



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 257th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 21st March 2022 online via Zoom

Present: Lilia Bogle (Chairperson); Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary), Dorothy Morgan (Secretary), Janti Mistry (Membership Secretary), Arthur Newman, Mark Owen, Katerina Owen.

1. **Welcome:** The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and included the new Committee members Arthur, Mark, and Katerina.
2. **Apologies:** Howard Mordue (Vice Chairman), Sarah Katz (Newsletter Editor)
3. **Absences:** None
4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2022:** These were approved.
5. **Matters Arising:** Planning for the Summer and Christmas social events. It was agreed that we would book the U3A Ensemble for the Summer Social, DMM had sent a message but had no response so would ask again. **Action: DMM**
Regarding the Christmas Social, it was agreed we would ask Milady Clare's Musicke for the Christmas Social. Roland would organise this booking. **Action: RS**
6. **Chairperson's Report:**
LB was pleased to announce that we now have 3 people to cover the Group Liaison Officer post, namely Mark and Katerina Owen with Arthur Newman who would work jointly on the role. They were happy to become Trustees. Arthur was thanked for his work on updating the boards for the Open meetings.

Member Welcome pack: HM was going to look at this again and will include a Welcome letter in the pack. The groups list will be updated each time; it would be helpful to have a list of venues available. PC will prepare this and will send to DJM. **Action: PC**

New Member Coffee mornings: we had recently had 2 of these meetings and could see the demographic changes where some were retired, some working part time, and some early retired people.

The meeting and GCs lunch went very well indeed, with 36 GCs in attendance along with 5 Committee members.

DJM suggested a name change for GCs to make them "Group Leaders" might be considered in view of the way the new Membership system works, but LB said this would have to be discussed at a later meeting.

Shadows: LB has the Vice Chairman, DMM has Ruth Newell. DMM confirmed that Ruth will come to a Committee meeting at a later stage, having quite a lot to organise elsewhere at present.

PC has Sue Geary as his shadow and is working with her on financial matters. We have the Newsletter Editor Sarah in place. LB has identified a potential shadow for the Webmaster and will update at a later stage.

Janti has had a discussion with Val Shaw, and confirms she can do some of the email on the system for him. He will meet up with her to go over more details.

7. Treasurer's Report:

PC reported that finances continued to be in a good position and he did not anticipate any changes.

8. Membership Secretary's report:

The data had been uploaded to the new system and there was some verification taking place at present. He was checking that the reports issued from that match the ones from our existing system. He had made some new entries. However, the system is still in testing for a few weeks before it can become active.

He asked PC about the increase in the TAT fee, the question on the joining form would need editing and we should ask all existing members if they still wish to receive Third Age Matters. He would find out how to do that in the new system. We would pay a reduced TAT fee if less people were to take the magazine. It would need to go on the renewal form as well.

9. Speaker Secretary's Report:

RS reported that the speaker for Wednesday would bring most of his own equipment and would just need the screen and microphone. He had been able to book speakers up until October.

10. Webmaster's Report:

DJM reiterated that it is still quite difficult to get GCs to reply to emails. Email can be done in the new system but it is too early to consider bringing this in for their use until it has been thoroughly tested, and we will be retaining our existing system.

JM asked if DJM could try using the online joining form to see if it works ok, and he agreed to do that.

Action: DJM

11. Any Other Business:

The Newsletter submissions closed on 18th March and SK has had quite a few messages with contributions. However, she would be extending the date to March 25th in order to allow more to come in.

Next meeting (258th) to be held on Monday 25th April 2022 online via Zoom.

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