



Buckingham & District U3A

Minutes

For the 235th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am 16 December 2019 in the Buckingham Community Centre.

Present: Martin Paul (Chairman), Lilia Bogle (Vice Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Steve Heywood (Group Liaison Officer), Derek Morgan (Webmaster) and Cliff Dammers (Secretary)

Apologies:

Lorna Joy

Roland Simkins

The Chairman welcomed the Committee Members and opened the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2019 were approved. Paddy Collins reported that the Association has nine trustees and all have signed the necessary declaration.

Matters Arising

The Committee confirmed the arrangements for the Christmas Social. There will be 15 round tables in the large hall and some in the small hall. The Recorders Group will play as the members arrive and the Chairman will open the Social with a welcome. The Recorders will give a concert followed by readings by the Poetry Group.

A presentation to Beryl Carr will be made and the quiz distributed. Food will be served and the answers to the quiz announced.

The Committee confirmed the arrangements for the New Year's Lunch on 12 January 2020. Sign up forms will be available at the Christmas Social and the Chairman will remind the members of the Lunch.

The Committee unanimously re-elected Clive Cowdy as President of the Association. The Secretary was instructed to add a footnote to the minutes of the Annual General Meeting to this effect.

The Committee discussed the U3A Day on 3 June 2020. The question of what the Association will do is to be decided in April or May.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the Association's finances are in good shape. Hw will file the examined accounts with the Charities Commission.

The Committee discussed making Beryl Carr an honorary member. It was pointed out that there is no provision in the Association's Constitution for honorary members.

Group Liaison Officer's Report

Steve Heywood reported that there are a couple of newish groups. Line dancing for beginners will begin meeting in January 2020.

The new French for Beginners has five or seven members and is meeting regularly.

Roundcube is being used and is working.

The Webmaster is looking at gmail as a replacement for Roundcube. It has a free service for non-profit organisations. It will require a review as there are a few issues with gmail.

Any Other Business

The Vice Chairman showed the Committee the presentation bowl she had had made for Beryl Carr and the Committee approved it.

She suggested that the Association should have a write up in the Buckingham Advertiser and in social media.

The Committee decided that a group co-ordinator should be invited to each Committee meeting to observe and to the following Open Meeting to make a presentation about their group. Invitations will be sent to the group co-ordinators in alphabetical order by name of the group, starting with the Art Appreciation Group.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 27 January 2020 at 10 a.m. in the Buckingham Community Centre.