

U3a committee meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 10.30am  
Hillstown Village Hall

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

Apologies: none.

Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> July signed as correct.

Matters Arising:

1. What do we want put on the tree plaques? This was decided as:-  
Planted by Bolsover District u3a to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee June 2022. And:-  
Planted by Bolsover District u3a to Celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the u3a June 2022
2. The following tract is from the u3a website and is reproduced here to clarify to Committee what we are permitted to do in regards to paying for Tutors.  
“Paid Tutors for Short Courses: For courses up to eight meetings in length, payment can be made by the U3A with fees collected separately from members. These conditions must apply: 1. The tutor must submit an official invoice, and 2. Where courses are run in premises organised by the tutor (possibly using specialist equipment) then the tutor is responsible for insurance for negligence by him/her. (Minutes 20.3.2017/20.4.18)”
3. Website training remains to be done.
4. Derbyshire Baton Relay.  
Gwen is liaising with Alfreton and Chesterfield to organise beginning and end points of the walk. We are hoping for some nice Photographs of the handover points and hopefully Chesterfield will handover at Bolsover Castle. Whilst our walk will end at Alfreton Railway Station, we will offer to present ourselves (via car) wherever Alfreton wish to take photographs.  
Names and contact details of participants need to be checked and collated. Gary will do this to ensure we have all I.C.E. details up to date and have the correct people in place for the distance they want to walk.  
It is thought that the walk will be broken into 4 sections, the first being 4 miles then 2 sections of 2 miles and the final section just over 4 miles.  
Drivers and pick up/drop up points need to be finalised  
Waistcoats for walk, Gary and Kevin will purchase 6 and get them printed. It was decided that the waistcoats will be handed on from one group of walkers to the next. There will be a walk presentation at the next General Meeting.
5. Patchwork report. The Quilt is gradually increasing in size as more contributions arrive.

Chair Report: We will be bidding for some grant funding. In doing so we must be aware of any possible conflict of interest with Hillstown. The grants are likely to cover items such as travel/coach hire, afternoon tea, hire of tutor for Line Dancing/Tai Chi and advertising.

Treasurers Report: Jean is still having problems getting an answer as to where the details of additional account signatories (Gary and Steve) are and when they will be applied.

The only grant money remaining in the bank is to cover the cost of speakers. Jean will check funds to see how much might be allowed for Advertising.

Membership Secretary Report: We now have 114 members .

#### Any Other Business

a. Should funds be used for deposits i.e. bus hire/venue hire. The committee decided this should not be allowed.

b. Newsletters: Kevin reported updates to G.D.P.R. with relation to Newsletters. We are allowed 3 occasions to send out newsletters, but if the recipient does not open them, further Newsletters will be blocked. So far 8 emails have bounced and 25 members have never opened the newsletters. The only way then to get the newsletter delivered is to go to the website and fill in the "get my Newsletter" form.

*Members have to positively request the Newsletter.*

It has been decided to highlight this to new members in the 'New Members pack'.

c. The contribution to National Office was discussed and the method of increase i.e. tying to State pension raises for 4 years. It was generally considered that this method would produce a smaller increase than having a specific amount applied. It was decided to approve the increase by 8 members to 1.

d. Gwen has several speakers lined up some awaiting confirmation.

e. Gwen has offered to try to find a line dance instructor.

f. The New Members Pack will be re-introduced, after it was suspended to allow the website details to be updated.

d. August Monthly Meeting will comprise of Quiz, silent auction, sandwiches and we will ask Love of Food if they will once again do some cakes for us.

Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September.