



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 250th Committee Meeting to be held at 10:00 am Monday 26th July 2021 online via Zoom

1. The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. There were no apologies other than from the Chairperson who will be absent due to being away on holiday, and Vice-Chair will stand in for this meeting.
3. Absences: See above.
4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st June 2021 were approved.
5. Matters Arising: See below in any Other Business.
6. Vice Chair reported on the sub-group meeting held between himself, LB, and DM, when the proposed September re-start was discussed. It was felt that plans should not be made too far in advance as the situation regarding Covid was still rather uncertain, perhaps postponement might be considered.
The general consensus was that we should go ahead with the 22nd September plan, but scale this down slightly to be advertised as a "Welcome Back" Open Meeting starting at 2.00 p.m. and with a speaker who is booked for 2.30 p.m. start, followed by the usual refreshments.
PC commented that the Community Centre is asking each user who books the hall to comply with Covid recommendations at the time, and it was agreed we would ask people to be responsible for their own personal risk assessment before deciding to attend, whilst at the same time making the event as safe as possible for attendees. We would expect people to be double vaccinated, would be asking for masks to be worn on entry, and for moving around the hall, and provide hand sanitiser to be used. Doors could be kept open if weather is fine to allow good ventilation.
The arrangement would also accord with latest TAT guidelines which say we are able to apply such conditions to re-starting face to face meetings, due to Health & Safety considerations.
With regard to publicity, DMM will prepare an A4 flyer to advertise the event, and this could be laminated and put up both locally (e.g. in Community Centre car park) and in Winslow (suggested by AA) and these would be obtained in time for 1st September. DMM will also produce a general A4 flyer for our local U3A to be placed on the Notice Board outside the Centre, and produce some A5 general information leaflets. We will still need to find a

Publicity Officer who could take this role over, however.

7. Treasurer's Report: PC reported that finances are still satisfactory, although he felt that we ought to re-start subscriptions in October to make sure we continue in this situation.
8. Membership Secretary's report: There was nothing much to add to the last report; HM commented that the document produced then with membership analysis was a good breakdown of the situation.
9. Group Liaison Officer's Report: SH reported that groups are starting up but a few have changed. He mentioned that the GC for Local History, one of the longest running groups, is now standing down, it has 40 members, and needs a replacement. Perhaps we could mention this in the next news email. AA will add this to her next reminder email. Handbells also needs a new GC. Mah-jong, Canasta, and History of Theatre, are all now ceasing their activities. He will send Webmaster a message to update the website. Table Tennis are meeting now. Antiques and Collectables are restarting on 22nd August. AA requested a list of groups to send to new members, DJM will send that on.
10. Speaker Secretary reported that we are all set for this week's meeting, and the speaker has been booked for 22nd September.
11. Webmaster reported that messages to him do not always come directly, as people do not seem to know who to contact regarding the web site. It was felt we should go back to using the official Roundcube email for everyone on the Committee as this was working well for all now.
There is no shadow in place yet, although PC commented that the role of Webmaster could be carried out by a non-committee member, if necessary, to avoid limitations on the appointment term.
AA commented that the web site is a good source of information, and is kept up to date. Some members have requested list of groups, but this is provided in the downloadable "Quick Ref" guide on the website.
12. Any Other Business:
AA requested that Slade Bowls club be publicised at the Open Meeting. HM would also ask groups to contact DJM to let him know what they were doing. AA will continue to send out a monthly reminder to members letting them know what is happening.
HM requested we have a web site link to the Friends of the University, and DJM agreed to do this as it was just passing on useful information, not promoting as such, and could also remind people about other local events.
Latest TAT guidance has been discussed earlier in the Vice Chair's report.
AGM – committee were happy that Chairperson and Secretary were attending on our behalf and had no extra requests for the attendance link to be sent.
13. Next meeting to be held on Monday 20th September 2021 online via Zoom.

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