



## **BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A**

### **MINUTES**

**For the 259th Committee Meeting at 10:00 am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 online via Zoom**

**Present:** Lilia Bogle (Chairperson); Paddy Collins (Treasurer); Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary); Mark and Katerina Owen, and Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officers); Sarah Katz (Newsletter Editor).

**Welcome:** The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended apologies for Howard and Janti who were on holiday, and also Derek and Dorothy who were unable to attend.

**Absences:** None

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022:** These were approved.

**Matters Arising:** LB reported that HM and herself had reviewed the Welcome Pack, and she would be forwarding the draft copy to the Committee members for approval before printing.

**Action: LB**

Update on Membership Secretary and Membership Assistant posts. LB mentioned that DMM had has some enquiries from members who were interested in both posts and negotiations are ongoing.

It was suggested that the General Enquiries email and phone line should be manned by an "identified person". LB suggested contacting Val S to see if she would consider doing this.

Buckingham Jubilee Celebrations on 2nd June: HM and LB discussed the situation where it was necessary for the U3A to have a table and possibly a gazebo. This table would have to be provided by the U3A, decorated and manned. Unfortunately, we only had two couples who are willing only to do the morning session but not the afternoon.

HM had suggested linking up with Friends Of University or the Rotary club table. However, this was not thought appropriate as U3A stands alone and should not be linked with another organisation.

It was felt that at this stage we would refrain and in future try and prepare well in advance for events. It was also a thought that maybe we should have "events people/members" who would be available to assist in setting up events in the future.

## **Chairpersons Report**

LB reported she had attended the Thames Valley network AGM and meeting on the 29th of April. There was a warm welcome for Buckingham A3A to the network, as we were not part of the Group before.

There was a lot of relevant information that could be useful for us to use now, and in the future. LB has circulated the Minutes of the meeting to give the Committee members an idea of what took place.

It was suggested that a Committee member attend for the next meeting in Benson on the 29th of July which would be a face-to-face meeting. Should anyone wish to attend they should contact DMM and let her know; expenses will be paid i.e. travel and lunch.

LB reported regarding shadows: unfortunately, to date we have not been able to appoint anyone to cover the Webmasters role.

See above regarding the situation with Membership roles.

LB discussed the letter from Joanne Ford regarding the Ukraine appeal which she had circulated to the Committee members, asking for waiving of fees (Honorary Membership) for the refugees now living in Buckingham, if they wished to join our U3A. The Committee decided that this would be possible, and welcomed the idea.

LB will write to Joanne to confirm this.

**Action: LB**

There was also discussion with Joanne about linking up with our Facebook pages, or other ways of informing them about the U3A. LB will ask DJM to liaise with Joanne concerning these questions.

**Action: DJM**

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Paddy reported he had received Gift Aid information. There was no change in the financial status. He has not yet received the pay-out for magazines or capitation.

## **Membership Secretary's report:**

JM had sent out the Membership Report to Committee members, prior to the meeting and the content was acknowledged. PC believed that JM was waiting on Ric Allmond as and when to go live.

## **Speaker Secretary's report:**

Roland reported that all was well for the meeting on Wednesday, and the speaker will only need a chair, with no additional resources required.

### **Group Liaison Officers Report:**

MO and KO discussed meeting AN to discuss the way forward, and it was decided that they would wait until the new system was up, and be proactive in contacting and liaising with the Group Coordinators. They have developed an online form for New Groups which would be useful for future planning.

### **Newsletter Editors Report:**

SK apologised for the delay in getting the Newsletter out. However, today it will be out for printing and hopefully we may have some copies for the Open Meeting on Wednesday. It was proposed that the next Newsletter will be prepared at the end of July and would be out for the autumn.

**Webmasters Report:** DJM had reported no new developments at present.

LB suggested contacting DJM concerning his holiday leave with reference to emails being referred to another appropriate Committee member.

HM is away on holiday 23rd May to the 10th of June.

LB holiday from the 10th June to the 14th July.

KM and MO holiday dates to be confirmed.

### **Any Other Business**

AN informed the Committee that June Lewis is 96 years old and will be having a birthday party (her 97<sup>th</sup>) in her garden on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Maids Moreton. She attends the singing group. He asked would it be possible for a representative of the Committee to attend -just to pop in and say hello. It was also suggested that U3A could send her a birthday card. LB will ask DMM if that's possible.

**Action: DMM**

Next meeting (260<sup>th</sup>) to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 online via Zoom.

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