the papers in excellent order and speakers and a quiz are lined up for the coming year.

Other Matters

The Vice-Chairman had gone to the Town Meeting on 15th December and met two prospective members, with a third possible. There are flyers and brochures about the Association.

The Committee expressed its concern about the time for future meetings in light of the Council Chambers not being available until 11 am on the day of the meeting. Paddy Collins undertook to check on what has been booked for the Committee meetings in 2019

Next meet to be held on Monday 25 February at 10 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.