



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 277th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 25th March 2024 online via Zoom

Present: Howard Mordue (Chairperson); Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary and Vice Chairman); Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary); Katerina Owen, Mark Owen, Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officers); Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor); Sue Geary (Treasurer), Steve Meakin (Technical Support); Dorothy Morgan (Webmaster), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (11)

Apologies: None

1. Welcome

HM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 26th February 2023

The minutes were approved with only the minor changes suggested previously by SH and DM.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Speaker Secretary's Report

RS reported that arrangements are in place for the open meeting on Wednesday. HM will introduce the speaker, and mention that there is coffee available at the end; MO will mention the new Jazz group.

It was agreed that Rebecca Garnett could be invited back to present for 5 minutes at the May meeting on her research on deprescribing medication and have a table at the back.

It was agreed that other local organisations could be invited to have a table at the back at future meetings, to be co-ordinated by the GLOs. They can say what they do and advertise what they can offer U3A members but not

fundraise.

Action: HM to put something on social media to promote this.

5. Treasurer's Report

It was agreed that song books could be purchased as a one-off, to be added to the assets list. SG reported that there are sufficient funds in place. It was agreed that the Tuesday gardening group room costs could not be subsidised as groups should be self-funded. SG will continue to press groups for outstanding payments for room hire.

HM noted that the Council chamber could be used for groups and has an interactive white board.

SM confirmed that a list has been maintained of technical resources only, available on-line. It was agreed to develop a list of other assets, e.g. table tennis netting, information boards; only available to the Committee.

Action: SG to start developing the Asset register.

6. Newsletter Editor's Report

SH reported that articles are coming in for the next newsletter. The deadline for content for the next newsletter is Tuesday 30th April.

7. Membership Secretary's report

SW provided a report before the meeting. Membership numbers are still increasing and now up to 820 members. The HMRC return will be done in April.

8. Group Liaison Officers' Report

MO reported that the Group Co-ordinators meeting went well and the feedback was positive on both the meeting and the catering.

Two potential leaders of the Pickleball group have been identified, so this may restart. Tai Chi will be starting as a new group in May. The Environmental Sustainability group is planned to start in April but does not have a venue yet.

It was agreed that Stowe School classic film screenings should not be promoted in the Newsletter but they could be invited to have a table at an open meeting.

Action: HM to respond to Stowe School.

9. Webmaster's Report

DM reported that she continues to monitor the website generally regarding email and content. SH offered to be trained on website updating to provide cover to DM.

10. Any Other Business

It was agreed that SH does not need to approach an accountant for advice.

SM noted a more portable projector is now available.

HM asked for views on new members meetings; it was agreed that a more informal approach without slides worked well.

Next Committee Meeting (278th) to be held 22nd April 2024 at 10.00.

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