



Buckingham & District U3A

Minutes

For the 238th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am 22 June 2020 via Skype.

Participating: Martin Paul (Chairman), Lilia Bogle (Vice Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary) and Cliff Dammers (Secretary)

Apologies:

None

Absences

Steve Heywood (Group Liaison Officer)
Lorna Joy (Membership Secretary),
Carolina Kenealey (Newsletter Editor)

The Chairman welcomed the Committee Members and opened the meeting.

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23 March 2020 were approved.

Matters Arising

The Committee discussed the inability to hold open meetings during the coronavirus pandemic and agreed that, in light of this situation, the subscriptions for the Association would be extended for one year and no collection of subscriptions for existing members would be sought.

The Committee discussed the need to find replacements for the Secretary and the Membership Secretary.

Carolina Kenealey has informed the Committee that she intends to step down as Newsletter Editor. The Chairman will speak to her about her final intentions.

The Committee discussed a possible replacement for the Roundcube e-mail system and agreed to continue with Roundcube.

The Committee discussed how the Association could resume its usual activities. The Speaker Secretary said that some of the speakers he has lined up are willing and able to speak via Zoom. The talks could be recorded and posted on Facebook.

The Committee agreed that the Speaker Secretary would set up a dummy talk in early July and if it went well the talk would be broadcast to all the members via Zoom on 22 July and another talk in August broadcast. An e-mail to all of the inform their members of the Zoom talk. The Chairman will ask the Group Liaison Officer to send an e-mail to the Group Co-ordinators so they can inform their groups of the Zoom talk.

The Committee discussed holding a virtual Group Co-ordinators meeting and decided to invite the Group Co-ordinators to participate in a Zoom meeting if the trial talk in early July is successful. They will be asked to submit questions by e-mail about the operation of the groups and the Association in general via e-mail. The Chairman will ask the Group Liaison Officer to inform the Group Co-ordinators.

Treasurer's Report

The Committee agreed that the Association will subsidise physical meetings of the groups when meetings resume. It is not clear which venues the groups have been using will be open. The Association will follow the Third Age Trust guidelines on resuming physical meetings. This is important in order to be covered by the insurance provided by Third Age Trust.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the Third Age Trust has rescheduled its annual general meeting from August to 29 September.

He reported that the Third Age Trust has proposed that subscriptions to the national organisation be increased to £4. A resolution to that effect will be presented to the Trust's annual general meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 27 July 2020 at 10 a.m. via Skype.