

U3a committee meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 10.30am  
Hillstown Village Hall

Present: Kevin Bates, Jen Sykes, Wendy Lines, Jill Daly, Gary Hewitt, Jean Hassall, Steve Holloway,

Apologies : Peter Coombs, Gwen Webster.

Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> December meeting agreed correct and signed

Matters arising:

How did the Christmas Monthly Meeting go?

The food was estimated very well, with little going to waste. Perhaps next time a few more savoury items.

Love of food was given £25 to cover their ingredient costs.

The carols went down well. Gary will send a card of thanks to Norah for playing the organ for us.

The quiz went well and was deemed to be a good brain challenge.

Raffle went well

The quilt was displayed and garnered a lot of attention and praise.

Chair report: Wendy (vice chair) said there were around 50 people attending the December monthly meeting. Gary is to send a get well card to Peter on behalf of the committee.

Treasurer Report: Jean is happy with the state of the bank balance. She will arrange with Steve for him to have online banking access.

Secretary Report: Nil of note.

Membership Secretary Report: Membership now 129.

Publicity/Website report: Kevin is sending welcome emails to new members providing basic information.

He showed the new membership forms, which were approved by the committee, this now includes bank transfer details for those who wish to pay online.

Kevin is hoping to get details of speakers for the monthly meeting into the Newsletters.

A.O.B.

Help for Group co-ordinator: With Peter being ill at the moment we need to look at the group co-ordinators work and month ahead and see what can be done to continue Peters work. Kevin and Gary will work out the month ahead. They will also contact the group Leaders and ask for any changes in meetings to be sent to Kevin and Gary. We will have to see how Peter recovers.

Election details for April are in hand and we seem to have most things under control and it is anticipated that New membership forms and committee election forms will be handed out in February.

Membership fees: The £10 fee was a measure to keep membership up after covid and the bank balance was previously sufficient to temporarily support a lower membership fee. It was accepted that this must increase now to cover increasing inflation. It was proposed that the fee for 2023 will be £15.00. Jean will check to ensure we are covering costs. This was thought to be more appropriate than charging for entrance to the monthly meetings.

Are we giving vice committee member's appropriate experience? Was the question Gary posed. Wendy is today chair of the meeting and Jean and Steve are happy with the arrangements so far. We all agreed that we need to be as open as possible to ensure that our roles and knowledge can be passed on as required and give some experience of the work we do.

Whilst we do not need a standing sub committee it was agreed that when we have a need then we are happy to establish working groups to help us run events for the u3a. This may also help bring members into the committee.

It was noted that new Group Leaders/Facilitators should have a Group Leader pack.

The Whiskey Group: Gary will discuss this further with David, get his proposal written out so that it can be presented at a monthly meeting to see if there is an appetite for this group.