



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 271st Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am on Monday 24th July 2023 in the small hall, Buckingham Community Centre.

Present: Lilia Bogle (Chairperson), Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Janti Mistry (Membership Secretary), Howard Mordue (Vice Chairman), Katerina and Mark Owen (Group Liaison Officers), Guest: Ruth Newell (Minute taker).

Apologies: Sarah Katz (Newsletter Editor), Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Dorothy Morgan (Secretary), Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officer), Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary)

Absences: None

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the apologies were accepted. There were no absences.
- 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday June 2023:** These were approved with the following amendments: delete 'KO stated she had responsibility for social numbers' and insert '**KO had been given access for Simple administration for events**'. LB confirmed the previous Minutes from May were OK.
- 3. Matters arising:** The Treasurer's report had included information on the structure of the committee and that some people had to be Trustees (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) and others were not and that it was important to clarify this coming up to the AGM. LB and PC had to stand down at the AGM on Wednesday 22nd November 2023, due to time served, Paddy 6 years (Sue Geary shadow) and Lilia 3 years. PC advised we still have a technical support vacancy and the equipment that was stored in the community centre cupboard would need to be moved. Technical support no one came forward, the equipment was in the community centre cupboard. Udo D had offered to support Janti.

The Social was this Wednesday and LB had liaised with Christine who would be providing scones, cream, fruit punch and juices. Access from 1pm and LB and PC would arrive then and put out the banner. Tina's mixed instrumental ensemble would provide music and flower arrangers would provide flowers for tables at 2pm. Roland will do a quiz. The prize winners could have the table flowers, PC to offer to pay their expenses.

- 4. Treasurer's Report:** PC reported there was £20,000 in the bank account. The Charities Commission were bringing in a requirement that Trustees had to sign up themselves by creating an account, and Trustees will receive instructions to do so.

This change was because their report was a public one. Currently the Secretary did it for the U3A. KO advised the Library had changed their booking system to online. Astronomy had moved to the RLS as they could not cover the cost of the library and the RLS was free.

5. **Newsletter Editor's Report:** No report in absence of SK. Sheryl Hargreaves was happy to take over doing the newsletter. SK to continue until AGM, then Sheryl would shadow, and take over.
6. **Membership Secretary's report:** JM had submitted a report, and reported there were 13 more new members so membership up to 811. 1 July change over renewal date leads to an increase at that time of year. The reminders would go out on 1 September 2023.
7. **Speaker Secretary's Report:** No report in absence of RS. He had a quiz organised for Wednesday.
8. **Group Liaison Officer's Report:** KO and MO reported that the Science group was on the way to meeting again at the RLS in October and had already mentioned the Astronomy group had moved there. The First Aid course for 10 group leaders had been organised. Group coordinators lunch/social was on 16 October 2023 at 11.00am, in the small hall, with lunch to be provided. It was considered inviting Richard Watkins to talk about his work as a first responder. It was noted that he was interested in speaking at a U3A General meeting about the IED project.
9. **Any Other Business:**

Round cube apparently not working sending mails out, recording sent but not received by recipient. Arthur had advised it was fixed and upgraded and DM had cleared out old stuff to make space. It was best to use Simple for sending messages. LB advised there were still problems, and would inform DM that there was still an issue with the system.

The meeting closed at 11.00am

Next Committee Meeting (272rd) to be held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom.

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