

Buckingham & District U3A

Minutes

For the 241st Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am 27 September 2020 via Zoom.

Present: Lilia Bogle (Vice Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer, on-line but muted), Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Lorna Joy (Membership Secretary), and Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary).

Apologies:

Martin Paul (Chairman)

Absences

Carolina Keneally (Newsletter Editor), Steve Heywood (Groups Liaison Officer) and Cliff Dammers (Secretary)

The Vice Chairman welcomed the Committee Members and opened the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2020 were approved.

Matters Arising

The Vice Chairman reported information that she had been given by the Chairman. Martin Paul will be attending the Third Age Trust AGM on 29 August and will exercise the Association's vote. The Association is entitled to three attendees. None of the Committee members was interested in attending.

The Chairman will be addressing the Group Co-ordinators' meeting in October.

The Speaker Secretary reported that arrangements were in place for the speaker on 29 September who will speak via Zoom.

The Membership Secretary reported that she will send out new membership cards in November to 780 members. She wants members to furnish their email addresses.

The Committee discussed whether it was possible to use alternative methods of communication for members of the Association who do not have email. A possibility is text messages via mobile telephones instead of relying on Group Co-ordinators to inform members.

The Speaker Secretary reported that many members like the Open Meetings via Zoom.

Some members have reported that they do not want to change their direct debit instructions and therefore will donate their subscription to the Association for the coming year.

Webmaster's Report

The Webmaster reported that there have been issues with Round Cube recently and with the database not having access to email addresses. Roland Simpkins said that there had been work done on the system during the weekend and that may have caused the difficulty with accessing email addresses.

Speaker Secretary's Report

The Speaker Secretary gave an update on recent changes to some of the groups. Judy Austin has organised a new advanced Spanish group.

Any Other Business

No members have volunteered for the upcoming officer vacancies.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 26 October 2020 at 10 am via Zoom.

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